

Around the State

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Twenty-eight participants, nearly all over the age of 60, traveled from First Church in Richardson to Riga, Latvia, to build friendships and encourage senior adults from six Baptist churches there. The Richardson church has sent many teams to Latvia since the partnership began in 1997, but this is the first project focused on senior adults on both sides of the ocean. This gazebo was built by the Richardson team to provide more outdoor ministry space. The Texans also conducted a three-day seniors conference covering topics such as health issues—physical, emotional and spiritual—Christian encouragement, and the need for senior adults to continue blessing one another . They also offered activities such as choir, learning to play chimes and games. The group performed several musical pieces at a prison in the area and visited a school. They left the chimes with the Latvians as a gift.

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- Paisano Baptist Encampment will hold its 86th consecutive general encampment beginning the evening of July 23 and running through noon July 28. Morning worship services will be held at 11 a.m., and evening worship will be at 8 p.m. Supper is served at 6 p.m. with choir rehearsal at 7 p.m. Childcare is provided during services. Camp pastors are Steve Wells and Milton Cunningham. Larry McGraw will be the Bible study leader. Between services, several activities are available. For more information, go to www.paisanoencampment.org.
- Four Howard Payne University students have been chosen to receive the Hatton W. Sumners Foundation scholarship in the Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom honors program. Selected were Rachel Chapman of Grapevine, Jessie Goodwin of The Woodlands, Kelly Grewe of San Antonio and Johnnie Wiedman of Belton. The scholarship provides \$9,000 a year for two years.
- Dallas Baptist University has received two gifts totaling \$550,000 from the estate of Wynonia Pallmeyer. The gift will establish two scholarship funds for students facing financial hardship.
- Houston Baptist University has named its Student Foundation members for the upcoming academic year. The students serve as representatives in various activities and university promotional functions. New members include Ashley Hatchett, Alyssa Johns, Andrea Legare, Elsa Marquez, Sadiya Jamal, Edward Batinga, Diego Bello, Ashley Nunes, Derrick Owens, Cheri Wood, and Humair Khan. Returning members are Margaret Bowen, Edgar Gonzalez, Sidra Qasim, Karen Singh, Mon'Sher Spenser and Jessica Watson.



A \$26.1 million expansion of Tallowood Church in Houston's campus pushed forward the extraction of a lead box time capsule slated for removal in 2012. Pastor Duane Brooks read an inventory of the capsule that had been placed in the original chapel's cornerstone. The capsule contained the list of people present when the cornerstone was laid on Nov. 13, 1960, copies of that week's Baptist Standard, Training Union and Sunday school materials, and a Bible that included Pastor Russell Dilday's five-digit telephone number. Several charter members were present for the ceremony.

- Heather Gates, a student at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, has been awarded Chick-fil-A's top scholarship in recognition of her academics, employment, community service and leadership. Gates is one of 25 national scholarship recipients, which earned an additional \$1,000 scholarship to the one they previously had been awarded. Gates, from Rockwall, is

studying accounting.

- Wayne Roy has announced his “phased retirement” from Hardin-Simmons University. Roy, senior vice president of institutional advancement, will become special assistant to the president for development following his Dec. 31 transition date. Roy said he wanted to put this plan into effect rather than an abrupt retirement so that the school’s development momentum would not be hampered. Roy came to HSU in 1998 from the Abilene Reporter-News, where he was vice president of advertising and marketing.

- Five Baptist Health System chaplains have completed requirements for certification by the Association of Professional Chaplains. Receiving certificates were David Kirk, John Stoker, Mark Spain, Michael Robinson and Jeanene Atkinson.

Anniversaries

- Ronnie Tucker, 20th, as pastor of Friendship Church in Amarillo, July 8.

- Calvary Church in Tulia, 50th, July 16. Events are planned throughout the afternoon. Jeffrey Lee is pastor.

- College Heights Church in Wharton, 40th, July 16. Former Pastor Jim Daniel will preach in the afternoon program. Don Hurley is pastor.

