

HIGHLIGHTS

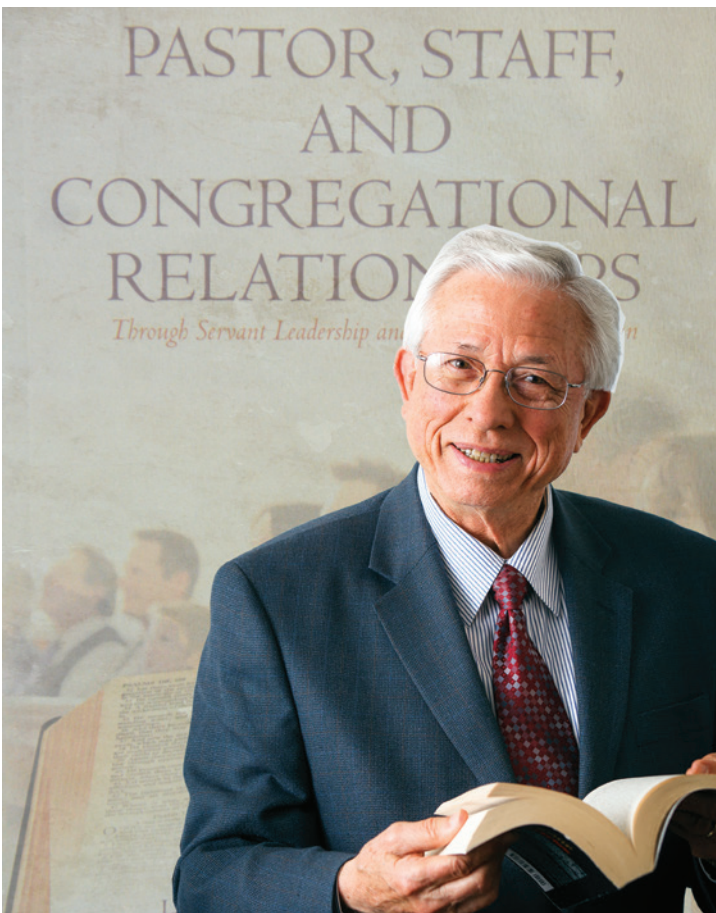
W.A.B. **B**luebonnet LUNCHEON



Members of the DBU Women's Auxiliary Board gathered together in the Great Hall of the Mahler Student Center to celebrate the annual Bluebonnet Luncheon, which was held on April 2.

Laura Leppert, who currently serves on the DBU board of trustees, was the chair of the luncheon committee, while Judy Abercrombie, Sandy Blair, Carletta Guillory, Carol Hinds, Ann Kelley, Phyllis Tresnick, Debbie Tribble, and Betty Ann Whitson served as committee members.

During the luncheon, tribute was also paid to Dr. and Mrs. Gary Cook on the 26th anniversary of their coming to DBU to serve. In honor of their service, the WAB presented to DBU a check for \$2,600 in Dr. Cook's honor for the Gary Cook Chair of Prayer Fund. Mrs. Cook is pictured (right) along with luncheon chair Laura Leppert (center), and Janet Denison, who is the current president of the Women's Auxiliary Board.



Bernie Spooner: Editor and Author of *Pastor, Staff, and Congregational Relationships*

Dallas Baptist University's Dr. Bernie Spooner, professor of Christian education in the Graduate School of Ministry, recently served as general editor and author of *Pastor, Staff, and Congregational Relationships: Through Servant Leadership and Quality Administration*.

This book addresses the need for a fresh comprehensive approach to building relationships among pastors, church staff leaders, and church members by using a combination of servant leadership and good administrative skills. As general editor, Dr. Spooner recruited a team of experienced pastors, staff leaders, and laypeople to assist in the compilation of this work.

Dr. Spooner arrived at DBU in 2003 to serve as the inaugural dean of the Gary Cook School of Leadership. Prior to that, he served as head of the Bible Study and Discipleship Division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He has fifteen years of experience in local church ministry and more than three decades of experience as a seminary and university professor.

Dr. Spooner and his wife, Pat, are members of Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving. They have two daughters, Joan and Jane, and four grandchildren.



STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR: JULIE CARLISLE

Julie Carlisle, director of payroll, was named the 2014 Staff Member of the Year at Dallas Baptist University.

Carlisle joined the DBU staff in 1991 as director of payroll. She also serves as an adjunct instructor, as staff sponsor of the Japanese Student Society, and was a previous executive committee member for the Women's Auxiliary Board. Carlisle was also honored by DBU athlete Dan Kingsley at the 2006 Breakfast of Champions. In addition, she was inducted into Delta Mu Delta in 1996 and Phi Beta Delta in 2009.

Carlisle holds a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Arts in Professional Development, both of which were completed at DBU.

She and her husband, Marvin, have two children: Bronson and Alex; and one granddaughter, Arebelle. The Carlises are active members of The Oaks Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, where Julie teaches a Sunday morning Bible study for a multi-generational group of ladies.



DBU PAYS SPECIAL HONOR TO DR. JOE MOSLEY

DBU recently honored Dr. Joe Mosley for his many years of service as the director of ministry students. Dr. Mosley arrived at DBU in 2003 to oversee DBU's scholarship program for ministerial students, as well as to serve as a mentor for DBU students who have expressed a call to serve in vocational ministry. Currently, some 850 students, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, participate in this program. Dr. Mosley will continue to provide leadership in the area as Jeremy Johnston takes over full time as director of ministry students.

Dr. Mosley joined DBU after his retirement from the Dallas Baptist Association, where he served for 18 years. Prior to his work at the DBA, he was a pastor for 30 years in Texas and Oklahoma. Dr. Mosley and his wife, Eileen, have two grown children and six grandchildren.

Dr. Mosley is pictured above (center) along with Dr. Gary Cook, DBU president (left), and Dr. Bob Brooks, dean of the DBU Graduate School of Ministry.



Dallas Baptist University was recently recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a 2013 Tree Campus USA university. To obtain this distinction, Robert Erickson, DBU director of landscaping and special projects, oversaw the work to ensure that the University met five core standards for effective campus forest management: a tree advisory committee, a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, and an Arbor Day observance and student service-learning project.

Tree Campus USA is a national program launched in 2008 by the Arbor Day Foundation and Toyota. Their purpose is to engage leaders of universities and colleges to promote healthy trees and engage students and staff in the spirit of conservation.

"We understand the calling we have to teach our students about making a lifelong commitment to being wise and responsible stewards of the rich resources and beautiful planet God has entrusted to us," explained Dr. Blair Blackburn, DBU executive vice president.

DBU has been recognized as a Tree Campus USA university since 2010. Since Dr. Gary Cook's tenure as President of Dallas Baptist University beginning in 1988, over 2,200 trees have been planted on the DBU campus. DBU is among only nine colleges in Texas to achieve this award for a commitment to promote urban reforestation and engage the campus community in environmental stewardship.

