

# **Around the State**

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First Church  
in Crystal City

recently

honored

Andrew

Cardenas and  
Clayton Cottle

for their

faithfulness to  
the church

and its

ministries

with college  
scholarships.

Pictured are  
scholarship  
committee  
member

Evelyn

Kingsbery,

Cardenas,

committee  
member

William

Carruthers,

Cottle,

Director of  
Missions for  
Frio River  
Association

Jimmy Smith  
and his wife,  
Rosy. William  
Stone is  
pastor.

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- ◆ Coastal Plains Area, Gulf Coast Association and the International Mission Board will sponsor a Frontliners Conference Oct. 7-8 at Texas Baptist Encampment in Palacios. Cost is \$40 per person. The training seeks to encourage, educate and equip leaders for effective global missions work. For more information, call (979) 532-0233 or (979) 849-2477.
- ◆ The coaching and administrative staff of Howard Payne University athletics has a number of new faces on board. New coaches include **Christina Brown**, volleyball; **Steph-en Lynn**, baseball; **Jerry Don Gleaton**, baseball assistant; and **Bobby Anderson**, track and field. **Abram Choate** has been named sports information director.
- ◆ The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor awarded 71 baccalaureate degrees and 11 master's degrees at its summer commencement ceremony. **Nathan Guthrie** of Burnet received an award for the highest grade-point average.
- ◆ The East Texas Baptist University office of alumni relations is seeking yearbooks from the College of Marshall, East Texas Baptist College or ETBU covering the years 1917 to 1990. Yearbooks prior to 1950 especially are needed. To make a donation, call (903) 923-2041.
- ◆ Several changes have been made in the faculty at Wayland Baptist University. **Cindy McClenagan**, associate professor of English, has taken the reins as chair of the division of languages and literature. New faculty members include **Lane Mayon**, assistant professor of Spanish; **Cecil Golden**, visiting instructor of Spanish; **Deborah Fox**, assistant professor of English; **Debbie Stennett**, assistant professor of education; **Jo Beth DeSoto**, associate professor of education; **Jeff Kensmoe**, assistant professor of vocal studies and director of vocal studies and opera/musical

theater, **Bob Howard**, volleyball coach and assistant professor of exercise and sport science; and **Jason Pirkey**, head athletic trainer and instructor of exercise and sport science.

- ◆ **Diana Severance**, curator for the Dunham Family Bible in America Museum at Houston Baptist University, has been named secretary to the executive committee for the International Society of Bible Collectors.



Calder Church in Beaumont recently celebrated 20 years of service by Richard Mayfield, the church's custodian. The church surprised Mayfield with a meal, a plaque, a cash gift and stories of his service to the church. Jim Fuller is pastor.

- ◆ Four generations of the Shelton family were honored by the Baylor Alumni Association with the First Families of Baylor Award. The award recognizes a multigenerational alumni family that has shown continuing interest in and support for Baylor University. **Perry** and **Mary Shelton** began the family's story with the university, enrolling as newlyweds in 1919.

- ◆ The 784-volume personal library of **Jeff Pritchard** has been donated to Dallas Baptist University. A long-time Dallas pastor, Pritchard served on the board of trustees of Decatur Baptist College. He was instrumental in the school's relocation and renaming as Dallas Baptist College. He continued as a trustee until 1970. He was pastor of Clarendon Drive Church (later Sunny Glen Church) 33 years and later served Arcadia Park Church 13 years.

## **Anniversaries**

- ◆ **Sherrie Carter**, 20th, as director of preschool and children's ministries at First Church in Wichita Falls, Aug. 28.
- ◆ **Bob Ray**, 40th, as pastor of Fairy Church in Hico, Aug. 28. He was honored with a new John Deere tractor.
- ◆ New Beginnings Church in Cedar Creek, fifth, Aug. 28.
- ◆ **Jo Ann Daugherty**, 10th, as director of education at First Church in Richmond.
- ◆ **Jerry Hall**, 20th, as pastor of Oak Crest Church in Midlothian, Sept. 1.
- ◆ **Howard Batson**, 10th, as pastor of First Church in Amarillo, Sept. 11.
- ◆ First Church in La Vernia, 150th, Oct. 1-2. A 4 p.m. reception will kick off festivities on Saturday. Services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday with **Tommy Wilson**, director of missions of the South Central Area, speaking in the early service and **Charles Price**, San Antonio Association director of missions, speaking in the other. A noon meal will be served. For more information, call (830) 253-1239. **David Gale** is pastor.
- ◆ First Church in Whitney, 125th, Oct. 1. Former staff members are expected to participate in the activities, beginning at 9:30 a.m. For more

