

Around the State

November 11, 2009

- [Howard Payne University](#) will host the 26th annual Community Thanksgiving Feast from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. Nov. 25. Last year, more than 100 volunteers served meals on the campus or delivered meals to people who could not come to the campus. In 2008, more than 600 people came to the campus to have their Thanksgiving meal, and 1,267 meals were delivered. The meal is paid for through donations. The university's food service staff prepares the meal.

Adamsville Church in Lampasas broke its new sanctuary in right as Pastor Kelly Wolverton baptized several people. The former sanctuary is being remodeled as a chapel and youth department education space.

- **Baylor University's board of regents** has approved \$10 million to support the initial renovation phase of the [Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative](#), the first project of the newly created Central Texas Research and Technology Park. The collaborative will be housed in the former General Tire facility donated to the university by Waco business leader Clifton Robinson to make the park a reality. In addition to Baylor's commitment, the Texas Legislature appropriated \$10 million to Texas State Technical College for "capital expenditures and renovations for collaborative research projects" in partnership with Baylor. The facility will provide graduate research space for Baylor's School of Engineering and

Computer Science and for select Baylor interdisciplinary research centers and institutes. In addition, it will provide space for anchor industry partners, advanced technology training and workforce development.

- **For the fifth consecutive year, Bill Pinson**, executive director emeritus of the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, delivered a fall lecture series at [Dallas Baptist University](#) on the particular distinctives and history that have helped shaped Baptist faith.

- [Hardin-Simmons University](#) has added several new faculty members including Larry Baker, professor of pastoral ministry and director of the doctor of ministry program; Cyndee Castel, instructor of nursing; Andrea Cheek, instructor of nursing; Rob Fink, assistant professor of education; Jason King, assistant professor of English and director of basic writing; and Thomas Weir, associate professor of economics.

Anniversary

- **Bill Shockley**, 20th, as pastor of Oak Ridge Church in San Antonio, Dec. 3.

Death

- **Carolyn Chastain**, 76, Nov. 1 in Longview. She was a high school educator whose career spanned 22 years. She also served alongside her husband at his pastorates in Louisiana, First Church in Krum, First Church in Edinburg and Morgan Avenue Church in Corpus Christi. She also supported his ministry as director of missions for Gulf Coast Association, where he served 17 years. She served the various churches in many ways, including Sunday school teacher and superintendent, Vacation Bible School director and Woman's Missionary Union director. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Jack; son, Jay; daughter, Kay Thiele; brother, Bill Ferguson; and five grandchildren.

Event

- **Columbus Avenue Church in Waco** will present the “Waco Christmas Celebration” for the 10th year Dec. 12 and 13 at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. each day. The cast will feature more than 200 people, including a 100-voice choir. Both secular and sacred music will be presented, with elaborate costuming, choreography, special lighting effects and drama. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$10 for premium seating. For more information, call (254) 752-1655, ext. 212.

Ordained

- **Lance Finley** as a deacon at Live Oak Church in Gatesville.