

Women's Auxiliary Board **RUTH AWARDS LUNCHEON**

Honoring Cyndi Pettit, Betty Palmer, & Leigh Gettman-Allen



The DBU Women's Auxiliary Board honored three outstanding women during the 2014 Ruth Awards Christmas Luncheon. The annual event was held in the Hillcrest Great Hall on the DBU campus on December 3.

Recipients of this year's Ruth Awards were Cyndi Pettit, Betty Palmer, and Leigh Gettman-Allen (pictured top right from left to right). The award is named from the character in the Old Testament book of Ruth. Each year, DBU selects similarly outstanding women to receive the distinguished honor for their dedication to God, family, and Christian education at DBU.

Mary Stuart, president of the Women's Auxiliary Board (pictured lower right along with Sheila Cook [center] wife of Dr. Gary Cook, and Leslie Moulton [right], chair of this year's luncheon), greeted those in attendance and provided the opening prayer. Dr. Gary Cook, DBU president, welcomed everyone to the luncheon and also provided a brief update on the two major building projects on campus. He thanked the group for their continued support and prayers for the institution.

Leslie Moulton, chair of the luncheon, then came and introduced this year's honorees and their presenters. Cyndi Pettit, who serves as DBU's

director of intercessory prayer, was presented by her long-time friend and former pastor, Dr. Dan Griffin; Betty Palmer was presented by her dear friend, Lou Anne Chambers; and Leigh Gettman-Allen was presented by her grandmother, Patsy Thompson. Each of the three women received a statue of the biblical figure Ruth, molded by famed artist Helen Boehm. In addition, the Ruth Award recipients' portraits will be displayed alongside those of past recipients in the Ruth Awards Portrait Gallery on the DBU campus.

Following the presentation of the awards, Dr. Wes Moore, DBU professor of music and associate dean of the College of Fine Arts, provided special music, and Candice Wright, the Executive Director of the Women's Auxiliary Board, gave the closing benediction.

Serving along with Leslie Moulton on the luncheon committee were Billye Buxton, Lisha Czerwinski, Jean Dudley, Carolyn Garon, Kathy Knight, Dr. Debra Moore, Sandy Owen, Gene Ann Rumbles, Cami Smith, Raleigh Mae Stevenson, Skyla Teat, Aline Thomason, and Patricia Wharton.

