

Around the State: DBU awards degrees; Heart of Texas Baptist Camp schedules concert

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Dallas Baptist University awarded 466 degrees during its December commencement services. Michelle Henry, professor of English and chair of the DBU English department, was keynote speaker at the Dec. 14 ceremony. Mark Batterson, lead pastor of National Community Church in Washington, D.C., was the keynote speaker at the Dec. 15 ceremony. DBU awarded Batterson, author of *In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day* and *Circle Maker*, an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree, and conferred an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree to Jeff Smith, president and chief executive officer of HighGround Advisors, formerly the Baptist Foundation of Texas.

The McNeills, a Texas-based musical family, will present a concert of Southern Gospel, bluegrass and country gospel favorites at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 10 at Heart of Texas Baptist Camp in Brownwood. There is no admission charge, but an offering will be collected. Guests are asked to register in advance. Call (325) 784-5821 or email info@heartoftexascamp.com.

Anniversaries

10th for San Angelo Cowboy Church in San Angelo. The congregation will observe its anniversary Jan. 14 with a worship celebration at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch and an arena event, weather permitting. For more information, call (325) 655-4636. **Jay Johnson** is pastor.

Retirement

Clay Price as information analyst in Texas Baptists' office of decision support after 24 years on the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board staff. He previously served in a similar research and analysis role 22 years at the Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board. At the BGCT, Price not only provided population and church statistical resources to help the state convention plan, promote and implement its programs and services, but also prepared demographic studies for churches and associations.

