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Calvary  
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Kiser is  
pastor.

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- ◆ Two couples with Texas ties were among missionaries recently appointed by the Southern Baptist International Mission Board. **Trey** and **Denise Shaw** will serve in central and eastern Europe in evangelism efforts. A Waco native and pastor of White Rock Church in Celeste, Shaw will serve as a strategy coordinator. The Shaws have three children: **Bryan**, 7; **Alexander**, 4; and **Lily**, 2. **Mark** and **Olga Gilbert** also will work in central and eastern Europe, where he will be a church starter. He is a Dallas native, and she was born in Latvia. They have two children: **John**, 2; and **Michael**, 1.
- ◆ Williamson Association will hold a training event detailing the life of Christ. The deadline to sign up is Feb. 24. The cost is \$72. Classes will be held March 3, 10 and 24 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. **David Edwards**, pastor of Main Street Church in Georgetown, will be the instructor.
- ◆ The Abilene Tri-College Choir and Collegiate Orchestra, comprised of musicians from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene Christian University and McMurray University, was selected to perform at the Texas Music Educators Association conference Feb. 10. Only six of 150 applicants were chosen to perform. This is the first time a choir and orchestra from multiple universities has been invited to perform.



Anderson Church in Anderson celebrated its 160th anniversary with the theme "A Past to Remember, A Future to Mold." Ron Gunter, Baptist General Convention of Texas regional consultant, presented a charge to the church in the morning service. A barbecue dinner under a tent followed the service. Dwain Steinkuehler is pastor.

- ◆ Houston Baptist University will host the Prince-Chavanne Distinguished Lecture Series March 10 at 6 p.m. The lectures deal with Christian ethics in business. **Murphy Smith**, professor of accounting at Texas A&M University, will be the guest lecturer. Admission is free.
- ◆ **Gerald Mann**, pastor of Riverbend Church in Austin, has been named to the board of directors of the Strategic Dialogue Center at Netanya Academic College in Israel. Other board members include **Mikhail Gorbachev**, **Prince Hassan** of Jordan and former Israeli Prime Minister **Ehud Barak**. The board has worked to establish solutions for peace throughout the region and world. It has been asked to facilitate negotiations between the Turks and Greeks in Cyprus.
- ◆ Dallas Baptist University will open an academic satellite center in Colleyville in April. The 3,300-square-foot facility will be situated in the heart of Town Center, a new retail development. It will house two classrooms with "smart media" technology, a computer laboratory, a reception lounge and staff offices. For more information, call (800) 460-1DBU.
- ◆ **Jim Wesson** has been named chief executive officer at Valley Baptist

Medical Center-Brownsville. **Leslie Bingham** has been named chief operating officer of the medical center.

- ◆ **Carol Green**, dean and associate professor of history at Wayland Baptist University-Clovis, has published a historical narrative, *Chimborazo: The Confederacy's Largest Hospital*.

- ◆ Howard Payne University students, faculty and alumni are making travel plans to explore Turkey and Greece for a study about the life of biblical apostles Paul and John. The trip, scheduled for May 11-22, will feature a Mediterranean cruise and visits to biblical sites in Troas, Smyrna, Pergamum, Ephesus, Crete, Rhodes, Athens and Corinth. The expedition is offered for course credit or as a personal travel experience. Cost for the tour package is \$2,800. For more information, call (325) 649-8408.

### **Anniversaries**

- ◆ **Lucas Prado**, fifth, as pastor of Mount Sinai Mission in Gunter, Feb. 1.

- ◆ Morse Street Church in Denton, 20th, Feb. 13. Founding Pastor **Don Hayes** preached in the morning service. **A.R. Stokes** is pastor.

- ◆ **David Harp**, 10th, as pastor of First Church in Stanton, Feb. 13.

- ◆ **Roland Ouellette**, fifth, as pastor of East Sherman Church in Sherman, Feb. 20.

- ◆ **Song Kang**, fifth, as pastor of Lubbock Korean Church in Lubbock, Feb. 24.

- ◆ **Jennifer Burnam**, fifth, as youth minister at First Church in Bellville.

- ◆ **Doyle Davis**, fifth, as pastor of Abundant Grace Church in Missouri City.

- ◆ **Mack Mathis**, fifth, as pastor of First Church in Wharton.
- ◆ First Church in Jefferson, 150th, March 20. **Bill** and **Catherine Cox** will lead the church in its celebration. A fellowship and luncheon will follow the morning service. **Charles Moore** is pastor.

## Deaths

◆ **Chester Davidson**, 77, Feb. 1 in Huntsville. He was minister of music and education at several churches, including First Church in Cleveland, Immanuel Church in Corpus Christi and First Church in Deer Park, where he served 16 years. He then began a project with nine associations in the Houston area, using demographic information to assist associations and churches in ministry and church starts. He took that endeavor statewide when he began using demographic data as a ministry resource for the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Dallas. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Anna; daughter, Mary Kathryn; sons, John Mark and Chester; 8 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

◆ **L.B. Moss**, 87, Feb. 6 in Stephenville. Moss was founding pastor of North Side Church in Mineral Wells. During more than 50 years of ministry, he also served at First Church in Lipan, Allison Church in Lipan, Dobbs Valley Church in Santo, First Church in Junction, First Church in Crystal City, Highland Hills

Church in San Antonio and Southside Church in Granbury. He was a member of Patillo Church in Patillo. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Leslie and Lloyd; and a son, J.B. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Hazel; sons, Jacky and Freddy; brother, Billy; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

## Events

♦ Wilshire Church in Dallas will dedicate its new Schantz pipe organ with a hymn festival Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. Wilshire's custom-made organ features 4,587 pipes. The program will include organ solos but will focus on congregational singing accompanied by the organ. **George Mason** is pastor.

♦ **Tom Ehrich**, author of the daily On The Journey meditations, will be at First Church in Austin March 5 from 9 a.m. until noon. He will speak on the Listening Church. A reception will follow. **Roger Paynter** is pastor.

♦ First Church in Ken-nedale will hold Speed Sunday March 13. NASCAR Nextel Cup and Busch cars, IMCA Modifieds and other dirt track cars, nostalgic dragsters, junior dragsters and more will be on display. Many drivers will be present with their cars. A Texas Alliance of Raceway Ministries representative will speak. For more information, call (817) 536-3355. **Bryan Eason** is pastor.

♦ **Al Fike**, Christian musician and comedian, will be one of the featured acts at The Heights Church in Richardson's homecoming festivities March 13 at 6:30 p.m. Also appearing will be the church's orchestra and 100-voice choir, **The Heightsmen Quartet**, **The Dudds**, **Faithful-men Quartet**, **One Voice** and **The Senior Moments Quartet**. **Gary Singleton** is pastor.

## **Ordained**

- ♦ **Jon Thompson** to the ministry at First Church of Oak Hill in Austin.
- ♦ **Keith Blanton** to the ministry at First Church in Clifton.
- ♦ **Woody Butler** and **Jay Ray** as deacons at First Church of Oak Hill in Austin.

## Revival

- ◆ **First Church, Devers**; Feb. 27-March 3; evangelists, The Northams; pastor, Harry McDaniel.

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