

# Around the State\_61404

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The Association of Woman Students at Houston Baptist University bestowed honors on a number of women as it celebrated its annual Woman's Day. The 37-year-old tradition honors a woman from each class, the faculty and the community as Woman of the Year. Students honored were **Jessica Watson**, freshman; **Katy Bowser**, sophomore; **Christina Marchesano**, junior; and **Jenny Chunn**, senior. **Ruth Ann Williamson**, professor of education, was the faculty member honored. **Lori Salierno**, founder and chief executive officer of Celebrate Life International, was the community member chosen for the honor.



Forrest McMillan (left) and Lawson Hager (right) were presented plaques by Hardin-Simmons University President Craig Turner during the school's annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation dinner.

McMillan, the school's newly named dean of students, was announced as the staff member of the year, while Hager, dean of the School of Music, was the faculty member selected for the top honor. In addition to the plaques, the pair also received \$500 checks. Hager joined the faculty in 1973, and McMillan joined the staff in 1997 as a residence hall director and was director of recruiting since 2002 prior to taking his new post.

- ◆ The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor held a pinning ceremony commemorating the graduation of 23 social work majors. **Frances Pinckney** of Copperas Cove received the outstanding student in field practicum award, **Shaunie Carter** of Killeen the Spirit of Social Work award and **Misty Rosenberg** of Killeen the academic excellence award.

- ◆ **Roy Vogtsberger** is the new head of Hardin-Simmons University's biology department. An assistant professor of biology, he has been a member of the faculty since 2000.

- ◆ The East Texas Baptist University Concert Band recently completed a recording of new concert band arrangements. The CD will be sent to junior high and high school band directors in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and

Oklahoma to market the printed arrangements.

- ◆ Dallas Baptist University has announced the addition of four faculty members. **John Jaeger** will join the university as reference librarian. **John McCuin** joins the faculty as assistant professor of physics and mathematics. **Ross O'Brien** has been selected as assistant professor of management. **Phil Williams** goes to the school as assistant professor of kinesiology.

- ◆ Six Texans were among New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's recent graduates. **Bobby Chandler** of Pasadena received the bachelor of arts in Christian ministry degree. **Stephanie Frey** of Katy earned the master of arts in marriage and family counseling degree. **Dudley Lloyd** of Abilene received the master of arts in Christian education degree. **Stephen O'Neal** of Tyler received the master of divinity degree with specialization in biblical languages. **Tobey Pitman** of Austin received the doctor of ministry degree, as did **Rick Webb** of Longview.

### **Anniversaries**

- ◆ **Cliff Feeler**, 15th, as associate pastor/minister to senior adults at First Church in Denton.

- ◆ **Alan Six**, 10th, as pastor of Trinity Memorial Church in Marlin.

- ◆ **Glynn Cummings**, 10th, as pastor of Grace Church in Cameron.

- ◆ **Samuel Buhl**, fifth, as pastor of True Love Church in Cameron.

- ◆ Southcrest Church in Lubbock, 50th, June 26-27. Tours of the church's former site will be conducted from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., while tours of the current facility will be from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. A meal will be held at 5 p.m. that day. A celebration service featuring former Pastor **Charles**

**Broadhurst** will follow the meal at 6:15 p.m. Sunday morning will begin with a time of fellowship at 8 a.m. Former Pastor **Don Cass** will speak in both morning services. For more information, call (806) 797-9000. **Brad Jurkovich** is pastor.

- ◆ First Church in Sunnyvale, 100th, June 27. **Charles Wilson** is pastor.
- ◆ Calvary Church in Beaumont, 100th, July 3-4. A golf tournament will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, with a women's luncheon set for noon. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served at 5 p.m., followed by a worship service at 6:30 p.m. Sunday morning services will include all living former pastors—**James Thompson, Curtis Mathis, Claude Thomas, Mike Dean** and **John Powers**. Author **Ron Ellison** will autograph copies of the church's 270-page history. Register at [www.calvarybeaumont.com](http://www.calvarybeaumont.com). **Nathan Cothen** is pastor.
- ◆ Robert Lee Church in Robert Lee, 100th, July 17-18. Saturday kicks off at 3 p.m. with a fellowship and church historical and pictorial displays. A meal will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday's service will begin at 10:30 a.m. **Mike Poye** is pastor.

