

Around the State: DBU plans childhood ministry summit

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• **Dallas Baptist University** will hold its second annual childhood ministry summit Aug. 15-16. Michael Lindsay, a noted sociologist, author and professor at Rice University, will be the keynote speaker. The two-day event, co-hosted by DBU and the Baptist General Convention of Texas, seeks to meet the training needs of directors and teachers of a wide variety of preschool and children's ministries. For more information, call (214) 828-5205.

Sixteen of the 150 children attending Vacation Bible School at First Church in Wake Village made professions of faith in Christ, and many more made new friends like Jaylene Boardley and Logan McLeod, pictured here. Linda Neathery, in submitting the picture, said, "To us, this represents the true meaning of what living for Christ is all about." The Wake Village church is situated in a transitional neighborhood and is seeking to minister to everyone in the community.

- **Robert and Kerri Hamilton** of Anna were among the 72 missionaries recently appointed by the International Mission Board. He has been pastor of Pin Oaks Christian Fellowship in Anna since 2002. He previously was associate student minister at First Church in Denton, youth pastor at Fairway Church in Wichita Falls, director of student ministries at Aldersgate Church in Lubbock, and pastor of First Church in Anna. They will serve as apprentice missionaries in South America. They have four children—Katherine, 7, Joseph, 6, Eliza-beth, 4 and Samuel, 2.

- **Several members of Howard Payne University's faculty and staff** have received service pins in recognition of their years of service. Art Allen, professor and assistant dean of Christian studies, and Rex Franks, assistant director of facilities and planning, were honored for 25 years with the university. Receiving awards for 15 years of service were Donnie Auvenshine, professor and dean, Christian studies; Eydie Henderson, administrative assistant, Christian studies; Charles Patillo, head men's basketball coach; Jesus Romero, professor, modern languages; and Joe Weatherby, Sandefer scholar-in-residence. Ten-year honorees were Ray Bertrand, Kim Bryant, Karen Dempsey, Kathy Hagood, Scott Owen, Diann Prickett and Julie Welker. Eight faculty and staff members were recognized for five years of service.

- **Donna Harrell-Lubcker** has been named dean of the School of Education at East Texas Baptist University. She has taught at the university since 1998.

Anniversaries

- **Mount Nebo Church, Victoria**, 100th, June 8. Fred Hobbs is pastor.

- **Bob Joyce**, fifth, as pastor of Shady Shores Church in Shady Shores, June 29. He also celebrated 20 years in ministry.

- **Tommy Stogner**, fifth, as pastor of Oakville Church in Oakville, July 1.

- **First Church in Belton**, 155th, July 27. A vignette about the church's burning in 1947 will be performed July 20. Historical panels from each church decade will be shown throughout the month and highlighted on the anniversary date. The anniversary will be celebrated in both the 9 a.m. and 10:25 a.m. services July 27 as well as after the 6 p.m. service. Copies of *The History of First Baptist, Belton*, by J.A. Reynolds will be on sale. An update on the church's last five years will be available for books previously purchased. A First Baptist historical plate will be provided with each book purchase. For more information, call (254) 939-3995. Andy Davis is pastor.

- **Shady Grove Church in Greenville**, 120th, Aug. 29-31. On Friday night, Michael Bridges will be in concert. Royce Litchfield will be guest speaker Saturday, and Psalms 100 will lead the music. Sunday morning, Gene Witt will preach, and Sunday night, Benny Chaffin will be the preacher. James Ralson is pastor.

Deaths

- **John Allen Sr.**, 92, June 23 in Grand Prairie. A Texas pastor, he served New Providence Church in Coppell, First Church in Bastrop, First Church in Hondo, Parkdale Church in Lubbock, and he was pastor of Indian Hills Church in Grand Prairie 24 years before his retirement in 1978. He was preceded in death by five brothers. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Charity; sons, John Jr. and Sam; sister, Fannie King, three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

- **Allen Stickney**, July 6 in Dallas. He and his wife, Alice, were International Mission Board missionaries in Kenya more than 30 years. He founded African Christian Outreach Discipleship Ministries as a way to support ongoing student ministry in Africa and businessmen's ministry in the United States. He also was pastor of two Georgia churches and was associate pastor in Arkansas and at Park Cities Church in Dallas. He was a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary. He is survived

by his wife; son, Thomas; daughter, Aprile Hyder; and five grandchildren.

Events

- **First Church in Belton** honored Margaret Scott and Susan Montgomery for 30 years of service as pianist and organist July 13.
- **Creekside Church in Richardson** will celebrate 43 years of service to the community at 11 a.m. July 27. As a part of its ministry, it is home to Creekside Vietnamese Church and plans to begin a preschool co-op. Stephen Bryan is pastor.

Ordained

- **John Cox** as a deacon at Bethel Church in Eastland.

Revivals

- **Elm Grove Church, Fayette County;** July 27-29; evangelist, Eric Vaughan; music, The Believers; pastor, William Hunnicutt.
- **Grace Fellowship, Sulphur Springs;** July 27-30; evangelist, Billy Foote; music, Winky Foote; pastor, Jim Moore.
- **Mount Calvary Church, Marysee;** July 27-30; evangelist, Paul Cherry; music, The Cherry Family; pastor, Carlton Bailey.