

Around the State: Senior adults gather at ETBU; historian Karen Bullock recognized

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David Hardage

More than 200 senior adults participated in worship, Bible study, fellowship and entertainment on the East Texas Baptist University campus during the annual Hilltop University three-day retreat. Guest speakers were **David Hardage**, executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; **Ron Lyles**, pastor of South Main Baptist Church in Pasadena; and **Bob Utley**, founder of Bible Lessons International.



Karen Bullock

Karen Bullock, professor of church history and director of the Ph.D. program at the B.H. Carroll Theological Institute, received the W.O. Carver Distinguished Service Award at the Baptist History & Heritage Society's annual conference in Stone Mountain, Ga. The award—the highest honor the society bestows—recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the cause of Baptist history. Bullock is a fellow at the B.H. Carroll Theological Institute, where she has been on the faculty since 2007. She previously taught Christian history and Baptist heritage years at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Dallas Baptist University. She serves the Baptist World Alliance as member of its Religious Freedom Commission and as vice chair of its Baptist Heritage and Identity Commission. She has been a guest professor at seminaries in Uganda, Nigeria and Canada, as well as at numerous Baptist universities throughout the United States. She and her husband, John, live in Granbury. They have two adult children and six grandchildren.

A \$2.5 million gift from the estate of **Lorene Taylor Davidson**, who died in 2013 at age 100, enabled Baylor University to establish the Floyd F. Davidson Endowed Memorial Chair in Biology. It is named for her husband, who served on the Baylor faculty from 1946 to 1977 and was chair of the university's biology department. He preceded her in death in 1990.

Dallas Baptist University received a \$1.5 million challenge grant from the J. E. and L. E. Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, Okla. The funds are committed toward the construction of Phase I of the Transform Campaign, which will develop the university's east campus and establish DBU's first Residential College.

Howard Payne University will offer a 50th anniversary reunion concert of the university's Swingin' Stingers Band at 2 p.m. July 1. The free concert will be presented at Mims Auditorium on the university's campus and is

open to the public.