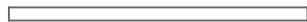


Around the State

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Westlake Chapel in Graham has broken ground on an expansion of the fellowship hall. The project will add 750 square feet to the existing building and will provide space for additional Sunday school classes, community outreach events, church-wide fellowships and better accommodations for other community organizations that utilize the facilities. Construction funds are in hand, and only funds for the furnishings now are needed. Don Raney, second from left, is pastor.

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- The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor will hold a cultural fest Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Shelton Theater of the Mabee Student Center. It is free and open to the public. It will include various types of music and expressive dance. For more information, call (254) 295-5519.
- The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor will hold a fireworks display as a part of its homecoming festivities Nov. 10, marking the beginning of what is planned as a new tradition. Homecoming events will begin at 11 a.m. Friday during the chapel service. Following chapel, the alumni association will present its distinguished alumni award at the Heritage Club luncheon. Honorary alumni awards will be presented during the alumni fiesta that evening. The homecoming pep rally, which will include the fireworks, will begin at 8:30 p.m. Saturday's events include a golf tournament, a barbecue lunch and the 2 p.m. football game. Reservations must be made through the alumni office. For more information, call (254) 295-4599.
- East Texas Baptist University has welcomed several new faculty members this fall, including Denise Allen, assistant professor of nursing; Eileen Baland, instructor of English; Eric Branscome, instructor of music; Robin Cook, instructor of business; Cassandra Falke, assistant professor of English; Cole Franklin, associate professor of communication; Sandy Hoover, instructor of history; Joanna Newkirk, instructor in kinesiology and associate athletic trainer; Yu Youling, visiting scholar from Lanzhou University of Technology in China; and Lin Weisheng, visiting professor from Guang-dong Teachers College of Foreign Languages and Arts in China.



San Marcos Baptist Academy held its annual sweetheart pageant recently, crowning Nicole Hoffman, center, sweetheart. Also pictured are her escort, Josh Brame, and the ladies of the court—from left, Michelle Deschner, Jacqueline Piers, Le'Resa Stokes, Arianna Taboada and Emily Rainone.

- Treacy Woods, professor in chemistry, has been named chair of the chemistry department at Houston Baptist University. She joined the faculty in 1983.
- Michael Bishop, professor of journalism at Baylor University, has been named the Fred Hartman Distinguished Professor of Journalism. A 1957 editor of the student newspaper, *The Lariat*, and a 1959 graduate of the university, Bishop returned to the campus in 1990, first serving as communications and marketing vice president.
- Hardin-Simmons University has presented the John J. Keeter Alumni Service Award to Clinton and Joann Wolf. Both are 1950 graduates of the school. The Wolfs made an eight-hour drive to the school numerous times over the years as he served the alumni association as president in the mid-1960s, on the board of development from 1997 to 2001 and as a

trustee of the university from 1991 to 1996, and again from 2002 through the present. Their financial generosity has enabled the Ministerial Student Housing project and refurbishment of the physical therapy complex. They are members of First Baptist Church in El Paso.

- David Keith and Sheri Wells have joined the staff of Howard Payne University, assisting students in the school's Center for Academic and Personal Success. The center offers services and seminars designed to help students set and achieve personal and academic goals. It also helps students and alumni in career and employment needs. Keith is associate director of the center, and Wells is the career services coordinator.

- The North American Mission Board has appointed five missionaries with Texas ties. Micah and Kristen Caswell are serving in Austin, where he is starting Grace Community Church. He was a singles ministry intern at First Church in Denton. They have a 1-year-old son, Mason. Kenneth and Mary Kay Dillard are serving in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he is director of collegiate ministries. He is a native of Dilley. They have three children—Sarah, 24; Jay, 22; and Kelley, 15. Austin Evers has been named campus evangelism coordinator for New London, Conn. He is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University. He previously was an intern at Metropolitan Church in Houston and Green Acres Church in Tyler.

- Jerry and Susan Evermon have been appointed by the International Mission Board as missionaries in southeast Asia. Their home congregation is First Church in Marble Falls.

Anniversaries

- Elaine Clark, 10th, as minister to preschool at First Church in Amarillo, Oct. 29.

