

Texas Tidbits

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Tyler church surpasses adoption/foster care goal. [Green Acres Baptist Church](#) in Tyler exceeded its goal of finding “forever families” for at least 100 orphans through adoption and foster care. The number of families enlisted was “103 and counting” before the end of August, said Kevin Burdette, minister of adult impact at Green Acres Baptist. The church launched its Hope for 100 campaign Jan. 4, hoping not only to raise awareness of the plight of orphans, but also to serve as a model for other churches to create similar adoption campaigns. “The love of these families will be felt for generations,” Pastor David Dykes said.

Retreat slated at Glorieta for retirees. The 12th annual retreat for retired ministers, missionaries and church staff will be held Sept. 27 to Oct. 1 at [Glorieta Conference Center](#) near Santa Fe, N.M. D.L. Lowrie, retired pastor of First Baptist Church in Lubbock and denominational leader, will preach; Mack Roark, retired Bible professor from Oklahoma Baptist University, will lead Bible studies; and veteran minister of music Don Blackley, organist Bill Hanson, pianist Allan Cox and the Singing Men of East Texas will lead worship. Eleven conferences will include “How to Travel on a Shoestring,” “Making the Most of Your Digital Camera,” “Hey, I Want to be a Volunteer” and “Getting My Retirement Back on Track.” For reservations, call (800) 797-4222.

Memorials Committee seeks names. Each year, the [Baptist General Convention of Texas](#) recognizes by name at its annual meeting Texas Baptists who have died during the preceding year. The BGCT Memorials Committee requests the names of individuals who died in the last year and whose lives made a contribution to their churches, communities and state. To provide information, call (214) 828-5348 or e-mail debbie.moody@texasbaptists.org before Oct. 15.

Clarifications. The article [“Summer feeding programs for children enable churches to meet needs of entire families”](#) that appeared in the Aug. 30 issue reported Southland Baptist Church fed 450 people a day. Pastor Taylor Sandlin noted: “Southland Baptist Church did not feed 450 children a day on our own. This was a communitywide ecumenical effort with dozens of churches involved at eight different feeding sites, only one of which was primarily manned by Southland members. ... I’m certainly proud of the dozens of Southland members who helped with daily feedings at our site. But I’m equally proud of the larger Christian community without whom this would not have happened.” In the same issue, the news brief “U.S. News Honors Texas Baptist Schools” should have stated five Texas Baptist universities were ranked in the Top Tier of the “West Region - Master’s” category of the U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges for 2011. The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor ranked No. 30, Hardin-Simmons University ranked No. 32, Houston Baptist University ranked No. 50, Dallas Baptist University ranked No. 51 and Wayland Baptist University ranked No. 62.