

THE DBU FAMILY VALUES

OUR MISSION

The purpose of Dallas Baptist University is to provide Christ-centered quality higher education in the arts, sciences, and professional studies at both the undergraduate and graduate levels to traditional age and adult students in order to produce servant leaders who have the ability to integrate faith and learning through their respective callings.



Dr. Gary Cook along with DBU alumnus and current trustee, Rev. Bertrain Bailey. Rev. Bailey is the pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas.



Dr. Cook and Dr. Fred White, who helped to bring Decatur Baptist College to Dallas in 1965. He served many years on the DBU faculty and as a member of the administration.



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11



Building a great Christian university that is pleasing to God by producing Christ-centered servant leaders who are transforming the world.

OUR VISION

As Dr. Gary Cook began his administration at DBU, he wanted to foster a sense of community and common purpose. He spoke often about DBU being a family and sought to find ways to help people on campus get to know each other and grow closer.

During the summer and winter months, special faculty and staff chapels were held, as members of the DBU Family gathered to sing hymns, share their special musical talents, and give testimonies of how the Lord had worked in their lives. In addition, Dr. Cook's office produced a new on-campus publication known as the *DBU News*, which shares testimonies of those on campus.

The University soon adopted a theme verse, Jeremiah 29:11-13, that provides a wonderful promise of God's provision for His children. This verse continues to shape the focus of the campus as students are encouraged to seek God's face throughout their time at the University.

In order to institute a sense of a common purpose, he worked with the faculty, staff, and trustees to create a new mission statement for the school in 1993. This statement emphasized DBU's desire to produce students who integrated their faith into their daily lives and vocational callings in order to serve others.

A vision statement was also developed that emphasized DBU's desire to seek first the Kingdom of God by building a university that is pleasing to God.



Dr. Cook with Pauline Strickland, the widow of former president of Decatur Baptist College and Dallas Baptist College, Dr. Otis Strickland.



DBU head baseball coach Dan Heefner and Dr. Cook. Coach Heefner has been at DBU since 2004, the last eight years as head of the DBU baseball program.