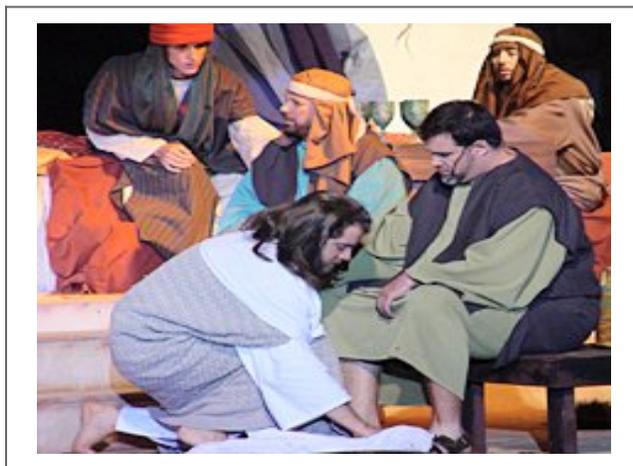
## **Retiring**

- ◆ **George Hamontree** has retired as camp manager at High Plains Baptist Conference Center in Canyon after 18 years of service.
- ◆ **B.F. Risinger**, as pastor of First Church in Corsicana, effective June 27. He has led the church 25 years. He plans to serve in the intentional interim ministry, and has completed his primary training. He can be contacted at (903) 874-6460 after July 1.
- ◆ **Larry Embry**, as pastor of Calvary Church in Brenham, effective Aug. 1. That date also marks his 35th anniversary of service to the congregation.

He plans to be involved in several mission trips abroad and other areas of ministry.

## Deaths

- ♦ **Iva Sibley**, 95, May 29 in Corpus Christi. She was the wife of pastor J.M. Sibley, who served churches in Texas and Oklahoma, including Calvary Church in Beaumont from 1944 to 1967. He also served on the board of directors of the Baptist Standard from 1960 to 1966. They also ministered in a Chinese church in Singapore from 1967 to 1969. She was preceded in death by her husband and three brothers, Larkin, William and Leon Crutcher. She is survived by her daughters, Annita Frazier and Betty Hawley; son, Melburn; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.



Betty and Russell Morris were honored with a footwashing at a service at First Church in Donna to mark the couple's retirement as Mission Service Corps volunteers. The Morrises were presented a frame print of "The Servant" depicting Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. As Rio Grande Valley Association Associate Director of Missions George Morrison washed the feet of the couple, Director of Missions Mike Gonzales read the related passage of Scripture. Carl and Mary Lou Wilson also were presented MSC emeritus certificates for their service as volunteers.

◆ **Noble Hurley**, 88, June 4 in Dallas. A Baptist layman, he served on the Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and on the boards of trustees of Baylor University, Baylor University Medical Center and Baylor College of Dentistry. At the time of his death, he sat on the board of trustees of Dallas Baptist University. He also served on the Executive Board of the BGCT and the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Baylor College of Dentistry and DBU both conferred honorary doctoral degrees on him. He was a member of Gaston Oaks Church in Dallas more than 60 years, where he served as a deacon. He was a philanthropist, supporting Baylor Health Care System, DBU, Buckner Baptist Benevolences, Dallas Baptist Association, the BGCT, Baylor University, Truett Seminary, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital, Salvation Army, International Linguistics Center and Children's Medical Center of Dallas. He was particularly pleased with the joint efforts of DBU, Dallas

Association and his couples Sunday school class to assist churches and Christian ministries in meeting the needs of homeless and street people in Dallas. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jane, and son, Bill. He is survived by his son, Jack.

- ◆ **Margarita Morales**, 78, June 4 in Dallas. She and her pastor husband, Servando, founded Primera Iglesia in San Juan. She was a pianist, accordionist and Sunday school teacher 58 years. They also served as missionaries in Beaufort, S.C., 12 years and in Mexico. She was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by her daughter, Teresa Molina; sons, Servando Jr., Abel and Jacob; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

- ◆ **George Hawkes**, 87, June 8 in Arlington. Hawkes was the longtime editor and publisher of the Arlington Citizen-Journal. An award-winning journalist, he served on the board of trustees of the Baptist Standard from 1967 until 1975. He was a deacon at First Church in Arlington. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne; daughters, Erin Chaney, Elizabeth Turner and Kay Ellen Goodyear; son, George Jr.; brother, Charles; sister, Ellen Bunkley; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

## **Ordained**

- ◆ **Carey Gamble** to the ministry at Levita Church in Gatesville.
- ◆ **Joe Barrera** to the ministry at Jericho Fellowship in Plainview.
- ◆ **Mack Dowell, Ronny Fisher** and **R.C. Hudgens** as deacons at Eagle Springs Church in McGregor.
- ◆ **Chris Doloff, Don Greer, John Holden, J.M. Taylor** and **George Wilson** as deacons at Carlton Church in Carlton.
- ◆ **John Cunningham** and **Tommy Elder** as deacons at Bethel Church

in Quanah.

- ◆ **Dan Treviño** as a deacon at Second Church in Harlingen.

## Events

- ◆ Longbranch Community Church in Midlothian held a dedication service for its facilities May 23. **Bill Pinson**, executive director emeritus of the BGCT, was the guest speaker. **Herb Pedersen** is pastor.
- ◆ First Church in Graham held a commissioning service for Mission Service Corps volunteers **Danny and Ruth Ann Perkins**.

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