Around the State: Perot speaks at DBU event

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Ross Perot Jr.(center), keynote speaker at the Christian Business Owner's Conference, is pictured with Dallas Baptist University President Adam Wright (left) and philanthropist Ted Skokos. (DBU Photo / Efrain Carbajal

Ross Perot Jr., chair of The Perot Group, was the keynote speaker at the annual Christian Business Owner's Conference on the Dallas Baptist University campus. The event is designed to encourage servant leaders in business to continue to integrate their faith with their vocation. "Good business means that you are taking care of everybody, you are fair with everybody, and you treat everybody like you want to be treated," said Perot, chair of Hillwood, a Texas-based global real estate development company. "If you do that right, you have a better business." Perot was the 1999 recipient of DBU's Russell H. Perry Free Enterprise Award.

Carlos Francis, youth pastor at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Mansfield, addresses East Texas Baptist University students during Spiritual Renewal Week. (ETBU Photo)

Carlos Francis, youth pastor at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Mansfield, and **Shawn Smith**, senior pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Marshall, were guest speakers during Spiritual Renewal Week at East Texas Baptist University. "Defeating Distractions," based on Hebrews 12:1-3, was the theme of on-campus worship experiences.

Mark Tew is leaving his role as Howard Payne University's provost and chief academic officer to become the 23rd president of Judson College in Marion, Ala. He assumes the post March 25. Tew, who joined HPU's administration as vice president for academic affairs in September 2007, previously served at Judson College in a variety of administrative and academic capacities including senior vice president, vice president for institutional advancement, chief financial officer and professor of religious studies. **Celeste Church**, assistant vice president for retention, research and accreditation at HPU, will become acting provost at HPU, effective March 18. Church joined HPU's music faculty in 2004 and progressed

through the ranks from instructor to full professor. She also served as chair of the faculty assembly, co-chair of the general education review committee and dean of institutional research and effectiveness.

The Academy at Houston Baptist University will sponsor an open house from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on March 21 in the Cullen Parlor on the HBU campus. The event also will recognize students from The Academy and recent essay contest award winners. The Academy offers a classical Christian education at the secondary school level for eighth-graders and high school students. Dual-credit courses allow students to earn college credit at a reduced tuition rate. In its seventh year, The Academy serves area homeschool families and partner schools. Students learn from faculty on HBU's campus or at partner school locations. For more information, click here. To make a reservation for the open house, click here.

Wayland Baptist University will offer a Hispanic Christian Leadership Scholarship beginning with the 2019-20 school year. The scholarship covers 100 percent of student tuition and full room and board for a student throughout his or her undergraduate degree. Recipients must be active members of a church affiliated with the Hispanic Baptist Convention of Texas. Wayland Baptist University will select a recipient based on merit and achievement. For more information and access to an online application, click here.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the opening of the Buckner Family Hope Center of Lubbock. (Buckner

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A ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the grand opening of the Buckner Family Hope Center of Lubbock. **Angelina Rodriguez** is director of the center. Buckner International operates 28 Family Hope Centers around Texas and in six countries. Services offered typically include parent education classes, job skills training, family coaching, spiritual enrichment and a variety of programs for children.

The Hodge-Martin-Chatfield Museum recently dedicated a Texas Historical Marker commemorating the 1868 organization of the Baptist General Association of Texas at Chatfield in Navarro County. The association drew most of its affiliated churches from North Texas and East Texas. In 1886, the Baptist General Association of Texas merged with the Baptist State Convention to form the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Anniversary

20th for **Gary Singleton** as pastor of The Heights Church in Richardson.

Ordinations

First Baptist Church in Belton ordained to the gospel ministry **Logan Reynolds**, minister for college; **Les Williams**, associate youth/recreation minister; and **Matthew Levant**, lead pastor of Renewal Church.