- Buel Church in Cleburne, 60th, July 26. A celebration service is planned for July 30. A meal and singing service will follow morning worship. David Carfrey is pastor.

- Huey Harpe, 25th, as organist/music associate at First Church in Tyler, Aug. 20. An anthem commissioned from Mary McDonald will be performed in the special service planned for that morning. A reception is set for 4 p.m.

Retiring

- Randy Ford, as pastor of First Church in La Grange, June 25. He served the church more than eight years and was in the ministry 35 years. Other churches he served as pastor were Pleasant Grove Church near Lexington, Trinity Chapel in Youngstown, Ohio, and Sunset Church in Jacksonville. He can be reached for supply preaching at 625 South 5th Street, Midlothian 76065.

- Dan McClinton, as minister of music/associate pastor of The Oaks Church in Grand Prairie, July 31. He has served the church 27 years and has been in ministry 41 years. An alumni choir and orchestra rehearsal will be held July 29 at 4 p.m., followed by a reception from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Other Texas churches he served include Hotwells and Northside churches in San Antonio, Baptist Temple in Big Spring and Windsor Park Church in Austin.

- Pete Freeman, as pastor of First Church in The Woodlands, Aug. 13. He has been pastor of the church 12 years, and in ministry almost 42 years. He previously served as pastor First Church in Kilgore, Baker Road Church in Baytown, Baptist Temple in Houston, First Church in Mount Vernon, Pine Spring Church in Tyler and Redland Church in Lufkin. A reception is planned after a 6 p.m. concert by the Celebration Choir.

Deaths

- Joseph McLeod, 84, May 28 in Fort Worth. He was ordained in 1963 and served several congregations as pastor. He also taught American history for three decades at Howard Payne and Dallas Baptist universities. He was a long-time member of First Church in Burleson. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Carol; daughters, Barbara Ford, Becky Bownds, Debra Muenich and Marilyn DeVere; sons, Gerald and James; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and three sisters.

- Clifford Jones, 81, June 24 in Bedford. He was the founding pastor of Skyline Church in Lubbock. Since 1969, he has been a member of Davis

Boulevard Church in North Richland Hills, serving 35 years as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Mary Jones and Carol DeArmond. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Juanita; son, Clifford Jones II; daughters, Rebecca Perry, Sandy Miller and Renee Miller; sisters, Norma Lee Reynolds and Ola Mae Nicholas; brother, Amos; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

- Charlie Barrow, 84, June 25 in San Antonio. A former Texas Supreme Court justice, he became law school dean at Baylor University in 1984. He retired in 1991. He was preceded in death by his son, Charles Jr. He is survived by his wife, Sugie; sons, John, David and James; sister, Bea Little; and numerous grandchildren.

- Lila McGaw, 90, June 28 in Rusk. She graduated from Wayland Baptist University in 1934 and Howard Payne University in 1936. While at Howard Payne, she won the Texas Baptist Oratorical Contest. After graduation, she married O.E. McGaw, who was pastor of churches in Shallowater, Kingsville, Cayuga, Talkington and Texas City. He then was associate director of Texas Baptist Haven in Houston. She was preceded in death by her husband a decade ago. She is survived by her daughter, Martha McGaw, and her brother, Donnal Timmons.

Events

- The Blackwood Gospel Quartet from Knoxville, Tenn., will perform at First Church in Devers July 14 at 7 p.m. Harry McDaniel is pastor.

- City Light Ministries, a ministry of First Church in Abilene that provides assistance and humane support to needy families, the homeless and children in Abilene, received the Community Service Award from the Abilene Southwest Rotary Club.

Ordained

- Ken Freeman and John Roberts as deacons at First Church in Granbury.

Revivals

- Honey Creek Church, Wolfe City; July 16-20; evangelist, Paul Cherry; music, The Cherrys; pastor, Ken Horton.
- Mount Zion Church, Cumby; July 23-26; evangelist, Paul Cherry; music, The Cherrys; pastor, Roy Lee Dittmore.
- North Church, Greenville; July 23-27; evangelist, Herman Cramer; music, Paul and Christy Newberry; pastor, Leslie Mills.

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