

Decatur Baptist College Spring Reunion 2009

Decatur Baptist College alumni gathered at Dallas Baptist University on April 17, 2009, to reminisce and catch up with old friends and former faculty and staff. This year, the Classes of 1949 and 1959 celebrated their 60th and 50th class reunions, respectively, with a memorable day of fellowship, special campus tours, and a luncheon.

Each year at the Decatur Reunion, alumni come together to celebrate the community of faith that is shared between the Decatur and Dallas campuses and to honor those who have served the students and faculty of Decatur Baptist College over the years.



Dr. Nell Hoffman (holding plaque), recipient of the 2009 Decatur Baptist College Distinguished Alumna Award, along with (from left to right) long-time friends Janie Garrett and Dr. Bob Garrett and family members Suzanne Matthews, Mark Matthews, and Christina Matthews.

This year's event honored Dr. Nell Hoffman ('47) as Distinguished Alumna. Living a life that has touched countless others, Dr. Hoffman has served as an elementary school teacher throughout Texas, a missionary to the Bahamas, a public school administrator, a director for the Texas Education Agency, and an adjunct professor.

Those present also heard presentations and reports of how the fine heritage of DBC is being continued at DBU. The delivery of the report on the nearly completed Patty and Bo Pilgrim Chapel, and images of the towering structure viewed from the nearby Great Hall of the John G. Mahler Student Center, provided notable excitement.

After the luncheon, the group gathered in the Burg Center for the annual Norvell Slater Senior Adult Hymn Sing. It was a special time of fellowship as everyone enjoyed singing their favorite hymns. All in all, it was an exceptional day of honoring the proud heritage of the University and giving thanks for the Lord's blessings which continue to flow at DBU.



Members of the Class of 1959 received a special recognition from Dennis Linam as they celebrated their 50 Year Reunion. Pictured above with special plaques are (from left to right) Pat (Walls) Cook, Jack Fox, Jerry Jones, Kathryn Ann (Bingham) Lacy, and Mila (Wilson) Smith.