

Around the State

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- **The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor** will perform its 68th annual Easter pageant at 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. April 4. All performances will be outdoors in front of the Luther Memorial arches on Vann Circle Drive. The free student production draws 5,000 people each year.

- **Baylor University** will hold a symposium on congregational renewal May 11. The topic for the 9 a.m. session will be “Assessing the Current State of Religion in America,” and the 10:45 a.m. session will investigate three versions of congregational renewal—small church, multi-ethnic church and downtown/suburban church. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge. To register or for more information, call (254) 710-4677.

Anniversaries

- **Bill Wright**, 15th, as pastor of First Church in Plains, March 25.
 - **J.D. Templeton**, fifth, as pastor of First Church in Cotton Center, March 31.
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Baylor University presented the 2007 Baylor University Founders Medallion to Ralph Storm of Corpus Christi and, posthumously, to his wife, Jean, during the university's annual Founders Day. The Founders Medal is reserved for men and women whose service and contributions have been unusually significant to the life and future of the university. He has been a Baylor trustee and regent 27 years, is a lifetime member of the Baylor Alumni Association and Founders Association, and a member of the Medallion Fellowship, Heart of the Order, Old Main Society, Heritage Club, Development Council, Baylor Bear Foundation, Friends of Truett Seminary and the Endowed Scholarship Society. He was named a distinguished alumnus in 1978 and was awarded the Herbert H. Reynolds Award for meritorious service to students in 1985. He also has been greatly involved in the ministries of First Church in Corpus Christi, as was his wife prior to her death in 2003.

- **Korean Church** in Wichita Falls, 30th, April 8. Song Pak is pastor.

- **Novice Church in Coleman County**, 100th, April 22. Registration and fellowship will begin at 10 a.m., followed by former Pastor Larry Adams preaching in the morning service. A history of the church also will be presented. A barbecue lunch and singing will follow the morning service. Bill Swindler is pastor.

- **Plains Assembly**, 60th, May 5. A day of games and celebration will be held from noon to 8 p.m. Included will be disc golf, horseshoes, softball, dominoes, volleyball, live music, a zipline and a picnic. A mission fair and food booths will be provided by the Woman's Missionary Union. A tent meeting is scheduled as well. For more information, call (806) 983-3954. Michael Wright is executive director.

- **Harlandale Church in San Antonio**, 85th, May 6. A brunch will begin at 9 a.m., followed by the morning worship service. Former Pastor Ken Coffee will preach. A catered lunch and program will follow at the Bellaire Baptist Church gymnasium. Dan Treviño is pastor.

- **Valera Church in Valera**, 100th, May 6. Lunch and afternoon services will follow the 10 a.m. service. For more information, e-mail kenlen@web-access.net. Ralph Howell is pastor.

Deaths

- **Doyce Phillips**, 76, Feb. 24 in Mount Pleasant. A former member of the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board, he had served the last 12 years as director of the Christian Life Center of First Church in Mount Pleasant, where he also was a deacon. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marilyn; daughters, Melinda Russell and Nancy Ervin; sisters, Naomi Williams, Martha Jenkins, Sue Thames and Bettie Hill; and six grandchildren.

- **Cecil Roper**, 82, Feb. 27 in Fort Worth. He was minister of music at First Church in Hillsboro and Parkway Church in Jackson, Miss., before joining

the faculty of Southwestern Seminary, where he taught church music from 1960 until his retirement in 1990. He was a member of Broadway Church in Fort Worth. He also held the post of distinguished fellow in the area of church music with the B.H. Carroll Theological Institute. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Milly; daughter, Elizabeth; and sister, Vera Vaughn.

- **Janice Coley**, 66, March 9 in Seguin. She served the Baptist General Convention of Texas as an assistant in youth discipleship and with the offices of the State Missions Commission director and the executive director. She had moved to Seguin following retirement and joined First Church there. She is survived by her husband, Dewey; daughters, Susan Logsdon and Carla Atkinson; son, David; mother, Ruby Slater; and two grandchildren.

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