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• Youth With a Mission will host Take Action, a free youth event, March 4. Take Action will show participants the world of missions through video, drama, music and multimedia presentations. It also will feature workshops, exhibits, speakers and contemporary worship music. The event is free and includes a sack lunch, but a $5 donation is requested to offset costs. It will be held at Twin Oaks Ranch, six miles west of Lindale from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. For more information, call (903) 882-5591.

Sarah Mercer and Daniel Dill were just two of the Dallas Baptist University students author and speaker Henry Blackaby visited with following his recent speech on the campus. Blackaby stressed to students the importance of committing their lives to the plans God had for them. Later, at a luncheon for faculty and staff, he encouraged them not to grow weary in their efforts to make a difference in the lives of students. Photo by Blake Killingsworth/DBU

• Eight vocalists from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor will join more than 250 college singers from across the southwestern United States in

performing at the American Choir Director's Convention in St. Louis, Mo., March 10. Making the trip will be Austin Daniel, Amanda Cantu, Megan Bender, Jonathan Owens, Christa Wright, Reagan Cush-man, James Venable and John Cawthon.

• A Senior Saints Summit will be held May 15-18 at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. This year's theme, "Being the Presence of Christ" will be led by Russell Dilday, preaching; Larry Putman, music; Bill Muske, morning devotionals; and Charlie Robinson, Bible study. Cost is $125 per person or $240 per couple before March 27. Costs increase $10 after that date. Add $20 for single occupancy. Fees include all sessions and nine meals. To register or for information, call (254) 295-4606.

• Dallas Baptist University was the host of the annual Christian Association of Stu-dent Leaders conference. Spon-sored by Texas Baptist universities and the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the conference seeks to encourage fellow student leaders to make a difference on their campuses through workshops, roundtable discussions and general meeting sessions.

Pastor Jerry Raines of Hampton Road Church in DeSoto baptized 100-year-old Zula Campagna Feb. 5. Assisting Raines were Joe Bob and Chris Kindred, Campagna's grandson and great-grandson.

• Gale Pollock, William McKinney, Priscilla Owen and Gary Keller have been honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award by the Baylor Alumni Association. A 1986 graduate, Pollock is chief of the Army Nurse Corps. McKinney, a 1959 graduate, is a professor of psychiatry and director of the Asher Center for the Study and Treatment of Depressive Disorders at Northwestern University. Owen is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and a 1976 graduate. Keller is co-founder and chairman of the board of a real estate company he began four years after his 1979 graduation.

• East Texas Baptist University has won three national marketing awards. The awards, presented by Admissions Marketing Report, included a gold award for the school's "Tiger Eyes" T-shirt. A 30-second commercial and a billboard also were commended.

• The Houston Baptist University mock trial team competed in a national invitataional tournament and finished 13th in a field of 34. Derrick Owens was named an "outstanding attorney" at the tournament for his performance.

Anniversaries

• Sandy Grisham, 25th, as child development director at Pioneer Drive Church in Abilene, Jan. 1.

• Second Church in La Grange, 20th, Jan. 15. Ellis McKinzie is pastor.

• Chet Haney, 10th, as pastor of Parkside Church in Denison, Feb. 1.

• Roy Marshall, 30th, as pastor of First Church in Hewitt, Feb. 12.

• Kenneth Wells, 25th, as pastor of Northview Church in Lewisville, Feb. 15.

• Lowell Addy, 10th, as business administrator at First Church in Wichita Falls, Feb. 25.

• Allen Reed, 25th, as pastor of First Church in Nacogdoches, March 1.

• The Heights Church in Richardson, 50th, March 5. Former pastors Charles Vander-slice, Earl Craig and Phil Lineberger will attend the 9:30 a.m. service, as will Sue Lewis, widow of former pastor Ron Lewis. A fellowship time will follow in the Atrium at 11 a.m. Gary Singleton is pastor.

Retiring

• Butch Gott, as pastor of Harvest Acres Church in Mineola, Dec. 31, after more than six years. He was in the ministry 30 years, including tenures as pastor of Cate Street Church in Bridgeport and as youth minister at First Church in Paradise. He will continue to live in Mineola and is available for pulpit supply and evangelist work.

• Pat Riley, as pastor of First Church in Cisco, Jan. 8. He served the church two years and had been in the ministry 27 years, including 13 years at Calvary Church in Brownfield.

• Dick Sawyer, as pastor of Nesbitt Church in Marshall, Jan. 28. He had been the church’s pastor since 1995, but Nesbitt also was his first

congregation to pastor in 1963. He also was pastor of De Berry Church in De Berry, Athey Church in Harleton and Clearview Church in Marshall.

• Joan Feeler, as children's minister at First Church in Flower Mound, Sept 30. She served the church four years.

Deaths

• Paul Chambliss, 86, Jan. 21 in Lubbock. A retired pastor, he had served churches in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Oregon, Colorado and Nevada. The Texas churches he served were Bethel Church in Plainview and First Church in Nolanville. While living in Vernon following his retirement, he also was a supply preacher for the area. He was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Gladys, a granddaughter, two brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Barbara; sons, Paul and Louis; step-daughters, Debora DeLuna and Brenda Trevino; step-sons, Dwayne, Gilbert and Brian Oakley; three grandchildren; 11 step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

• D.C. Mangum Jr., 65, in Baytown. He was a pastor 37 years, serving congregations that included First Church in Aubrey, Broadway Church in Galveston (now University Church), First Church in Hooks and First Church in Linden. Following retirement, he was a member of Cedar Bayou Church in Baytown, but later accepted the call to be pastor of Coady Church in Baytown. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Joan; daughter, Robin DeMent; son, Delbert; sister, Sharon Dyer; brothers, David and Kenneth; and two grandsons.

Events

• First Church in Midland will host Team Impact Feb. 22-26. A team of world-class athletes, Team Impact will perform feats of strength as they share the gospel. They also will perform in 40 schools in the Midland area as they teach about making wise choices. The events at the church will begin at 7 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call (432) 683-0608. Gary Dyer is pastor.

• Cowboy Church of Ellis County will begin holding Sunday evening singing beginning March 5. The church does not have Sunday evening services, but will begin holding the music services on the first Sunday of each month. Music will include bluegrass, Christian country, Southern gospel and cowboy gospel. Also, the chongregation moved into its new building recently with 2,310 in attendance for the opening. Gary Morgan is pastor.

Ordained

• Jeremy Johnston to the ministry at Colonial Hills Church in Cedar Hill.

• Glenn Killam to the ministry at White Creek Church in George West.

• Paul Davis to the ministry at Richland Hills Church in Fort Worth.

• Doug Bilyeu, Wayne Mulkey and Lynn Smith as deacons at First Church in Wichita Falls.

• Don Gatewood as a deacon at Richland Hills Church in Fort Worth.

• David Bownds, Milton Tyson and Dan Jenkins as deacons at First Church in Amarillo.

Revivals

• First Church, Refugio; Feb. 19-22; evangelist, Walter Knight; music, The Newberrys; pastor, David Parks.

• First Church, Kountze; Feb. 26-March 1; evangelist, Steve Brumbelow; pastor, Tony Thornton.

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