

Around the State: HPU students raise money for local ministry; TBM aids Erath County and Rockport

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Howard Payne University's Office of Student Life recently held a bowl-painting activity for Good Samaritan Ministries' Empty Bowls fund-raising project. Students at HPU—as well as students at Brownwood-area public schools and residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities—hand-painted ceramic bowls. After the bowls are glazed and fired, they will be sold at an April 5 event at the Brownwood Coliseum. Ninety percent of the proceeds benefit Good Samaritan Ministries in Brown County, and 10 percent will be directed to an international hunger relief organization. For more details, click [here](#) or call (325) 643-2273.

Texas Baptist Men disaster relief volunteers began work Feb. 24 in response to an ice storm in Erath County, and a half-dozen chainsaw crews continue to work in the Stephenville area, along with heavy equipment operators and other support personnel. Through March 5, they had donated more than 4,200 volunteer hours, completed 70 chainsaw jobs, logged 139 heavy equipment hours, cooked more than 1,900 meals, provided access to more than 200 showers, washed 76 loads of laundry and distributed 55 Bibles. Meanwhile, work continues in Rockport in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Since Jan. 1, Baptist volunteers in Rockport have served more than 9,800 hours, cooked more than 3,300 meals, completed 92 chainsaw jobs, logged 310 heavy equipment hours, provided access to more than 1,000 showers and washed 488 loads of laundry. They have made 776 personal contacts, distributed 124 Bibles and recorded 19 professions of

faith in Christ. To support TBM disaster relief financially, send a check payable to Texas Baptist Men and designated “disaster relief” to 5351 Catron, Dallas, TX 75227 or click [here](#).

Baylor University faculty and staff joined colleagues at Baylor Scott and White in Dallas for the third annual Gil Taylor Behavioral Health Symposium, which focused on the impact of behavioral health issues that arise across generations. This year’s symposium provided ongoing training to church lay leaders, including teachers and ministers who often serve as mental health first responders when families need support and seek help. Participants included **Jon Singletary**, dean of Baylor’s Diana R. Garland School of Social Work; **Dennis Myers**, professor of social work and gerontology in the Garland School; and **Elizabeth McIngvale**, who helped launch the Baylor Master of Social Work degree program in Houston and serves as assistant professor at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.



Benjamin Martin

Howard Payne University named **Benjamin Martin** assistant vice president at its New Braunfels Center. Martin assumes leadership of the center this month, filling the position vacated by Dale Meinecke last year. Martin holds an undergraduate degree from HPU, a master’s degree from Dallas Baptist University and a Doctor of Higher Education Administration degree from Texas Tech University. Martin will greet the public during a come-and-go reception April 9 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the center, 4102 Loop 337, Suite 100, in New Braunfels.

The Institute for Family Business in Baylor University’s Hankamer School of Business is accepting nominations for the 29th annual Texas Family Business of the Year Awards. The awards recognize outstanding family enterprises from across Texas. Nominees will be considered based

on community commitment, family values and successful business management. Nominations will be accepted until April 30. For more information about the Texas Family Business of the Year, click [here](#) or follow the Institute for Family Business on Twitter (@BaylorFamilyBiz) and Facebook (@BaylorFamilyBusiness). The nomination form can be found [here](#).



United Supermarkets recently presented \$5,000 to Howard Payne University to be used as scholarship funds for Brownwood-area students. Pictured (left to right) are Brandon Price, assistant store director; Lynn Day, store director; Bill Ellis, HPU president; and Randy Yeakley, HPU vice president for development. (HPU Photo)

The Hunt Family Foundation in El Paso provided a \$10,000 grant to **Howard Payne University** to provide scholarships for students at its El Paso Center. The Hunt Family Foundation Scholarship is a need and merit-based scholarship for HPU El Paso Center graduate and undergraduate students majoring in business administration. Five \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to deserving university students. The foundation, created in 1987 by **Woody and Gayle Hunt**, supports not-for-profit organizations and initiatives in the greater El Paso-Ciudad Juárez area. HPU also received \$5,000 from United Supermarkets for scholarship funds. The grant will benefit junior and seniors majoring in business management or marketing at the Brownwood campus who receive the university's Heart of Texas Scholarship. Recipients also will be considered for internships with United Supermarkets or for part-time jobs while they attend HPU.

Anniversaries

Fifth for **Wes Terry** as pastor of Broadview Baptist Church in Abilene.

15th for **Toby Henson** as pastor of First Baptist Church in Clyde.