- Brick James, 20th, as minister of counseling and family life at Hagerman Church in Sherman, Nov. 3.

- Chuck Smith, fifth, as pastor of First Church in Gregory, Nov. 11.
- First Church in Bryan, 140th, Nov. 19. The evening service will highlight the church's ministry in its downtown location. Following the service, there will be a church reception to display the contents of the time capsule placed in the worship center built in 1982. Tim Owens is pastor.

Deaths

- Jim Scott, 77, Oct. 6 in Fort Worth. He was pastor of Happy Hill Church in Alvarado. He previously was pastor of Willow Springs, Bethesda and Immanuel churches in Amarillo, First Church in Shamrock, First Church in DeWitt, Ark., and Crestmont Church in Burleson. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Homer Jr., Charles and Scotty; and sister, Mary Fuller. He is survived by his wife, Bea; sons, Larry and Harold; sister, Jane Hollaway; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.
- Keith Robertson, 79, Oct. 25 in Austin. He was pastor of churches in Normanna, Papalote, Fowlerton, Hamilton and Algerita prior to 1959, when he graduated from Southwestern Seminary. Congregations he then pastored include First Church in Evant, First Church in Agua Dulce, West Main Church in Alice and First Church in Los Fresnos. After 17 years as pastor in Los Fresnos, he moved to San Saba and served several churches as interim pastor. In his 60 years of ministry, he preached more than 40 revivals. He served on the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and was an officer on the board of Zephyr Baptist Encampment, where he taught and preached more than 25 years. He was a member of First Church in Pflugerville at the time of his death. He was preceded in death by his brother, J.O. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jeanelle; sons, Steve and Mike; daughter, Susan Bell; sister, Lois Henderson; step-brothers, Ted and Don Salyer; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

- Marijohn Wilkin, 86, Oct. 28 in Nashville, Tenn. A Hardin-Simmons University distinguished alumnus, the Country Music Hall of Fame songwriter is best known for collaborating with Kris Kristofferson on the song "One Day at a Time." Her songs have been performed by many musical stars including Johnny Cash, The Beatles, Patsy Cline, Rod Stewart, Joan Baez, Burl Ives, Ray Price and LeAnn Rimes. She received the HSU Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1994 and an honorary doctor of music degree from the school in 2001. She was inducted into the HSU Hall of Leaders in 2004. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Bedford Russell, while he was a prisoner of war in 1942. She is survived by her son, John Buck Wilkin.

- Katie Moseley, 18, Oct. 29 in an automobile accident north of Buffalo. A Livingston resident, she was a freshman at Baylor University. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Jack Moseley. She is survived by her parents, Danny and Frances Moseley; sisters, Stacy Comstock, Mary Ortiz and Kristi Moseley; brothers, Chris, Johnny, Ben and Elijah; and grandparents, Earl and Ruth Jordan, and Rossi Moseley.

Events

- The first Hispanic Woman's Conference of the Hill Country met Oct. 14 at Primera Iglesia in Fredericksburg. Margarita Treviño was the keynote speaker. Fernando Zurita is pastor.

- Grace Fellowship of Rockwall, a mission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas Association and Park Cities Church in Dallas, will constitute as a church Nov. 19. Ken Lovelace is pastor.

Ordained

- Marcus Foster to the ministry at Adamsville Church in Lampasas.
- Marty Richardson to the ministry at First Church in Gainesville.

- Russell Cowan to the ministry at Bellview Church in Midland.
- Tony Moyer to the ministry at First Church in Kennard.
- Amy Dwight Wilkins to the ministry at King's Cross Church in Tullahoma, Tenn. She previously served at Columbus Avenue Church in Waco, Park Cities Church in Dallas and Buckner Orphan Care International.
- Robert Ramirez to the ministry at New Life Church in Yoakum.
- James Anaya to the ministry at Travis Church in Corpus Christi.
- David Jones to the ministry at First Church in Hallsville.
- Alexander Morrison to the ministry at First Church in Brenham.
- Scott Ashby and Rob Robinson as deacons at Trinity Church in Kerrville.
- Gene Klieber and Edward Westbrook as deacons at First Church in Milano.

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