

# **Around the State**

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[East Texas Baptist](#)

[University](#) has received a 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe for use in recruitment, marketing and public relations.

The black vehicle featuring the university's tiger eyes logo was given by ETBU trustee Patty Jones and her husband, Leo, of Tyler. They are members of First Church in Tyler.

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Blankenship, vice president for enrollment management marketing, said the vehicle will help the staff in their efforts to meet with prospective students.

Members of the admissions office pictured with the vehicle (left to right) are Joey Sutton, Dorrie Cook, Jason Soles, Drew Barkley, John Sperry and Melissa Fitts.

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- [James King Jr.](#), dean of the College of Business at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, will be the guest speaker at the fall convocation service Sept. 22 at 11 a.m.
- [The Howard Payne University Yellow Jacket Band](#) will be celebrating their 100th anniversary during the school's homecoming activities Oct. 6-7. Friday, the Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma fraternities will host a memorial ceremony in the Davidson Music Complex. Also, former band members are invited to perform with current band students at the 10 p.m. pep rally. A continental breakfast honoring the band will be held Saturday at 7 a.m. The homecoming parade will follow at 10 a.m. Former Band Director Greg Barry will be the parade grand marshal. Alumni band members also are invited to play in the finale of the homecoming football game's halftime show. The game begins at 2 p.m. The centennial band banquet will be at 7 p.m. For more information, call (800) 950-8465.
- Mark Warren has been named director of institutional research and effectiveness at East Texas Baptist University.
- Leigh Jackson has been endorsed as a chaplain with Seton Healthcare Network in Austin by the [Cooperative Baptist Fellowship](#).
- Bruce Muskrat, emeritus missionary to Argentina, has joined the [B.H. Carroll Theological Institute](#) as fellow, professor of church music and missions, director of business affairs and treasurer.
- [The Dunham Family Bible in America Museum](#) at [Houston Baptist University](#) has opened its fall schedule with new displays that include "The Story of the English Bible," "Earliest Bibles in America" and "Bibles with Connections." For more information, call (281) 649-3287.

- Dub Oliver, vice president for student life and visiting professor in management at Baylor University, was named the 2006 inductee to the Norman “Moon” Mullins Honor Roll for Distinguished Faculty and Staff. The award signifies leadership, devotion and overall love for Baylor athletics, and recipients are chosen by the Mullins family.

## **Anniversaries**

- Iglesia Manantial in Sugar Land, fifth, July 29.
- Mike Stone, fifth, as pastor of First Church in Crystal City, Sept. 2.
- Danbury Church in Danbury, 70th, Sept. 13-17. Jason Treadaway is pastor.
- First Church in Sutherland Springs, 80th, Sept. 24. For more information, call (830) 947-3333. Frank Pomeroy is pastor.
- J.L. Williams, 50th in the ministry, Sept. 24. He will be honored at First Church in Gainesville with a meal following the morning service. He was licensed to the ministry by Pierce Street Church in Amarillo, which is now Second Church. After graduation from Southwestern Theological Seminary, he served 30 years in the Kansas/Nebraska Convention. Since returning to Texas, he has served the Gainesville church as interim pastor and associate pastor.
- Oakridge Church in Denison, 50th, Sept. 24. Sam Garrett is pastor.
- Ben Condray, 10th, as associate pastor of First Church in Midlothian, Sept. 29.
- Oak Grove Church in Harleton, 50th, Oct. 1. The church had its beginnings as a mission meeting under a tree and holding Sunday school classes in cars. Bob Johnson, the mission’s first pastor, will preach. A meal will follow the morning service. Mike Midkiff is pastor.

