

The background of the cover is a photograph of a large, white, classical-style church with a prominent steeple. In the foreground, there is a bronze statue of a seated figure, possibly a prophet or saint, surrounded by red flowers. A fountain with multiple jets of water is visible in the middle ground. The sky is clear and blue.

DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY REPORT

God's Miracle

Building a Campus for His Purposes

1988-2014

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DBU debt free



For those who have known DBU through the years, it is remarkable to see the change that has occurred. The school, which was located in Decatur, Texas, arrived in Dallas some 50 years ago, opening its door to its first class of students in 1965. The wind-blown hilltop possessed great potential but little beauty. Because of a continuous load of debt, campus improvement projects always took a back seat to paying the bills and providing salaries for the faculty and staff.

With Dr. Gary Cook's arrival as president of the school in 1988, that trend began to change. After retiring the school's debt, he set out to build a campus that would meet its potential: a place where students, their children, and their children's children could call home for years to come; and a place that above all else would be pleasing to God.

One of the first orders of business for his presidency was to hand the whole of the life of the University over to the Lord in prayer. Through the years, this commitment to seek the Lord's provision has seen much fruit, as the campus has turned from a barren piece of land to one of the most beautiful campuses in the country, all debt free.

This special edition of the *DBU Report* highlights the journey of building a college campus over the tenure of Dr. Cook's presidency. Each new construction, each new renovation, and each new facility has been fully paid for without incurring any lingering debt.

Throughout the pages that follow, you will see pictures of the new additions to the campus, as well as brief descriptions of building projects. Most of these buildings are familiar to those who know DBU and have seen the school through the years. However, this is the first time that all of the projects have each been included in this way to demonstrate how much each cost and how each is debt free.

When all of these projects are added together, the total amount of funds received to complete this campus transformation totals more than \$125 million.

This wonderful accomplishment is thanks to the hard work of so many who have served and helped DBU through the years. Yet more than all of that, it is a testament to the faithful provision of God who answers prayers and can make streams of living water run throughout a desert.

To God be the Glory!

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1989. \$1.24 million
 COLLINS LEARNING CENTER
 THIRD FLOOR RENOVATIONS

1992. \$6 million
 MAHLER STUDENT CENTER

1995. \$1 million
 MAHLER STUDENT CENTER- LOWER LEVEL

1999. \$8.21 million
 SPENCE HALL

2002. \$10.03 million
 HURLEY HALL BYRD HALL
 LANDRY CENTER EBBY HALLIDAY CENTER

2004. \$5.09 million
 MOON INTERNATIONAL CENTER
 FRED WHITE HALL

2005. \$7.67 million
 SHEILA COOK HALL BLACKBURN HALL
 COLLEGE OF EDUCATION BURG REMODEL

2006. \$750,000
 SADLER CLUBHOUSE

2007. \$3.49 million
 TOWNHOMES PHASE 1

2008. \$11.35 million
 BLACKABY HALL
 TOWNHOMES PHASE 2
 SMITH CENTER

2009. \$25.5 million
 PILGRIM CHAPEL

2010. \$2.45 million
 TABOR CLUBHOUSE
 TOWNHOMES PHASE 3

2011. \$8.26 million
 ROBERTS SCIENCE BUILDING RENOVATIONS
 HORNER HALL
 BROWNSTONES PHASE 1

2012. \$3.79 million
 BROWNSTONES PHASE 2
 PHYSICAL OPERATIONS BUILDING

2013. \$18.76 million
 ATHLETIC TRAINING CENTER BROWNSTONES PHASE 3
 HORNER BALLPARK SADLER GLOBAL MISSIONS

2014. \$8.4 million
 NATION HALL
 (currently under construction)

2014. \$3.28 million
 DEAN LEARNING CENTER
 (currently under construction; total funds
 received to date for \$6 million building project)

TOTAL COST OF BUILDING PROJECTS:
\$125.27 MILLION
ALL PAID FOR