

# Around the State

January 9, 2013

[Baptist Child & Family Services](#) has named **John Linstrom** national deputy director of mitigation and preparedness services. He will establish partnerships with federal and state government agencies focused on bolstering emergency response readiness across the nation.

**Neil Dugger** has been named dean of the College of Education at [Dallas Baptist University](#). He will continue to direct the doctoral program in educational leadership. He and his wife, **Paula**, are members of Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas.

[Howard Payne University](#) has appointed **Emily Attaway** assistant vice president for finance.

[Hardin-Simmons University](#) conferred degrees on 232 students during winter commencement ceremonies. They included 129 bachelor's degrees, 66 master's degrees, and 37 doctorates in physical therapy. **Riley Kidd** of Abilene received the Winnie and D.M. Wiggins Medal for academic excellence. **Candace Webb** of Cisco earned the Academic Foundation Medal for the highest grade-point average. **Grant Greenwood** of Abilene received the Graduate Dean's Award of Excellence.

A team from [East Texas Baptist University](#) won the outstanding delegation award at the American Model United Nations conference in Chicago. The ETBU team represented Chile and competed against 94 schools.

## Anniversary

**Brian Barkley**, fifth, as pastor of First Baptist Church in Edmondson, Feb.

3.

**Licensed**

**Terry Beavers** and **David Ditmore** to the ministry at Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo, Nov. 18.

**Ordained**

**Russell Beasley, Greg Cassady, Clint Dodson, Emmett Mathews** and **Lyndyl Tidwell** as deacons at First Baptist Church in Bangs, Nov. 25.