

# Around the State

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The Oaks  
Church in  
McKinney held  
a  
commissioning  
service for  
Melva Whitlock  
as a Mission  
Service Corps  
volunteer. She  
has been  
assigned by the  
North American  
Mission Board  
to serve  
through the  
Baptist General  
Convention of  
Texas as  
mentor  
coordinator for  
the McKinney  
Christian  
Women's Job  
Corps. Pictured  
are Pastor  
Danny Buster,  
Whitlock, and  
Gail and Duane  
Bechtold,  
MSC/Lifecall  
Advocates.

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♦ Baylor University's Martin Museum of Art is hosting two biblical art exhibitions. *Talmud and the Art of Ben-Zion and Marc Chagall* will run through Nov. 16 and showcase the works of two of the most important Jewish artists of the 20th century. *Collector's Items: Biblical Art and Private Devotion* will run through Dec. 3. Prints of biblical narratives dating from 1510 through 2000 are featured include the works of Durer and Rembrandt. The museum is open Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call (254) 710-1867.

♦ The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor will hold homecoming festivities Nov. 4-5. The events begin with homecoming chapel on Friday morning, when the Alumni Association will present the Distinguished Alumni Award and Honorary Alumni Award. The Heritage Club, graduates of 50 years or more, also will be honored. That evening will feature class reunion dinners, Friday Night Live, a pep rally and a dessert party. Saturday events include a golf tournament, campus tours and a tailgate party. Reservations for the barbecue lunch of the tailgate party must be made at (254) 295-4599.

♦ Green Acres Church in Tyler has been named one of America's safest churches by GuideOne Insurance due to the church's risk-management efforts.

♦ **James Parker**, Abilene businessman and philanthropist, has been named recipient of the John J. Keeter Alumni Service Award at Hardin-Simmons University. The award is presented to the alumnus who has contributed the most in his or her field of endeavor toward the betterment of HSU. His service to the university includes working on the board of trustees from 1995 to 2003 and the board of development from 2004 to 2006. He also is a deacon at First Church in Abilene, where he has

worshipped since 1959.



Albert Reyes, president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and Baptist University of the Americas, urged students to "shine like stars in a dark world" during his address at Hardin-Simmons University's fall convocation.

- ◆ Howard Payne University has added nine faculty members and five adjunct instructors. New faculty include **Corey Ash**, instructor of music and director of bands; **Cathi Ball**, instructor of art; **Mary Carpenter**, assistant professor of Christian studies; **Brett Coulter**, assistant professor of math; **Johnathan Marlow**, associate professor of communication; **Keith Mask**, associate professor of psychology and department chair; **Joe Miracle**, instructor of communication and director of student media; **John Sneed**, instructor of social work and coordinator of field instruction; and **Ronald Walenga**, associate professor of chemistry. Adjunct instructors are **John Alamo**, music; **Tim Cooper**, computer information systems; **Bethany Hastings**, developmental math; **Cleresa Reding**, developmental math; and **Randy Rives**, Christian studies.

- ◆ A review by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education has

found East Texas Baptist University's department of nursing to be in full compliance.

- ♦ **Don Byrnes**, retired legal counsel to the president, and **Linda Clark**, administrative assistant for the office of academic affairs, have received Houston Baptist University's Mayfield Outstanding Staff Awards.

- ♦ Dallas Baptist University celebrated **Sue Mitz**'s 40 years of service with a gala musical event. Performers from across the nation entertained a packed house to honor her contribution to their lives. The professor of music came to the university in 1965, the year the school opened its doors in Dallas.

- ♦ Despite health issues during the year, Mission Service Corps missionaries **Gerald** and **Ora Lee Tomes** are gearing up for their Christmas ministry along the Rio Grande. Those wishing to contribute to their longtime gift distribution to the colonias can call (903) 784-7346 for a better idea of their needs.

## **Anniversaries**

- ♦ First Church in Eagle Lake, 130th, Oct. 9. **Chris Thacker** is pastor.

- ♦ **Mel Hooten**, fifth, as pastor of South Park Church in Lubbock, Oct. 15.

- ♦ **Mike Haun**, fifth, as minister of education and music at First Church in Maypearl, Oct. 29.

- ♦ First Church in Eastland, 125th, Nov. 12-13. **Robert Jeffress** will preach the dedication sermon for the church's new multipurpose facility at 4 p.m. Saturday. **Tom Goodman** will preach the anniversary sermon at 10 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call (254) 629-3355. **Shawn Brewer** is pastor.

## Retiring

- ♦ **Reggie Bowman**, as minister of education at Pioneer Drive Church in Abilene, Oct. 23. He served the church nine years and was in the ministry 43 years. He will be available to lead conferences and other ministry on a part-time basis.

- ♦ **Jerry Griffin**, as director of missions for Kauf-Van Association, effective March 31. One that date, he will have served 46 years in Kaufman County—33 years as pastor of First Church in Forney and 13 years with the association. The search team is collecting resumes for the next director of missions at the association office, P.O. Box 708, Terrell 75160.

## Death

- ♦ **Fredalene Tapley**, 77, Oct. 11 in Coleman County. She served with her pastor/missionary husband during 53 years of ministry in Texas and New Mexico. She was a member of Valera Church in Valera. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Darrell; daughter, Nancy Whitworth; sons, Jim and Gary; sisters, Mary Lou Fuller, Edna Sparks and Helen Smith; and six grandchildren.

## Events

- ♦ A play to benefit The Well Community, a church for the mentally ill, will be held Nov. 4 and 5 at Cliff Temple Church in Dallas. The play, *Venice in the Moonlight*, entertains as well as educates about the difficulty of living with mental illness. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with complimentary dessert, and the play begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 each. For more information, call (214) 942-8601, ext. 306.

- ♦ **Jonathan Martin**, of family group The Martins, and **Melissa Evers** will be in concert at First Church in Devers Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. For more information, call (936) 549-7653. **Harry McDaniel** is pastor.

♦ A training event for church planters will be held Jan. 9-10 at Northwood Church in Keller. The Turbo Training conference will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Registration is online at [www.glocal.net](http://www.glocal.net), and the cost is \$100. Trainers will be **Bob Roberts**, **Glenn Smith** and **Lance Ford**.

## **Ordained**

- ♦ **Jeff Campbell** to the ministry at Faith Church in Corsicana.
- ♦ **John Eck**, **Ginny Howell**, **Jeff Newton** and **Lori Roberts** as deacons at Broadway Church in Fort Worth.
- ♦ **Scott Nevins**, **Reggie Miller** and **Wayne Thomas** as deacons at Crossroads Church in Marshall.
- ♦ **Larry Benton**, **Wendell Moore**, **Greg Petersen** and **James Tindell** as deacons at Oak Grove Church in China Spring.
- ♦ **Sean Crowder**, **Cody Dailey**, **Scotty Fisher**, **Grover Fyffe** and **Stephen Keithley** as deacons at First Church in San Marcos.
- ♦ **Carl White** and **J.D. Babin** as deacons at White Creek Church in George West.
- ♦ **Sam Olaniram**, **Jeremy Winters** and **Bill Dunlap** as deacons at Redbud Church in Lubbock.
- ♦ **Willow Laugen** as a deacon at Wildewood Church in Spring.

## **Revival**

- ♦ **Shady Shores Church in Shady Shores**; Nov. 6-9; evangelist, Carl Lane; music, Mackey and Gale Willis; pastor, Bob Joyce.

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