

# Around the State: Baylor Preaching Convocation

September 25, 2008

- **Thomas Long**, the Thomas Bandy professor of homiletics at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, will be the featured speaker at the annual fall preaching convocation at Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary Sept. 29-30. For more information, call (254) 710-6874.
- **Houston Baptist University's Dunham Bible Musuem** will hold two lectures in October. Naseeb Shaheen will deliver a lecture titled "Shakespeare and the Bible" Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. David Brake will speak on "Greek Texts Used in English Translations" Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m. The museum will be open for tours before and after each lecture. The October lectures coincide with the opening of a special exhibit on Soldiers' Bibles that will run Oct. 9 through Nov. 14.

Dallas Baptist University freshman Laura Jones of Grand Prairie was one of more than 400 DBU students who started their year by volunteering at one of 11 community locations. She worked to sort donated clothes at the Beautiful Feet Ministry in Fort Worth.

(Photo by Julie Gorski/DBU)

- **A lecture titled "American Healthcare: Past, Present and Future"** will be held Oct. 15 at 3:30 p.m. at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor's Lord Conference Center. James Rohack, director of the Scott and White Center for Healthcare Policy and president-elect of the American Medical Association, will be the speaker.

- **East Texas Baptist University** will hold homecoming activities Oct. 17-19. The theme is “Once Upon a Memory.” For complete information and a schedule of events, go to [www.etbu.edu](http://www.etbu.edu) .
- **Houston Baptist University** has announced the “First Tues-day” Bible study series led by John Bisagno, pastor emeritus of First Church in Houston, originally planned to begin in October has been rescheduled to begin Jan. 6. The monthly study will be held in the University Theater from 10 a.m. to 11:30 am. on the first Tuesday through next December. Bisagno will focus the study on what the Bible has to say about heaven.
- **Thirteen new faculty members** have been hired by the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. They include Benoit Ballay, instructor in accounting, economics and finance; David Blair, assistant professor in exercise and sports science; Anita Coffey, assistant professor in modern foreign languages; Timothy Crawford, dean, College of Christian Studies; Terry Fox, associate professor in business information technology and systems; Dan Hoffman, assistant professor in modern foreign languages; Susan Hutchinson, professor in social work; Sandra Meeker, assistant professor in nursing; Daniel Rajaratnam, visiting instructor in management and marketing; Sharon Souter, dean, College of Nursing; Lemuel Taylor, assistant professor in exercise and sports science; Faith Teel, assistant professor in graduate psychology and counseling; and Jonathan Terrell, assistant professor in psychology.
- **Dallas Baptist University** has added five faculty members. They are Rodney Garrett, assistant professor of adult and higher education; Tamlyn Jones, director of the master’s in educational leadership program; Sharon Lee, director of both the master of education in curriculum and instruction and the master of education in early childhood education programs, as well as professor of education; John Tarwater, director of master of liberal arts and master of arts in professional development programs; and Shannon Wolf, assistant professor of counseling.

- **David Abugraber** of San Marcos, a senior at San Marcos Baptist Academy, is a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship program.



Dawn King



Phillip  
King

- **Two Texas couples** were among the 83 missionaries appointed recently by the Southern Baptist Convention International Mission Board. Monte and April Baker will be apprentice church starting missionaries in Central and Eastern Europe. He is a 1987 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, and both graduated from Southwestern Seminary. Oak Grove Church in Burleson is their home church. They have four children: Joshua, 5, Elizabeth, 4, Olivia, 2, and Stephen, 3 months. Philip and Dawn King will work with communications and media in Western Europe. Both born in Amarillo and graduates of West Texas A&M, they are members of First Church in Carrollton, where he is director of communications. They have three children: Isabel, 5, Madeline, 3, and Jacob, 1.



April Baker



Monte  
Baker

## Anniversaries

- **Ron Davis**, 20th, as associate pastor of First Church in Liberty, Sept. 21.
- **David Lowe**, 25th, as associate minister of music/organist at First Church in Amarillo, Sept. 21.
- **First Church in Hubbard, 140th, Oct. 5**. Former pastor David Burcham will be the featured speaker. A meal will follow the morning service. James Hooper is pastor.
- **First Church in San Angelo, 125th, Oct. 11-12**. An open house reception will be held on Saturday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday's events will include a fellowship time at 8:15 a.m. Former pastor Kyle Reese will teach a joint adult Sunday school class, and former student minister Elias Garcia will teach a joint youth/university Sunday school class, both at 9 a.m. Former pastor Jerold McBride will preach in the morning service with former minister of music Ron Etheredge leading the music and Lance and Lori Herrington bringing the special music. A luncheon (reservations required) and a historical drama will follow. Mark Bumpus is pastor.
- **Manchaca Church in Manchaca, 90th, Oct. 26**. The service will be held at 10:45 a.m., followed by a meal. Former pastors and staff will share their memories of their time at the church. For more information, call (512) 282-0875. Craig Taylor is pastor.
- **Hillister Church in Hillister, 100th, Oct. 31**. The church will hold

special events throughout the month, with a revival to be held the last week. The church also will celebrate Pastor Clark Mahoney's seven years of service Oct. 14.

## **Deaths**

- **Phil Elder**, 42, Sept. 8 in Nashville, Tenn. A native Texan and former Fort Worth resident, he was the son of Lloyd Elder, former president of the Sunday School Board and former executive vice president at Southwestern Seminary. He was in the landscape and outdoor services business. He was preceded in death by his sister, Janet Elder. He is survived by his son, Nick; parents, Lloyd and Sue; and sister, Donna Maas.
- **Zane Mason**, 89, Sept. 16 in Mabank. A professor of history emeritus at Hardin-Simmons University, he served the university from 1959 until his retirement in 1988 under five presidents. He was president of the faculty for two terms, a five-time nominee from Hardin-Simmons for the Piper Professor Award, Cullen Professor, the first Rupert N. Richardson Chair of American History at HSU, faculty member of the year in 1986 and former faculty member of the year in 1999. An ordained Baptist minister, he held pastorates in Florida, Tennessee and Texas. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bobbie.

## **Event**

- **Dellview Church in San Antonio** will hold a FUN (Families United in the Neighborhood) Day and picnic Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Games, sporting activities and food will be a part of the festivities. Phil Risley is pastor.

## **Licensed**

- **Thomas Barber** to the ministry at Prairie Hill Church in Prairie Hill.

## **Ordained**

- **Zack Ailshie** to the ministry at Glen Cove Church in Coleman.
- **Lillian Hinds** to the ministry at Meadow Oaks Church in Temple.
- **Debbie Barrett**, Jon Glover, Rosemary Hammond and Sara Ogle as deacons at Broadway Church in Fort Worth.
- **Herb Bullock and R.C. Karnes** as deacons at Center Point Church in Weatherford.

## **Revival**

- **First Church, Tulia**; Sept. 28-Oct. 4; evangelist, Craig Curry; music, Tim Thornton; pastor, James Hassell.