information, call (254) 694-

- ◆ Olden Church in Olden, 100th, Oct. 16.
- ◆ Oak Grove Church in Dallas, 60th, Oct. 16. A covered dish luncheon will follow the morning service. **Rudy Owen** is pastor.
- ◆ First Church in Columbus, 150th, Oct. 30. A catered lunch and celebration service will follow the Sunday morning service. For more information, call (979) 732-6261. **Sammy Carr** is pastor.

## **Deaths**

- ◆ **Henry Kinkeade**, 87, Sept. 2 in Irving. He was pastor of Cedar Springs Church near Marlin, Liberty Hill near Moody, Abbott Church in Abbott, Fair Park Church in Dallas, First Church in Wellington, First Church in Carrollton, Grace Temple in Denton and First Church in Irving, where he served 32 years until his retirement in 1984. He served as one of the founders of Dallas Baptist University and taught Old and New Testament there. He also was one of the founding committee members of Baptist General Convention of Texas' River Ministry. An optimist, he was fond of saying, "I'm so optimistic, I'd go after Moby Dick in a rowboat and take the tartar sauce with me." He was preceded in death by two grandsons. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Ruth; sisters, Nina, Mary Jeannette and Alberta; brother, Walter; daughter, Susie Reynolds; sons, Hal and Ed; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.
- ◆ **John Claypool**, 74, Sept. 3 in Decatur, Ga. A renowned confessional preacher, he was pastor or associate pastor of Baptist churches in Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas and Missississippi, including Broadway Church in Fort Worth and Second Church in Lubbock. He was ordained as an Episcopal priest in 1986. Since his retirement in 2000, he has been professor of preaching at Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology.

He is survived by his wife, Ann; son, Rowan; grandson, John VI; stepdaughter, Laura Williams; and stepson, Charles Williams.

## Retiring

- ◆ **Gordon Smith**, as director of pastoral care at Riverbend Church in Austin, where he served 21 years. His ministry also included serving as pastor of First churches in Seagraves, Shallowater and Windemere, Fla.
- ◆ **Joe Rubac**, as pastor of Morales Church in Edna, where he served 15 years. He was in the ministry since 1971.
- ◆ **Dearing Garner**, as pastor of First Church in Kingwood, where he has served 27 years and as the church's only pastor. He has been in ministry 37 years. A reception will be held Oct. 8 from 4 pm. to 6 p.m. The morning service Oct. 9 will mark his last Sunday as pastor. For more information, call (281) 358-4266.

## Events

- ◆ South Hills Church in Fort Worth will have a groundbreaking service Sept. 25 at 9 a.m. on its 11-acre tract on Old Granbury Road between Alta Mesa and Columbus Trail. The 12,688-square-foot building will be multipurpose, with education and office space. **Bob Nickell** is pastor.
- ◆ First Church in Midland will be a site for the Living Proof Women's Conference Oct. 7-8. Friday's meeting will run from 6 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday's from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The gathering will feature a live simulcast of author and speaker Beth Moore. Travis Cottrell will lead worship. Tickets are \$25. For more information or to register, call (432) 683-0600.
- ◆ Calder Church in Beaumont will celebrate 58 years of service to the community Oct. 9 with homecoming services. A catered lunch will follow

the morning service. **Jim Fuller** is pastor.

- ◆ First Church in Denton will present House of Judgment '05 as an alternative to Halloween haunted houses Oct. 19-31. It will be presented nightly from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Call for specific times and dates, and groups of 10 or more require reservations. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call (940) 382-2577, ext. 194. Jeff Williams is pastor.

## **Revival**

- ◆ **Belvue Church, Kermit**; Sept. 25-28; evangelist, Gary Newman; pastor, Danny Fitzpatrick.

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