

Texas Tidbits

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ETBU awarded foundation grant. The Butterfield Memorial Foundation awarded a \$50,000 grant to [East Texas Baptist University](#). The grant from the Christian charitable foundation serving community health needs will fund scholarships for upper-level nursing students in the Frank S. Groner Endowed Memorial School of Professional Studies. ETBU nursing students who demonstrate a strong commitment to the Christian faith and see nursing as a means to use their gifts and skills as a ministry are eligible for Butterfield Memorial Foundation scholarships.

Tillman to direct theological education. The Baptist General Convention of Texas has tapped Bill Tillman, T.B. Maston Professor of Christian Ethics at [Logsdon Seminary](#), to lead its theological education efforts. Tillman began on a part-time basis Aug. 16 while he completes his fall teaching schedule at Logsdon. He will begin serving as full-time director of theological education Jan. 1. Tillman has been the T.B. Maston Professor of Christian Ethics since 2000. He taught at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary from 1981 to 1997, first as an assistant professor and later as an associate professor. A longtime Texas Baptist leader on education and ethics, Tillman has served on numerous BGCT boards, including the Christian Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Southeastern State College, now Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He earned his doctorate from Southwestern Seminary.

Historical Society event slated for Amarillo. The [Texas Baptist Historical Society](#) will hold its annual fall meeting at 11 a.m. Oct. 24 in the Heritage Ballroom A1 of the Amarillo Civic Center. The luncheon meeting will include the election of officers, recognition of the history award winners, and a presentation on Mary Hill Davis by Jennifer Hawks, a

student at Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary. The cost of the luncheon is \$10 payable at the door. For reservations, contact Autumn Hendon at the Texas Baptist Historical Collection, autumn.hendon@texasabaptists.org, (972) 331-2235. Deadline for reservations is Oct. 17, and seating is limited.

Baylor core curriculum makes "A" list. [Baylor University](#) was one of only 19 institutions nationwide to earn an "A" for its core curriculum, according to a report on the state of general education at the nation's colleges and universities from the American Council of Trustees and Alumni. No other Big 12 university and only three other Texas institutions made the "A" list. The study—posted at www.WhatWillTheyLearn.com—looked at curriculum offerings at 1,007 major public and private colleges and universities in all 50 states. Institutions are assigned a letter grade ranging from "A" to "F" based on how many of seven core subjects they require— composition, U.S. government or history, economics, literature, math, science and foreign language at an intermediate level.