

Around the State: TBM volunteers provide flood recovery

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Early High School was one of several Brown County schools visited by Howard Payne University representatives presenting shirts to the university's alumni who serve there. Pictured (left to right) are Judith Ozuna, Jonathan Ceniceros, Amanda Elkins, Xavier Haines, Sidney Sizemore, Kelly Griffin, Tiffany Daughtery, Caitlyn Tidwell, Tasha Carter and Brittany Dunlap with Susan Sharp from the HPU School of Education. (HPU Photo)

Howard Payne University's School of Education and office of alumni relations recognized more than 160 alumni who serve as teachers and administrators in the six school districts within Brown County. Each educator received an HPU t-shirt, delivered to his or her school at the beginning of the school year, with a note of encouragement. The goal of the initiative was to celebrate the impact the teachers and administrators have in the Brown County area. "We knew our alumni teachers have a big impact in the community, but realizing the actual number of individuals was truly remarkable," said **Kalie Lowrie**, assistant vice president for alumni relations. "We wanted to take time to let them know we value and appreciate the impact they are making in our area. The last few years

through the pandemic have been really difficult for many people, and we wanted these teachers and administrators to know we were praying for them and are here to support them in any way we can.”



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The Center for Healthy Churches named **Matt Cook** as its director. He

succeeds **Bill Wilson** in that role. Cook, who began service as the center's assistant director in September 2019, holds a Master of Divinity degree from Truett Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in church history from Baylor University. His pastoral experience includes five years as pastor of First Baptist Church in Rosebud, along with later pastorates in Little Rock, Ark., and First Baptist Church of Wilmington, N.C.

Anniversary

90th for First Baptist Church of Lake Worth. The church will celebrate a homecoming reunion Sept. 18. Four former pastors are expected to attend. Lunch will follow the 10:30 a.m. service of worship and remembrance. **Charlie McLaughlin** is pastor.

75th for Hampton Road Baptist Church in DeSoto on Sept. 18. **Kelly Wolverton** is senior pastor.

35th for **Cyndy Engel** as administrative assistant and financial secretary at Broadview Baptist Church in Abilene.

5th for **Bob Cheatham** as pastor of Builders Baptist Church in Merkel.

Retirement

Joseph Tillery as pastor of First Baptist Church in Lockney, effective Oct. 2. He served more than 51 years in vocational Christian ministry.