

Around the State

October 5, 2011

• **Baylor University's** [Truett Seminary](#) will hold its annual Parchman lectures Oct. 11-13. Scot McKnight, professor of religious studies at North Park University in Chicago, will be the featured speaker. Monday's 9:30 a.m. lecture will focus on "American Evangelicalism and the Pastor," while the 7:30 p.m. talk will center on "Universalism and the Pastor." Tuesday's 9:30 a.m. lecture will be on "The Gospel and the Pastor," and Wednesday morning's talk will be on "The Atonement and the Pastor." All events are free and open to the public.

Hardin-Simmons University President Lanny Hall served pizza and brownies to Nicole Fowler and other freshmen students at an event held in the backyard of the president's home. About 125 students were invited to the meals so they could give their first impressions of the Abilene campus to Hall and other administrators.

Students offered their opinions on facilities, registration, the financial aid process and other topics. As a result of last year's dinners, the exercise center was expanded and remodeled, the cafeteria was remodeled and a snack area was created. Operating hours also were lengthened in the student center and library.

• [The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor](#) Christian Studies Forum will be

held at noon Oct. 13 in the Shelton Theater of the Mabee Student Center. David Morgan, pastor of Trinity Church in Harker Heights, will speak on "Wrestling with a Just Response to National Debt and Taxes." The event is free and open to the public.

- [East Texas Baptist University](#) will hold a Christian writers conference Oct. 28-29. The conference will feature more than 15 presenters with sessions de-signed to help beginning writers, as well as those who are more experienced. The cost of attending the conference on Oct. 29 is \$80 if registered before Oct. 21. Conference activities begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, ending at 4:30 p.m. If a participant registers after Oct. 21, the fee is \$90 and does not include the noon meal. The preconference sessions, held on Friday beginning at 3 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m., cost an additional \$35 if registered by Oct. 21. The late registration fee for the preconference sessions is \$40. Registration fees cover workshops and materials. Call (903) 923-2083 to register or for more information. A schedule for both days is also posted on the ETBU website.

- **A fun walk and 5K run** will be held Oct. 29 to benefit the Diabetes Health and Wellness Institute of Dallas, an affiliate of the [Baylor Health Care System](#) and Baylor University Medical Center. For more information on the run, go to dhwidallas.com.

- **Ben Delgado** has been named executive vice president/ chief operating officer of Baptist Child & Family Services.

- **Gary Manning**, professor of religion and religious education at Wayland Baptist University, was awarded the Lewis M. Newman Award for his "outstanding contributions in the field of supervised ministry" by the Association of Ministry Guidance Professionals.

- **Kalie Lowrie** has been named director of news and information at Dallas Baptist University. She previously was director of media relations at

Howard Payne University.

Anniversaries

- **First Church in Hallettsville**, 160th, Aug. 28. Terry Horton is pastor.
- **Center Grove Church in Saltillo**, 125th, Sept. 18.
- **Ben Condray**, 15th, as minister of families/counseling at First Church in Midlothian, Oct. 1.
- **Mark Kemp**, 20th, as pastor of First Church in Copperas Cove, Oct. 2.
- **Ronnie Freeman**, 10th, as pastor of First Church in Trent, Oct. 9.
- **Antioch Church in Tyler**, 160th, Oct. 9. Craig Little is pastor.
- **Black Oak Church in Como**, 155th, Oct. 9. Lyndon Petty is pastor.
- **First Mexican Church in Belton**, 75th, Oct. 30. An anniversary service will be held at 2 p.m. Eliseo Arriaga is pastor.
- **Scott Adams**, 10th, as minister of education at Hillcrest Church in Bryan.
- **Chris Briggs**, 10th, as minister to students at Hillcrest Church in Bryan.
- **Brian Crump**, 10th, as minister of missions and assimilation at First Church in Bryan.
- **First Church in Big Spring**, 125th, Nov. 13. A special anniversary worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m. followed by a meal. For more information, call (432) 267-8223. Mark Lindsey is pastor.
- **South Garland Church in Garland**, 40th, Nov. 20. Events begin with a continental breakfast at 8:15 a.m. followed by a combined Bible study for

all youth and adults and a 10:15 a.m. worship service. A meal and concert with the Isaacs will be held at 6 p.m. at the Hyatt Hotel on the Bush Freeway at North Garland Avenue. Tickets for the dinner and concert are \$25 for individuals age 12 and older. Childcare will be available by reservation only. Call (972) 271-5428 for more information. Larry Davis is pastor.

- **Tarrant Association**, 125th, Nov. 20. The celebration will be held at Great Commission Church, 7700 McCart Avenue in Fort Worth. Showcases of numerous ministries in Tarrant Association will be featured from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., as well as exhibits from some of the 40 churches in the association that are more than 100 years old. The anniversary celebration and annual meeting will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will feature Bethlehem Church's male choir, video testimonies and scenes from Faith in Action weekends. David Bowman is executive director.

Deaths

- **A.M. Mackey Jr.**, 87, Sept. 5 in Abilene. In ministry 62 years, he was chaplain at the Middleton Unit in Abilene, and for the last four years, he was pastor of Holiday Hills Church in Abilene. He was one of the last two senior statesmen of the Progressive West Texas Baptist Association. He was preceded in death by his wife, Geraldine; son, Nathan; brothers, Oza and Louis; and sister, Leola Johnson. He is survived by his son, James; sister, Lovie Simpson; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

- **Arla Ray Tyson**, 89, Sept. 7 in Dallas. She was the widow of Arthur Tyson, former president of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and Grand Canyon College in Arizona. She retired as a schoolteacher in 1986. She was a member of First Church in Dallas 31 years, and for the last seven years had been a member of First Church in Lancaster. A soprano soloist, she traveled the world singing. She is survived by her son, Morris; grandson, Morris II, and great-granddaughter, Jacque-line Tyson.

