

# Around the State

September 13, 2012

- [Buckner Children & Family Services](#) will present a free foster care and adoption information meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Buckner Children's Home campus. A representative will give an overview of foster care and adoption options in Texas, including foster-to-adopt, Waiting Texas Children and domestic infant adoption programs. International adoption options, through Buckner's affiliate, Dillon International, also will be discussed. For information or a reservation to attend the meeting, call (214) 319-3425.

Montrose Street Reach, a ministry in the Montrose area of Houston, seeks to minister to teens living on the street as well as older homeless adults. It is a network of about 20 churches in the Houston area that provide snacks, the main meal, a children's meal and desserts. On months with five Wednesdays, women from White Oak Church in Houston prepare homemade cakes, brownies and other sweets. Participants include (left to right) Phyllis Bennett, Robbie Mouton, Betty Reo, Julie Dillion, Pat Aden and Mona Cabler.

(Photo by Troy Burleigh)

- [Houston Baptist University](#) will host an opening reception in the recently completed first phase of the HBU Fine Arts Museum Sept. 27 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Six masterworks currently are installed in the museum, including "Saint John the Baptist in the Wilderness" by Anthony Van Dyck and "The Marriage at Cana" by Marten Pepyn. Following the opening, the museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for free tours.

For more information, call (281) 649-3610.

- **"Legacy Building,"** a one-day retreat for men and boys, will be held Sept. 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at [Miracle Farm in Brenham](#). The retreat, hosted by Independence Church in Bren-ham, will deal with the biblical basis of manhood. Participants will learn to apply the principles of being God's man to three areas of their lives—home, church and work. The \$10 registration fee includes refreshments and lunch. To register or for more information, call (979) 530-6906.
- **The second annual** CiCi's Pizza Barefoot Run, benefiting [Buckner Shoes for Orphan Souls](#), will be held at 8 a.m. Oct. 6 at Andy Brown Park East in Coppell. The 5K and 1-mile fun run is open to children and adults, and shoes are considered "optional," said Kendra Lovelady, event manager. "Barefoot running has become a popular trend, but it's something the kids we serve around the world face every day," she said. "They run barefoot because they have to, not by choice. Our goal for the second annual Barefoot Run is to raise awareness for the need for shoes and have a great time while doing it." Prizes and medals will be awarded to the winners who run the race barefoot or with shoes. Special games and activities, including a bounce house, also will be offered. All proceeds from the race will benefit children who need shoes around the world. To sign up for the race, visit [www.bucknerevents.com](http://www.bucknerevents.com).
- **Recording artist Francesca Battistelli** will perform during [East Texas Baptist University's](#) Founders Day celebration to commemorate the university's centennial. The Oct. 22 concert will begin at 7 p.m. in Baker Auditorium in the Ornelas Spiritual Life Center and also feature the group Sidewalk Prophet. General admission tickets are \$10 and are on sale online at [www.etbu.edu](http://www.etbu.edu).
- [East Texas Baptist University](#) has received the original minutes of Karnack Church in Karnack, established in 1843. The minutes will be

archived in the university's Mamye Jarrett Library. The ledger contains the church business minutes from 1843 to 1903. The Texas Baptist Historical Collection of the Baptist General Convention of Texas also has digitized the files and provided an electronic copy to ETBU. The documents will be housed in a climate-controlled vault.

- [Howard Payne University](#) has added two faculty members. David Harmon is a professor of art and chair of the art department, and Shane Kendell is an assistant professor of chemistry.
- **Paul Kamunge**, principal of Moffat Bible College in Kijabe, Kenya, spoke at [Wayland Baptist University's](#) weekly chapel service. The two schools entered into a partnership this summer. Moffat has been training Kenyans for ministry since 1929, but only now will offer bachelor degrees.
- **Sam Hill**, fifth, as pastor of North Bryan New Birth Church in Bryan.
- **Mount Pleasant Church in Comanche**, 100th, Oct. 14. Dan Connally is pastor.
- **Larry Vowell**, as director of church strengthening for Collin Association. He served the association 10 years. He previously was minister of education at Northway Church in Dallas, Mobberly Church in Longview, Columbus Avenue Church in Waco and First Church in Grapevine. He now will work part-time as a congregational strategist for the Fort Worth/Wichita Falls area for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.
- **Laura Harris**, 81, Sept. 1 in Lawton, Okla. A graduate of Wayland Baptist University, she was retired from teaching children with learning disabilities at Dean School in Fort Worth. She was an active church member throughout her life at Handley and University churches in Fort Worth, First churches in Plain-view and Belton, and at First Church in Lawton, Okla., at the time of her death. She was involved with Woman's Mission-ary Union. She was WMU director at numerous churches, was

promotional vice president for Texas WMU and state equipper for associational WMU leadership, and served as the associational WMU director and conference leader. She and her husband were Mission Service Corps volunteers at Highland Lakes Encampment, and they traveled to Japan, Brazil, Korea and the Bahamas on numerous international mission trips. She also helped her husband with his work with international students at Wayland Baptist University and the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. She is survived by her husband, Reed; daughter, Cindy Aday; brother, Merritt Brooks; and two grandsons.

- **Claude Hicks**, 80, Sept. 1 in Abilene. Hicks, a Hardin-Simmons University graduate, served in the U.S. Army. After leaving the military, he returned to HSU and served as a dorm director. He later served as director of placement, director of veterans' affairs, director of financial aid and director of Moody Center. In 1966, he became associate administrator of Hendrick Home for Children. In 1972, he was named the home's president and continued in that position until his retirement in 1995. He also served on the HSU board of trustees, board of development and alumni board. He was the recipient of the university's distinguished alumni award in 1979, and in 2000, he received an honorary doctorate. He also served as director of Abilene Baptist Social Ministries. He was a longtime member of First Church in Abilene, where he was a deacon. He was preceded in death by his sister, Marie Stockard. He is survived by his wife, Jenny; and sisters, Alice Scarborough and Louise Street.
- **Roy Fish**, 82, Sept. 10 in Fort Worth. Fish, distinguished professor emeritus of evangelism at Southwestern Seminary, served the seminary almost 50 years and once occupied the L.R. Scarborough Chair of Evangelism there. His name often was said to be synonymous with evangelism throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. For many years, Fish organized the annual spring break revival practicum (now called Revive This Nation), as the seminary sent out hundreds of student

preachers across the country to lead revivals in local churches. He held several prominent denominational positions, including interim president of the North American Mission Board and second vice president of the SBC. He was pastor or interim pastor of more than 20 churches, and he spoke and preached at conventions, conferences and churches in every continent except Antarctica. He wrote several books and numerous articles and essays on evangelism. He also received the Charles G. Finney Award for Evangelism in Theological Education and an honorary doctorate from Southwest Baptist University. In 2005, Southwestern Seminary created the Roy Fish School of Evangelism and Missions, and Oct. 10, 2007, was designated Roy Fish Day by the seminary. He is survived by his wife, Jean; sons, Steve and Jeff; daughters, Holli Lancaster and Jennifer Pastoor; and 15 grandchildren.

- **Cottonwood Church in Dublin** will host a Texas Baptist Men Yellow Cap Training Event Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. until noon. This is for first-time yellow cap volunteers and meets the qualifications for recertification.
- **Hillcrest Church, Bryan**; Sept. 23-26; evangelist, Jon Randles; music, Dan Stephens; pastor, Craig Yates.