

# DBU REPORT

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## Jack Graham Receives Tom Landry Leadership Award

*Landry Award Recipient and Pastor of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano Dr. Jack Graham (left), along with Landry Dinner Honorary Co-Chairs (from left to right) Alicia Landry, Dr. Kenneth Cooper, and Millie Cooper.*



*Dr. Jack Graham and his wife, Deb*

## 2008 TOM LANDRY AWARD DINNER

### *honorary co-chairs*

Alicia Landry • Kenneth Cooper • Millie Cooper

### *chair*

Ron Harris

### *dinner committee*

Michael D. Arnold	Jon Lineberger
George Billingsley	Cheryl Murff
Bobby Bressman	Blair Robinson
Gary Cook	George Shafer
John Ford	Wayne Stevenson
Michael Griffin	Larry Taylor
Ray Huffines	Fred Villa
Amy Jones	Jon Wilson
Roy Lamkin	Adam Wright

### *advisory committee*

Jay Allison	David McKinley
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Joel Allison	Ron Murff
Rick Ballard	Ken Pardue
Blair Blackburn	Linda Pardue
Mike Buster	Ken Paxton
Jerry Carlisle	David Prince
Dean Castillo	Nanci Prince
Steve Farrar	Marc Rylander
Mike Fechner	Kris Segrest
Sam Johnson	Keith Self
Charles Loper	Ron Skaggs
Brian McCall	

## 2nd Annual

# TOM LANDRY LEADERSHIP AWARD DINNER HONORS JACK GRAHAM

Dallas Baptist University hosted the second annual Tom Landry Leadership Award Dinner on Monday evening, March 18. The gala event, with over 500 in attendance, recognized the lasting legacy of one of Dallas' most famous citizens, Tom Landry, as it named Dr. Jack Graham as the recipient of the Tom Landry Leadership Award.

As the coach of the acclaimed Dallas Cowboys for 29 years, Tom Landry and "America's Team" became the stuff of which legends are made. Their success came because of character and a commitment to excellence. In Landry's mind, the

credit for all this success came from his faith, management strategies, and leadership style.

Tom Landry's life epitomized the

most exceptional leadership and character qualities DBU strives to instill in its students every day. His faith in God, devotion to family, and dedication to integrity and service to others make Landry a real role model.

For this reason, the Tom Landry Leadership Award Dinner was inaugurated to ensure that Landry's legacy would live on and serve as an example to DBU students and to others in Collin County. The Landry Leadership Award is given to those individuals who use their God-given talents and abilities to excel in their chosen field of work, who provide



*Ron Harris, chair of the Tom Landry Leadership Award Dinner and DBU assistant professor of communication, served as the master of ceremonies for the evening.*

and exhibit exceptional leadership, who are committed to serving others in their community, and who demonstrate integrity in their personal lives. In addition, the proceeds raised from the dinner go to provide scholarships for DBU students in Collin County.

This year Alicia Landry, Dr. Kenneth Cooper, and Millie Cooper served as the honorary co-chairs of the event, and Ron Harris served as the dinner chairperson. During the dinner, DBU alumna and nationally known speaker and ventriloquist Amy Jones provided entertainment with her friend, Rusty. In addition, DBU President Dr. Gary Cook gave a special welcome from the University and took the occasion to personally thank so many who had prayed for his recovery from leukemia.

Landry Leadership Award Recipient Jack Graham serves as senior pastor of Prestonwood Baptist Church, one of the nation's largest, most dynamic congregations.

With more than 28,000 members, Prestonwood continues to grow with

four weekend worship services, a mid-week service, Bible Fellowship classes and multiple outreach and community ministries that reach thousands. Nearly two years ago, the church opened

He is a noted author of numerous books, including *You Can Make a Difference*, *Lessons from the Heart*, *A Hope and a Future*, *Life According to Jesus*, and *Courageous Parenting*, co-authored by wife, Deb, and based on their experiences as parents. His most recent book, *Are You Fit for Life?*, was released in January 2008.

Graham's ministry is also heard and seen across the country and the world on PowerPoint Ministries. Through broadcasts, online sermons, and e-mail messages, he addresses relevant, everyday issues that are prevalent in our culture and that

strike a chord with audiences worldwide.

Dr. Graham was ordained to the ministry in 1970 and has received both a Master of Divinity degree and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He and Deb live in Frisco. They have three children, Jason (married to Toby), Kelly, and Joshua (married to Kaytie), and one grandson, Ian James Graham.



Members of the DBU Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Steve Holcomb, performed a special medley of patriot songs for the evening, ending with a stirring rendition of the song, "Here I Am Lord," which describes a willingness to serve the Lord through whatever avenue He may call.

a second location—Prestonwood North—in a burgeoning area 20 miles north of Plano. Prestonwood North currently meets in a high school while construction continues on a new facility in Prosper.

Dr. Graham has served two terms as president of the Southern Baptist Convention and as president of the SBC Pastors' Conference. He continues to be an active member of SBC leadership, currently serving on the SBC Executive Committee.



Dr. Jerry Carlisle (far left), pastor of First Baptist Church of Plano, and his wife, Dedi, along with Dr. Jim Denison (far right), teaching pastor of Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas, and his wife, Janet.



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