

Around the State: Bible scholar joins Houston Baptist faculty

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Craig Evans has been named the John Bisagno Distinguished Professor of Christian Origins at Houston Baptist University, effective Jan. 1. He has published more than 70 books and 500 journal, articles and reviews and served as consultant for *The Bible* television miniseries.



TaShana Hooker, a

TaShana Hooker, center, received the Howard Payne University Woman's Club's Yellow Rose Scholarship. She is pictured with, left, Jill Holamon, School of Music and Fine Arts administrative assistant; and Diana Ellis, HPU first lady and Woman's Club president. TaShana Hooker, a sophomore from Carrollton, received the Yellow Rose Scholarship from Howard Payne University's Woman's Club. The scholarship is awarded annually to a female student who will begin her junior year the upcoming fall semester and who has maintained a 3.0 grade-point average. The recipient participates in campus extracurricular activities and exhibits leadership qualities representative of Christian values and beliefs.



Monica Mullins has been named director of student services for Baylor University's Louise Herrington School of Nursing. She will oversee admissions, financial aid, career placement, alumni relations, campus ministry, student activities and student life. She also will develop academic and learning assistance programs. She previously served at Oklahoma Baptist University.

Anniversaries

Ed Gaither, 15th, as minister of music at Oakville Baptist Church in Oakville.

Retiring

Michael Hale, as pastor of First Baptist Church in Center, June 28. He has been in ministry 42 years, beginning at Huckabay Baptist Church in Stephenville in 1973. He also served Claytonville Baptist Church in Kress, First Baptist Church in Happy, First Baptist Church in Cross Plains and Travis Baptist Church in Corpus Christi. He has served the church in Center more than 10 years. He has served on the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas since 2010. He and his wife, Olinda, will live in Temple.

Ordained

Josh Faucett to the ministry at First Baptist Church in Hart, where he is pastor.