



TEXAS BAPTISTS MISSIONS FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER

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NEW BSM BUILDING AT TEXAS TECH

Plans are underway for a new Baptist Student Ministry Building at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. The current 55-year-old building is outdated, and a new facility would offer a more comfortable, uplifting environment where students can engage in God’s word and fellowship together.

This new 9500 square foot building will feature a large worship hall with seating for up to 350 students, a commercial kitchen, seating/gaming area for students, training and prayer rooms, and much more.

Each week, over 500 students are impacted by the work of the Tech BSM through various activities such as worship, game nights, and free lunches. Because of the God’s faithfulness and the leadership of the BSM staff, six students became new believers in 2016.

We praise God that nearly 1/2 of the \$3.3 million goal has been met, but we need your help to reach the goal and ensure this ministry can continue to flourish for generations to come.



2017 ANNUAL TEXAS BAPTIST MISSIONS FOUNDATION AWARDS LUNCHEON

The 2016 Mission Awards Luncheon was held at the Baylor Club in Waco, TX on Monday, November 13th, during the Texas Baptists Annual Meeting. The honorees are as follows:



Robert H. Pinder
Adventurer Award for Leadership in Missions

The Adventurer Award honors an individual or organization who advanced missions through outstanding financial support or leadership in ministry opportunities. Robert H. Pinder’s passion for missions led him to serve with the International Mission Board for eight years. Upon his return, Pinder faithfully served as a professor at Texas Tech for 23 years as well as on the Missions Foundation Council for 11 years. The new BSM building at Tech will be named for Bob.



First Baptist Church Belton
The Innovator Award for Creativity in Missions

The Innovator Award honors an individual or organization who provided a model for missions that others can adopt. First Baptist Church Belton pursues ongoing ministries. They are currently involved in more than 28 local ministries, two national church plants and mission work in several countries. FBC Belton is an active supporter of the Cooperative Program as well as the Mary Hill Davis Offering.



Robert O. Feather
The Pioneer Award for Service in Missions

The Pioneer Award honors an individual or organization that has been a longtime leader in beginning mission work that impacted Texas Baptist life. Robert O. Feather has spent the majority of his life promoting the mission of Texas Baptists. He served as the Minister of Education of Park Cities in Dallas and then as vice president of external affairs at Baylor University for 19 years before retiring. Currently, he works with the Missions Foundation as a consultant.

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT: DAN AND SHARON ELLIS



Dan Ellis is a longtime Texas Baptist. He was born into a Texas Baptist family and was raised in a Texas Baptist church, where he came to know the Lord at the age of 14. He's been a devoted follower of Christ ever since.

Dan and his wife, Sharon, have had a heart for missions throughout their marriage. They have travelled all over the world on mission trips, including to Bosnia, Russia, Romania, India and Mexico. This passion prompted Dan to give generously to the Texas Baptist Missions Foundation and opened the door for him to begin giving to *Project: Start*.

Not only does Dan find joy in giving to support *Project: Start*, he also loves serving hands-on with the ministry.

Project: Start works to connect refugees in the North Dallas neighborhood of Vickery Meadow with the resources they need to find stability. With over 30 different languages spoken, their needs are as diverse as the community itself. "The thing that I think is so intriguing and rewarding about *Project: Start* is that it is a ministry to the nations here on our doorstep," said Dan. "And that's my passion - sharing the Gospel to those in the world that need it."

This ministry is an opportunity for Dan and other volunteers to build relationships with the refugees while serving them in various capacities. He recalled how he has met and helped people from all parts of the world that he would have never had the opportunity to serve otherwise. He said, "God orchestrated all that He has done to bring these people to our doorstep, and we have a responsibility as the Church to reach out and share the Good News with them."

When asked about giving to TBMF, Dan said, "I would encourage anyone considering giving to make as bold and generous a contribution as possible, with the knowledge and assurance that that this gift would be put to good use for mission purposes. It's storing up treasures in heaven."

TBMF MAKES \$349,790 IN GRANTS

Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, 29 grants totaling \$349,790 were approved by the Texas Baptist Missions Foundation's council on September 25. Among these grants were disaster recovery, prison ministry, intercultural pastor education, Bible Drill, and collegiate ministries.

Continue reading below for an inspiring story about the Neighborhood Renewal Initiative, one of the ministries funded by TBMF donors.

TRANSFORMING MARSHALL - ONE HOUSE AT A TIME

The sounds of hammers hitting nails, the hum of a chop saw cutting new siding, and voices of busy volunteers filled the air on the inaugural workday of the Neighborhood Renewal Initiative through a course on servant leadership, LEAD 4301: Leadership for the Future. This past spring break 22 East Texas Baptist University students spent their vacation helping a single mom and her daughter with much-needed repairs on their home located in Marshall's historic New Town Neighborhood.

The Neighborhood Renewal Initiative addresses housing needs for families in East Texas communities. Under separate strategic partnerships, ETBU students, staff, and faculty unite together to provide solutions for families in need of assistance with home renewal or construction.

The University students paid some of the renovation costs themselves through their class tuition, with a handful of smaller donations. "We travel all over the world, but we want Marshall to know that we want to help our neighbors," ETBU Provost Tommy Sanders said.

The team worked 10-hour days to replace the roof, trim, shutters, soffits, fascia, and siding. They also painted the home's exterior and improved the landscaping. "I was amazed by the capacity of our students to put their faith in action toward the goal of providing better housing for a family in Marshall," Sanders said. "They sacrificed each day to make the end goal possible."

The homeowner expressed deep appreciation for the volunteers' work. "My daughter and I were so blessed for what has been done because I had no way of paying for the repairs that were needed," she said. "I don't have to worry about roof leaks anymore. I am very grateful to ETBU. To God be the glory."



GIVING FROM YOUR IRA

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If you have an IRA and are at least 70 1/2 year of age, you can make a gift to the Foundation directly from your IRA. As an added benefit, the gift is not taxable to you as income AND counts as a part of your required minimum distribution. All of your gift will be directed by the Texas Baptist Missions Foundation to benefit whatever ministries you select. Call us at 214-828-5343 for more information.

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