

Around the State

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Sarah Hazelwood, from the Fellowship of Huntsville Church in Huntsville, reacts to missing the mark in the "Gumby Marshmallow Shoot."

More than 800 Christian students from church youth groups across Texas visited the East Texas Baptist University campus for the week-long Super Summer Camp, sponsored by the youth evangelism division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The camp endeavors to use training, learning experiences and fun to help young people become more effective Christian leaders. Each session includes Bible teaching, worship services, small-group discussions, recreational activities and opportunities to form friendships with other Christian youth. The ETBU campus was the site of two of the camps this summer. (Photo by Mike Midkiff/ETBU)

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- Howard Payne University has inducted eight members into the Sigma

Beta Delta International Honor Society in Business Management and Administration. Inductees include Heather Fisher, Charis House, Michael Lindsay, Jill McLaughlin, Leah Perez, Joseph Renner, Diann Seamans and Rachel Welch.

- Houston Baptist University has announced its Piper Professor nominees for this year. Nominees are Eloise Hughes, professor in education and director of field experience and student teaching; Levon Hayrapetyan, professor in computer information systems management; Vanora Hundley, associate professor in nursing; Susan Cook, professor in biology and director of the health professions program; and Connie Michalos, professor in English. The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation presents 15 awards annually to professors across the state for their dedication to the teaching profession and their academic, scientific and scholarly achievement.

- Carol Holcomb, associate professor of religion at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, has been re-elected president of the Baptist History and Heritage Society.

- Dan MacMillan, president of Bluefield College in Virginia, will join the Gary Cook Graduate School of Leadership at Dallas Baptist University as director of the doctoral program in higher education leadership next month.

- Baylor University's May-born Museum Complex has honored Omilou Miles of Waco as its outstanding volunteer. Miles has served as a tour guide and weekly greeter for the museum. She currently is a volunteer docent for the "Feathered Treasures" exhibit in the Anding Traveling Exhibits Gallery.

Anniversaries

- First Church in Hico, 125th, July 2. Chris Irvin is pastor.

- George Solis, 25th, as pastor of Primera Iglesia in Waxahachie, July 4.
- Jerry Raines, 10th, as pastor of Hampton Road Church in DeSoto. Special services to commemorate the event are planned for July 30 in both morning and evening services.



Texas Baptist college students prayed for the world during student missions orientation at First Church in Duncanville prior to leaving for their own summer missions assignments. More than 400

Texas Baptist college students serve worldwide as summer missionaries through the Baptist General Convention of Texas' "Go Now Missions" program. (Photo by John Hall/BGCT)

- First Church in Dun-canville, 60th, July 23. Keith Brister is pastor.
- Clearview Church in Marshall, 50th, Aug. 6. Former Pastor Dick Sawyer will preach in the morning service. Donald Robinette is pastor.
- Mark Towns, fifth, as pastor of Pine Springs Church in Tyler, Aug. 12.
- First Church in Earth, 80th, Aug. 27. A meal will follow the morning service. An open house of the church's new facilities also will be held.

Events

- Children attending Vaca-tion Bible School at Orchard Road Church in Lewisville brought enough money in their offerings to provide a year's care for a child their age in Kenya, Africa. Mary Wamboi, an orphan in Africa, will continue her education and receive the care she needs. The children have supported the child through their VBS offerings since 2002, and the church is committed to her continuing care. In prior years, the children purchased a cow for a family in the Far East, goats for a family in Africa and chickens for a family in South America. Terri Hardin was VBS director. Jerry Rogers is pastor.
- Mount Hebron Missionary Church in Garland recently commissioned two members as Mission Service Corps volunteers. Glenda Anderson will work with Angel Food ministries, and LaDonna Norton will work in a multihousing ministry. Clarence James is pastor.
- The Southern Grace Quartet will perform at First Church in Paris Aug. 13 at 6 p.m. Randall Perry is pastor.
- Athey Church in Marshall will hold homecoming services Aug. 13. Martin Clickard is pastor.

Ordained

- Ann Pittman to the ministry at First Church in Austin.
- Reggie Mayfield to the ministry at Eastside Church in Gonzales.
- Jean Ducharme, Richard Eldridge, James Green, Darrell Hartsfield and Roy Lombard as deacons at First Church in Del Rio.

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