

Around the State: Houston church donates 7,000 pairs of shoes

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South Main Baptist Church in Houston donated 7,000 pairs of shoes to Buckner International's Shoes for Orphan Souls program. While members work and plan for months in preparation for the annual shoe drive, volunteers packed all the shoes into boxes and loaded them into trucks in less than 90 minutes. South Main is Buckner's largest church-based shoe drive each year. **Steve Wells** is pastor.



The University of Mary-Hardin Baylor held a dinner for freshmen who are the first members of their families to attend college. (UMHB Photo)

Of the 875 freshmen enrolled at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, the largest freshman class in the university's history, 370 are the first members of their families to attend college. On Aug. 30, UMHB President **Randy O'Rear** recognized those "First to Go" students during a F2G dinner at his home.

Georgia Risenhoover of Granbury was sworn in as the first female chaplain in the 195-year history of the [Texas State Guard](#), entering as a first lieutenant assigned to the Medical Reserve Corps. Risenhoover, a Baptist General Convention of Texas-endorsed chaplain, also is coordinator of Texas Baptists' Hands On Ministry spiritual caregiving training and is

the first chaplain coordinator of the BGCT [Native American Missions Initiative](#). She also is congregational chaplain for The Church on Thistle Ridge in Granbury, where her husband **C.C. Risenhoover** is senior pastor.



Stewart Morris

Houston Baptist University received a \$10 million gift from **Stewart Morris Sr.** to establish the Morris Family Center for Law and Liberty and fund construction of a classroom building modeled after Independence Hall. "The Morris Family Center for Law and Liberty will teach American founding principles, constitutional government, free enterprise and all of the related political, social and economic implications of a nation truly committed to liberty and justice for all," HBU President **Robert Sloan** said. The gift makes Morris, who serves both on the HBU board of trustees and the president's leadership council, the university's largest lifetime donor.

Christian composer and pianist **Fernando Ortega** will present a concert at Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary at 7 p.m., Oct. 1, in Powell Chapel. In a career that spans more than 25 years, Ortega has received three Gospel Music Association Dove Awards and a Billboard Latin Music Award. Sponsored by Truett Seminary and the music and worship office in Texas Baptists' Great Commission Team, the concert is free, but registration is requested. To register, click [here](#).