Dallas Baptist University’s Women’s Auxiliary Board honored three outstanding women during the 2011 Ruth Awards Christmas Luncheon, held on December 7. Recipients of this year’s Ruth Awards were Joyce Andres, of Irving; Dr. Beverly Giltner, of Arlington; and Betty Rush, of Hurst. The award is named after the character in the Old Testament book of Ruth. Each distinguished recipient exemplifies dedication to God, family, and Christian education at DBU.

Joyce Andres has been an active member of the WAB since her daughter, Kathryn, became a student at DBU in 2006. She has served on numerous committees and volunteered at a variety of events over the past five years. Andres is now also a current DBU student, pursuing a Master of Arts in Professional Development. She and her husband, Warren, are members of Park Cities Baptist Church and live in Irving. During the luncheon, she was introduced by her daughter, Kathryn Andres.

Dr. Beverly Giltner has been on the DBU faculty for the past 42 years. She is the dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, a position she has served in for the past 19 years. Dr. Giltner has provided strong guidance and leadership for the academic programs under her advisement. She and her husband, Will, live in Arlington and are members of Fairview Baptist Church. Dr. Giltner was introduced by Dr. Gail Linam, University provost.

Betty Rush has been a faithful member of the DBU Women’s Auxiliary Board for many years. She is a lifelong member of Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Oak Cliff, where she has served as a Sunday School teacher, librarian, and volunteer in numerous areas. She also has remained dedicated to her community, serving through the Meals on Wheels program and volunteering at local hospitals. She and her husband, Forrest, make their home in Hurst. Rush was introduced by her cousin, Vicki Weinberg.

The Ruth Awards committee members included: Michelle Blackburn (chair), Janice Coulter, Lisha Czerwinski, Candy Dowd, Jean Dudley, Lou Ann Freeman, Carletta Guillory, Nell Hoffman, Lynnell Jarvis, Ann Kelley, Debra Moore, Jo Anne Morgan, Dottie Morris, Jan Spann, Raleigh Mae Stevenson, Dee Stuckey, and Phyllis Tresnicky.

Pictured above are Ruth Award recipients, (left to right) Dr. Beverly Giltner, Betty Rush, and Joyce Andres. Pictured below are (left to right): Dr. Beverly Giltner along with Dr. Gail Linam; Joyce Andres along with Kathryn Andres; and Betty Rush along with Vicki Weinberg.