Celebrating the history and heritage of Dallas Baptist University, friends and family gathered on the DBU campus for the annual Decatur Baptist College Reunion. DBC, the forerunner of DBU, was founded in 1898 and provided quality Christ-centered education for hundreds of students as a junior college.

This year the reunion honored Mrs. Mary Louise Woodruff, former DBC student and faculty member, with the Decatur Baptist Distinguished Service Award for her work as a civic leader and research historian in the Decatur and Wise County area.

Also during the luncheon, Ken May, pastor of First Baptist Church of Decatur was presented with the Honorary Alumnus Award for his service to the city and helping ensure that DBC’s legacy of Christ-centered education is continued in the community.

Members of the Decatur Baptist College class of 1961, represented by Charles Strickland, Jerry Hogue, and Sarah Connelley, celebrated their 50th anniversary, and the class of 1951, represented by Joyce Sellars, celebrated their 60th anniversary. Likewise, Margie Mills, who graduated from DBC in 1937, was honored as the oldest living Decatur Baptist College graduate in attendance.

During the reunion, Decatur alumni were able to tour the DBU campus to see how their legacy has continued through the students and mission of Dallas Baptist University.

Pictured are: 1. Mary Louise Woodruff and family; 2. Ken May and his wife, Lisa; 3. DBC Class of 1961 (left to right): Charles Strickland, Jerry Hogue, and Sarah Connelley; 4. Margie (Hart) Mills and her husband, Elgene.