Over 150 alumni, friends, and family of Decatur Baptist College gathered in Decatur, Texas, for the 2008 Decatur Baptist College Spring Reunion, which was held in the former administration building of Decatur Baptist College, currently home to the Wise County Heritage Museum.

Bill and Doris Harvey (classes of 1955 and 1956) received the 2008 DBC Distinguished Service Award. Bill and Doris are both semi-retired but have faithfully supported the organization of the Decatur Reunions and ministry of DBU. This year’s Honorary Decatur Alumna was Mary Fox, retired director of the DBU library and current DBU archivist, who maintains all of the Decatur papers and mementos. Mary’s relationship with Decatur began through her mother, Pauline Prestage Fox, who attended DBC in the 1920s.

Those present also heard reports from members of the Dallas Baptist University family on the Decatur Baptist legacy that continues in Dallas. After the ceremony, the group continued in their fellowship and gathered for a luncheon at the First Baptist Church of Decatur.

Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Allen, greet those in attendance along with Dennis Linam, DBU vice president for external affairs and coordinator of the reunion.

Beloved former professor Hazel Bumgarner (center), along with (left) Joyce Sellars ('51, '73) and Sharon Young ('56).

Decatur Baptist Alumni celebrating their 50th anniversary.

2008 Decatur Baptist College Distinguished Service Award recipients Doris and Bill Harvey (center) along with members of their family.

2008 Decatur Baptist College Honorary Alumna recipient Mary Fox (center left) with friends and members of her family.