- Phillip Sitton, 35th, as associate pastor for worship and administration at Shearer Hills Church in San Antonio, Oct. 1.
- Freeman Heights Church in Garland, 50th, Oct. 1. Activities include a 9:15 a.m. breakfast and ministry celebration followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service with Don Newberry as featured speaker. A catered lunch and afternoon service will follow. For more information, contact [larry.fhbc@verizon.net](mailto:larry.fhbc@verizon.net). Larry Venable is pastor.
- First Church in Colorado City, 125th, Oct. 7-8. Saturday afternoon will be a time of fellowship and tours of the church's facilities. That evening there will be a hamburger supper followed by a song service that will include former staff and members. Former Pastor H.W. Bartlett will speak in the Sunday morning service, and former Pastor Ted Spear will preach. A catered barbecue lunch will follow. For more information, call (325) 728-3442. Jerry Shields is pastor.
- Rosen Heights Church in Fort Worth, 100th, Oct. 8. Former Pastor Forrest Pollock will speak in the morning service. The choir will sing a hymn written by Minister of Music Barry Feriend and Organist Jane Morrison especially for the celebration. A catered lunch will follow. For more information, call (817) 626-3783. Bruce Corley is interim pastor.
- Oak Hills Community Church in Floresville, 10th, Oct. 8. The morning service will feature a video presentation, testimonies and a sermon by Charles Wade, executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. A catered meal will follow. Joel Odom is pastor.
- First Church in Luella, 140th, Oct. 8. Former Pastor Bobby Hawkins will preach during the morning service, followed by a meal. Former Pastor Jerry Creek will preach in an afternoon service. Harvey Patterson is pastor.
- Second Church in Amarillo, 100th, Oct. 15. Former Pastor Charles Jones will preach in the morning service. A catered lunch will follow. Make lunch

reservations by visiting [www.sbcama.org](http://www.sbcama.org). Wayne Griffin is pastor.

- Plymouth Park Church in Irving, 50th, Oct. 28-29. A reception will be held Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. that will include former staff and members. Sunday will feature a worship service and meal. Participants will include BO Baker, Oral Bowman, Wayne Wood, Walter Draughon, Pres-ton Nix, Jerry Carlisle, Neil Davidson, Cliff McClellan, Bart Young, Cliff Feeler, Carl Rider and others. Youth will celebrate with Al Fike, and children will be entertained by performers from Nana Puddin. For more information, visit [www.plymouthpark.org](http://www.plymouthpark.org). Ken Branam is pastor.
- Trinity Church in Palacios, 50th, Oct. 29. W.C. Maddox, the church's first pastor, will preach in the morning service. A lunch at [Texas Baptist Encampment](#) will follow. Other former pastors and members will speak of their remembrances of the church. Make reservations for the meal by Oct. 20 by calling (361) 972-3139. Louis Rush is pastor.
- Gregory Gomez, 50th in the ministry. During October, he and his wife will be in Puerto Rico training leaders on the western part of the island.

## **Retiring**

- Duane Kelly, after 20 years as director of missions for Trinity River Association, Oct. 31. He also was pastor of Bethel Church in Marion County, First Church in Avery, Garden Acres Church in Burleson and Second Church in Lake Jackson.

## **Deaths**

- Luis Estrada, 71, Aug. 1 in Corpus Christi. He was pastor of Iglesia Estrella de Belen in Corpus Christi. He is survived by his wife, Manuela; sons, Carlos and Luis; daughter, Alfa Omega Abaunza; sister, Ester Resendiz; brother, Filiberto; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

- Ken Lawrence, 71, Aug. 15 in Fort Worth. He was a member of the [B.H. Carroll Theological Institute](#)'s commission on teaching, learning and academic administration. He had already evaluated syllabi and examinations and was beginning to evaluate the institute's administrative documents at the time of his death. An educator and author, he was preceded in death by his brother, Carlton. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Carol; son, Eric; daughter, Cyrena Allen; sister, Kathleen Sims; and two grandchildren.

## Events

- [The Kiev Symphony Orchestra](#) will perform at First Church in Woodway Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. General admission tickets are \$10, student tickets are \$7. They can be purchased at the door.
- First Church in Denton will present its annual House of Judgment Oct. 18-Nov. 1. Cost is \$5 per person. This presentation is encouraged for youth groups but is not suggested for children younger than sixth grade. Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling (940) 382-2577, ext. 191. For more information, see [fbcd.net](#). Jeff Williams is pastor.
- A free job search workshop will be held from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Oct. 21 at The Heights Church in Richardson. The workshop will include resume critique and development, effective networking skills, interviewing techniques and more. Pre-registration is suggested due to limited seating. To register, send an e-mail with name, phone and e-mail address to: [jobseekers@theheights.org](mailto:jobseekers@theheights.org). For more information, call (972) 238-7243.
- Robert Jeffress, pastor of [First Church in Wichita Falls](#), was named the recipient of Vision America's Daniel Award at this year's Heroes of the Faith gala.

## Revivals

- First Church, Center; Sept. 24-27; evangelist, Lonnie Riley; pastor, Michael Hale.
- Colonial Hills Church, Cedar Hill; Sept. 24-28; evangelist, David Crain; pastor, Billy Johnson.
- Immanuel Church, Paris; Oct. 1-6; evangelist, Jeff Meyers; music, Allen Shoemaker; pastor, Randall Scott.

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