

# Around the State\_92004

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A concert benefiting Christian Women's Job Corps will be held at the Meyerson Symphony Hall in Dallas Sept. 21. The evening will feature the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, area church choirs and special guests. Longtime board member **Robert Langford** will be honored posthumously during the event. He spearheaded creating the event last year and died this spring. For more information, call (214) 391-5511.

- Hardin-Simmons University alumni and spouses who are currently serving in the armed forces of the United States or who have done so in the past are invited to a veterans' reunion breakfast at the school Oct. 30. It will be held in conjunction with homecoming activities. A steering committee has met and is making plans for the reunion of Reserve Officer Training Corps graduates and veterans with HSU ties. People meeting the criteria for the breakfast are asked to send their mailing address and e-mail address to [egarrett@hsutx.edu](mailto:egarrett@hsutx.edu) or **Earl Garrett**, Box 16030, HSU, Abilene 79698.



As a part of an outreach effort to two local apartment complexes, youth, college students and young adults of First Church in Georgetown helped children from the complexes learn and practice swimming skills.

Members of the church also transported children living in the apartments to and from Vacation Bible School at the church and held block parties at each site. One of those parties coincided with the dedication of playground equipment at apartments that previously offered none. The church donated \$500 toward the purchase of the equipment.

- ◆ **Ann Gebuhr**, professor of music at Houston Baptist University, has been granted a commission from the Foundation for Universal Sacred Music to compose a choral work for performance in New York City in the fall of 2005.

- ◆ **Cleatus Rattan**, visiting professor of English at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, will hold the Frank W. Mayborn Chair of Arts and Sciences during the current academic year. He also currently holds the post of Poet Laureate of Texas. The Mayborn Chair was previously held by **George Musacchio** who retired in May.
- ◆ **Beck Taylor** has been appointed to the newly created position of associate dean for research and faculty development of the Hankamer School of Business at Baylor University. In his new position, he will give leadership to faculty development initiatives, identifying and deploying best practices in research and faculty development, overseeing the school's sabbatical and research programs, developing strategies and resources for grant writing and developing faculty excellence initiatives. In addition, he will develop a faculty mentoring program, student research initiatives and community extension programs. Taylor also will continue to teach in the economics department.
- ◆ Baptist University of the Americas has added 10 adjunct professors to its faculty. They include **Jimmy Adair**, **Craig Bird**, **Timothy Brown**, **Roberto Diaz**, **Diana Garcia**, **William Holmes**, **Rolando Lopez**, **Rick McClatchy**, **Merlin Merritt** and **Gus Reyes**.
- ◆ East Texas Baptist University has announced three new staff members and a promotion. **Kim Williams** is now business office manager, **Blake Coleman** is an admissions counselor and **Brenda Fuller** has joined the public relations staff as publications and photography coordinator. **Peggy Oglesby** has been promoted to the position of nursing laboratory resources coordinator in the nursing department.

## Anniversaries

- ◆ **Vaughny Taylor**, 20th, as minister of music at Central Church in

Odessa, Sept. 1. While he is bivocational with a full-time job as an educator with the Midland school district, he also serves now as associate pastor, teaches a Sunday school class, leads a handbell choir, praise team, adult choir and cowboy band, and he sings with a gospel group. He also is associational director for the Odessa Singing Churchmen and is president of the Singing Men of West Texas.

- ◆ **Lynne Garcia**, fifth, as minister of youth at Midway Church in Ferris, Sept. 12.
- ◆ First Church in Wheelock, 40th, Oct. 3. Former pastors and members will take part in the celebration along with **Harold Cook**, director of missions for FIRM Area. A catered lunch will be served. **Ira Irvin** is pastor.
- ◆ First Church in Breckenridge, 125th, Oct. 9-10. A golf tournament and breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday. A reception and open house will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. that day. At 7 p.m., former Pastor **Harry Grantz** will speak and former ministers of music **George Morris** and **Randy Parsons** also will participate. Former Pastor **Otis Testerman** will lead Bible study for adults Sunday at 9:45 a.m. An anniversary banquet will be held following the morning service. Letters from people unable to attend are being collected and can be sent to 301 S. Rose Avenue, Breckenridge 76424. Call (254) 559-2295 to make reservations for the meal. **Cecil Harper** is pastor.
- ◆ First Church in Knox City, 100th, Oct. 9-10. A fellowship and light supper will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday. Coffee and doughnuts will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday. Former Pastor **John Gillispie** will preach at 9:45 a.m. and former Pastor **Emil Becker** will preach at 11 a.m. A catered lunch will follow the morning service.
- ◆ **Lynn Lemons**, 65th in the ministry, Oct. 17. Larry Jones, director of missions for Lubbock Area Association, will preach in the morning service

of Skyline Church in Lubbock where Lemons is pastor. A reception will be held at the church from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

- ◆ First Church in Tow, 150th, Oct. 24. Former Pastor **Gerald Moore** and missionary **Ted Gross** will speak in the morning service. Special music and a recounting of the church's history also will be a part of the program. A catered barbecue lunch and an afternoon service will follow the morning service. To make reservations for the meal, call (325) 379-3918. **Jay Humphreys** is interim pastor.
- ◆ First Church in Orange, 125th, Oct. 30-31. Events will include a golf scramble, land tours, a picnic, humorist **Dennis Swanberg** at the Lutcher Theater, and a special anniversary service and luncheon. For more information, call (409) 886-7461. **Barry Bradley** is pastor.

