

# In Touch: Prayer, offering, anniversaries, HSU, DBU, conclave, annual meeting

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Hello, Texas Baptists! [The Week of Prayer for Texas Missions and the Mary Hill Davis Offering](#) is this week, Sept. 11-18. With a statewide goal of \$4 million, the offering will go to support missions endeavors around Texas through strategic ministry partnerships. I'm asking each church to double its gift to the [Mary Hill Davis Offering](#) this year. The work of the offering sends and supports our state-wide missionaries. Through our partnership, we can reach Texas with the life-saving gospel of Jesus Christ.



David Hardage Congratulations to these churches celebrating anniversaries this month: First Baptist Church in Conroe, 125 years; First Baptist Church in Gatesville, 160 years; Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church in Dallas, 60 years; and Garden Oaks Baptist Church in Houston, 75 years. Let us know if your church is celebrating an anniversary.

Congratulations to [Eric Bruntmyer](#), who was invested as the 16th president of Hardin-Simmons University. I enjoyed participating in the ceremony that took place during the university's quasiquicentennial anniversary, celebrating 125 years. It was a historic day marked by prayer, joy and

excitement for the future.

And congratulations to [Adam Wright](#), who was inaugurated as the sixth president of Dallas Baptist University. He previously served as vice president and dean of DBU's Cook School of Leadership, where he provided academic leadership and taught at both the undergraduate and graduate level. Thanks so much for allowing me the honor of participating in the service.

[Youth Ministry Conclave](#) is coming soon. This is a great time of training conferences and worship experiences for adults who oversee and serve in the youth ministry in their churches. Conferences include training in youth Bible study leadership, youth evangelism and youth ministry administration. Conclave 2016 will take place Oct. 10-12 in Arlington.

I hope you are planning to attend the [2016 Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting](#) at the Waco Convention Center Nov. 13-15. We will have exciting and informative workshops and inspiring [worship speakers](#) like Cleophus LaRue and Lee Strobel.

Your participation is vital as we make decisions that will impact our Texas Baptist family and ministry. Beginning now, you can pre-register online and print your messenger cards. The process is easy. If you need assistance, you can call us at (888) 244-9400. [Click here](#) to get started.

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