

Around the State: Writers' conference at ETBU

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The 13th East Texas Christian Writers' Conference will be held at [East Texas Baptist University](#) Oct. 30-31. The conference is for beginning and experienced writers. More than 30 presenters will lead conference sessions. **Don Piper**, author of *90 Minutes in Heaven*, is the keynote speaker for the Friday night banquet. The cost of attending the Saturday workshop sessions is \$100. The Friday pre-conference sessions cost \$50. For more information or to register online, [click here](#). (www.etbu.edu/writersconference)

[B.H. Carroll Theological Institute](#) will hold its fall colloquy Nov. 16-17. **Linda Cannell**, adjunct professor of Christian formation at North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago, will be the featured speaker. Cost of the colloquy for guests is \$40. Guests who want to participate in the Carroll Fellowship Meal on Monday evening must make their reservations by Nov. 2. There is an additional \$10 cost for the meal. For more information, [click here](#).

[Wayland Baptist University](#) raised \$95,000 at a scholarship luncheon with former First Lady **Laura Bush** held in conjunction with the university's Willson Lecture Series. Wayland awarded her an honorary doctorate. More than 450 people attended the luncheon. Proceeds benefit the university's general scholarship fund.

[Howard Payne University's](#) alumni association has announced its board of directors. Board members include **Bobbette Bell, Shane Blackshear, L.J. Clayton, Melanie Clonts, Jane Collette, Dan Crawford, Gene Deason, Kollin Fields, Kathy Garza, Matthew Haynie, Autumn**

Hendon, Kristi Hyatt, Brandon Ireton, Marilynn Jackson, Kenna Jordy, Robert Morrison, Chelsea Murphree, Debbie Prude, Danny Quintanilla, Jarod Root and Robin Sellman.

[Dallas Baptist University](#) graduate and author **Marcus Goodloe** returned to his alma mater to discuss his book *King Maker: Applying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Leadership Lessons in Working with Athletes and Entertainers*. The book explores how King recognized public figures held a unique role of influence in society and developed relationships with them for the purpose of bettering the world.

Anniversary

Cheryl Kimble, 15th, as pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church in Austin.