## **Retiring**

- ◆ **A.M. Stone**, as pastor of Timbergrove Church in Houston, where he served the last 18 years, Aug. 22. Stone was in the ministry 58 years, his first pastorate being a mission started in an abandoned schoolhouse in Mills County in 1946 while attending Howard Payne College. He also was pastor of North Waco Church in Waco, Memorial Church in Corsicana and Fairbanks Church in Houston. He served Corsicana, Waco and Union associations as moderator. He is available for supply preaching at (713) 462-3336.

## **Deaths**

- ◆ **Hardy Childress Jr.**, 82, July 30 in Kerrville. He was pastor of churches in Canadian, Seguin and San Antonio, as well as California. He also was a Navy chaplain from 1945 to 1962 and was a Reserve chaplain from 1962 until 1974. He attained his private pilot's license at age 66. In

Kerrville, he continued his ministry at five nursing homes and the Veterans Administration hospital. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Donna Lee Childress; wife, Beulah; and brothers, Robert and William. He is survived by his wife, Sarah; daughters, Beth Childress and Carol Chelkowski; stepson, Shawn Johnson; and one granddaughter.

♦ **Charles Culpepper**, 84, Aug. 22 in Blanco. He was born in Fort Worth as his parents studied at Southwestern Seminary in preparation for service as missionaries in China. He went to China at age 3 and stayed there until he returned to Texas to study at Baylor University and later Southwestern Seminary. In 1944, he and his wife, Donal, were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as missionaries to China, but their departure was delayed by World War II. During this time, he was pastor of First Church in Eagle Lake. After going to Beijing, the approaching Chinese Communist army forced them to flee to the Philippines for refuge. Eventually, they moved to Taiwan, where Culpepper taught at the seminary. The couple remained in Taiwan 40 years planting churches, pastoring congregations, organizing youth work, assisting in administrative duties of the mission and overseeing construction projects. They retired in 1985 and moved to Blanco, where they joined First Church. He is survived by his wife of 60 years; sons, Tom and Richard; daughters, Carolyn Neunuebel and Cathy Lee McGinnis; sister, Mary Walker; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

♦ **James Franklin**, 76, Sept. 12 in Beeville. A retired pastor, he served First churches in Kingsland, Edna and Mathis. He also had been vice president for development at Howard Payne University. He was a member of First Church in Beeville. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Alice; daughters, Gayle Dulin, Debbie Bebee, and Lisa Franklin; four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

## Events

- ◆ The Central Texas Cowboy Revival will be held Oct. 1-3 at the Kosse Rodeo Arena in Kosse. The service at 7 p.m. Friday will feature the music of **Mike Hammock** and **Rope Myers**, 2001 world champion steer wrestler, as the speaker. Saturday's 4 p.m. youth service will feature singing by **Randy Coward** and speaking by professional bullfighter **Bill Shaw**. At 7 p.m. Saturday, team roper **Jeff Hogner** will speak and Coward will sing. **Johnny Saculla** will sing in the 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. services Sunday. Cowboy **Hershal Williams** will speak in the early service and team roper **Corey Ross** will speak later. There will also be a stew supper at 5 p.m. Friday. Saturday events include an 8 a.m. trail ride, cook-off judging beginning at noon, exhibitions at 2 p.m. and a barbecue at 5 p.m. A pot luck meal will be held at noon Sunday. First Church in Kosse is one the sponsoring churches.
- ◆ **The Down East Boys** and **Crimson River**, two Southern gospel groups, will perform at North Side Church in Weatherford at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 3. A love offering will be taken.
- ◆ Brentwood Church in Houston will host a prayer and praise breakfast at the Westin Oaks Hotel in Houston's Galleria. Special music will be featured. Tickets are \$25 each. For tickets or information, call (713) 852-1400.

## **Ordained**

- ◆ **Jorge Ramirez** to the ministry at Primera Iglesia in Gregory.
- ◆ **Jay Beerley** to the ministry at First Church in Eastland.
- ◆ **Kenneth Elliott** and **David Bullion** as deacons at Lakeview Church in Brownwood.
- ◆ **Seraphin Martinez** as a deacon at Primera Iglesia in Gregory.

- ♦ **Terry Jackson** and **Henry Waskow** as deacons at Heights Church in Temple.
- ♦ **Denny Dean, Bob Hendrix** and **Floyd Holliman** as deacons at Fairlanes Church in Borger.

## Revivals

- ♦ **Cowboy Heritage Church, Clyde**; Sept. 29-Oct. 3; evangelist and pastor, Greg Clemmer.
- ♦ **Mount Carmel Church, Whitehouse**; Oct. 3-6; evangelist, Bob Dixon; music, Bill and Ivy Jean Sky-Eagle; pastor, Benny Portwood.

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