

Around the State: Holocaust survivor speaks at ETBU; HPU plans lessons and carols program

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Holocaust survivor **Jack Repp** spoke at East Texas Baptist University at the invitation of the ETBU Political Awareness Society, in partnership with the Student Government Association. Repp, a representative from the Dallas Holocaust Museum and Center for Education and Tolerance, grew up in Poland, where he was part of the Nazi resistance force. He lived in various ghettos and concentration camps including Kielce, Auschwitz and Dachau, and he was part of a death march. He moved to the United States in 1949. Repp described his experiences during the Holocaust and gave his perspective on having faith in God through the most difficult times. "With faith, you can make it through anything," Repp said. "There was a brief time in my life where I doubted if God was helping me, but ultimately I knew that he had not turned his back on me."

Howard Payne University's School of Music and Fine Arts will present its annual "A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols" program at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1 at St. John's Anglican Church, 700 Main St. in Brownwood. HPU faculty and staff members will read Scriptures about the prophecies and fulfillment of Christ's coming, and the university's Heritage Singers under the direction of **Christopher B. Rosborough** will perform the musical selections.

East Texas Baptist University's Christmas Festival Concert is scheduled at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 in the Ornelas Spiritual Life Center's Baker Chapel. It will

feature performances by university choirs, the symphonic band, a handbell choir and a guitar ensemble. Cost for nonstudents is \$10. For more information, call (903) 923-2158 or email music@etbu.edu.

First Baptist Church in Henderson will celebrate the opening of its children's building at 207 W. Main St. in Henderson Dec. 3. A dedication service is scheduled at 10:30 a.m., followed by a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon, and an open house of the children's building continues through 3 p.m. **David Higgs** is pastor.

Retirement

David Johnson as associate pastor for pastoral care at First Baptist Church in Midland, effective Dec. 31.