

Around the State: Buckner sponsors family event at Dallas elementary school

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was edited Oct. 20 to correct information about Norma Hedlin, who was misidentified when the article originally was posted.

Buckner International sponsored an event at Cigarroa Elementary School in Dallas that involved more than 100 families in games, food, health screenings involving personnel from Baylor University's Louise Herrington School of Nursing and shoes distribution through Buckner Shoes for Orphan Souls. Buckner plans to provide new services in the Bachman Lake area in the near future.

Happy Union Baptist Church in Plainview honored first responders at a Saturday luncheon. The church served meals to police officers, firefighters, emergency medical services providers and officers from the county sheriff's office. **Richard Miller** is pastor.



East Texas Baptist University seniors Zachary Ervin and Abby Weaver (center) are congratulated by President Emeritus Bob Riley (left) and his wife, Gayle, and by President

Blair Blackburn, and his wife, Michelle, upon receiving the Bob and Gayle Riley Servant Leadership Awards. East Texas Baptist University awarded the Bob and Gayle Riley Servant Leadership Award to two senior students—**Zachary Ervin**, a business administration major, and **Abby Weaver**, an international studies major. Ervin, co-captain of the Tigers baseball team and the chapel worship team, is a member of First Baptist Church in Mount Pleasant and also has been involved in the ministries of Immanuel Baptist Church in Marshall. Weaver, a member of the volleyball team and president of the ETBU Fellowship of Christian Athletes, is a member of New Beginnings Baptist Church in Longview. ETBU presents the Bob and Gayle Riley Servant Leadership Award annually to two upperclassmen students who exhibit exceptional servant leadership as recognized by peers, faculty and staff who nominate them.

Dallas Baptist University named **Norma Hedin** vice president of executive affairs. She has served as an adjunct professor since 2005 in DBU's Gary Cook School of Leadership, and she has been a professor and senior fellow at the B.H. Carroll Theological Institute. DBU also named **Sena Baker** dean of online education. She has served at DBU since 2008 in a variety of roles, most recently as program director for the master of arts in professional development degree and the master of liberal arts degree.

The board of trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges approved East Texas Baptist University to offer a master of education in college and university leadership degree, beginning next spring. The program will prepare students for professional careers in administrative leadership in higher education. Upon graduation, students can pursue positions in student services, financial aid, admissions and administration positions in both the community college and/or university setting. For more information, click [here](#).

The 21st Century Wilberforce Initiative is sponsoring the Speak Freedom Dallas Summit, Nov. 4-6. Featured speakers at the opening rally are author

Os Guinness, social critic and senior fellow at the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics, and **Benjamin Kwashi**, Nigerian Anglican archbishop. The kickoff rally for the summit will be at 7 p.m., Nov. 6, in the University Hall on the Dallas Baptist University campus. A public rally at Thanks-Giving Square in downtown Dallas is scheduled Nov. 7, and events in area churches are planned Nov. 8. To register for the rally at DBU, click [here](#). For more information, contact Jared Jagers at Jared@21wilberforce.org or call (469) 662-7087.

Darin Wood, pastor of First Baptist Church in Midland, will be the speaker at a luncheon sponsored by Texas Baptists' Great Commission Team during the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting. "Elevate: Jesus Christ, His Cross, His Great Commission" is the theme of the evangelism luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Nov. 14, in the Waco Convention Center's Texas Rooms South. Cost is \$10. To purchase tickets, click [here](#).

Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary will sponsor the Friends of Truett Dinner prior to the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting in Waco. The dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 13, in the Blume Conference Center on the fifth floor of the Cashion Academic Building on the Baylor campus. General admission is \$35. The deadline for making a reservation is Nov. 7. For more information, contact Liz Webb at (254) 710-3386 or email eventreply@baylor.edu.

The Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission will sponsor a luncheon marking the 20th anniversary of the Texas Baptist Hunger Offering at 11:45, Nov. 15, in the Texas Room North at the Waco Convention Center. Cost is \$25 per person. For more information, contact Marilyn Davis at (214) 828-5194 or email marilyn.davis@texasbaptists.org. For reservations, click [here](#).