- **Ralph Jackson**, 70, Sept. 16 in Lubbock. He was pastor of Mount Zion Church in Lubbock. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; daughters, Makeba Jackson, Veltina Hicks, Beverly Williams, Carmen Beck, Sylvia Coleman and Triss Jesse; sons, Roland Jackson, Jerry Coleman, and Deonte and Triston Edwards; mother, Emma Jackson; brother, Kenneth; sisters, Gwendolyn Rolin, Barbara Jackson, Phyllis Jackson, Sheila Windham and Pamela Greenwood.

- **Virginia Seelig**, 88, Sept. 20 in Fort Worth. A graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, she joined the Southwestern Sem-inary music faculty in 1958, where she taught 27 years before retiring. As a singer, her appearances included roles with the Dallas Opera, Casa Manana and as soloist for the Messiah presented for King Hussein and the queen of Jordan. She and her longtime singing partner, Joe Ann Shelton, appeared throughout the United States, as well as with Billy Graham crusades in the United States and England. The seminary presented her with the Distinguished Service Award in 1988. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, John Earl; sons, Stephen and Timothy; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

- **Harry Jeanes**, Sept. 22 in Waco. A 1934 Baylor University graduate, he served on the school's board of trustees 18 years, and as regent emeritus since 1990. In 1999, he and his wife, Anna, were awarded the Founders Medallion, the university's award reserved for men and women whose service and contributions have been unusually significant to the life and future of the university. In 2006, Jeanes received an honorary doctor of humane letters from the university acknowledging his lifelong service. He also was recognized as a recipient of the W.R. White Meritorious Service Award and as a 1999 distinguished alumnus. The Jeanes family established an endowment for the academic honors week program and made provision for the Harry and Anna Jeanes Discovery Center, the centerpiece of the Mayborn Museum complex, which benefits both children and adults in the

Waco community. After his wife's death in 2007, Jeanes established endowed scholarship funds in athletics, music and business in her memory. They were recognized in the Judge R.E.B. Baylor Society at the bronze level of the Medallion Fellowship for their generosity, received the Herbert H. Reynolds Award, were inducted into the Diamond Circle of the Endowed Scholarship Society and also were members of Old Main Society and 1845 Society. He was a longtime member of Columbus Avenue Church in Waco.

- **Harold Sellers**, 74, Sept. 23 in Huntsville, Ala. A minister more than 50 years, many spent as a pastor in Texas and Alabama, he was director of missions for Madison Association in Alabama. Previously, he had been director of missions for Coastal Plains Baptist Area in Rosenberg from 1987 to 2004. He had served as chaplain to the police departments in Rosenberg and Huntsville, Ala. He was preceded in death by his brother, Larry. He is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Margaret; daughter, Londa Hladky; son, Daryl; brothers, Kenneth and Ferrell; sister, Ernestine Dismuke; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

- **Jewette McLaughlin**, 91, Sept. 24 in Fort Worth. She was baptized at age 6 in the Concho River. A 1941 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, she was a lifelong supporter of missions. Her husband, Charlie, was director of state missions for the Baptist General Convention of Texas more than 25 years. Most of her life, she was a member of First Church in Dallas. She was preceded in death by her husband and oldest son, Manse. She is survived by her daughter, Sheila Sims; son, Charles; sister, Mary Jim Currie; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

- **Beth James**, 37, Sept. 24 in Houston. She died as a result of pancreatic cancer. At the time of her death, she was children's and families pastor at First Church in Kaufman. She previously served at First Church in Gainesville. She is survived by her husband, David; son, Brian; daughter, Emily; mother, Becky LaFlamme; father and stepmother, Richard and Alice LaFlamme; sisters, Lee Ann Pool and Melissa Pulte; stepsisters, Anita

Threadgill and Rhonda Tiedt; and stepbrothers, Stanley and Brad Lambert.

- **Boyd O'Neal**, 86, Sept. 24 in McKinney. A graduate of Howard Payne University and South-western Seminary, he was ordained to the ministry by Coggin Avenue Church in Brownwood in 1944. He was pastor of Silver Valley Church in Coleman County while attending college and Calvary Church in Stephenville while in seminary. He and his wife, Irma, were appointed missionaries to Brazil by the Foreign Mission?Board in 1949, where they served until 1988. At that time, they moved to Richmond, Va., where he became coordinator of Volunteers-in-Missions. He retired in 1996, and moved to McKinney, and he continued to serve through First Church there. He was preceded in death by seven brothers, five sisters and a great-grandson. He is survived by his wife of 66 years; daughters, Melba Hogue, Betty Brown and Becky Gore; son, James; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Ordained

- **Mike Ford** as a deacon at South Garland Church in Garland.
- **Billy Powers, John Brunson** and **Ron Lue-Tan** as deacons at The Church at Friendship in Hockley.

Revival

- **Meeker Church, Beaumont**; Oct. 23-26; evangelist, Lennie Wilson; pastor, Ralph Thompson.