RUTH AWARDS WOMEN'S AUXILARY BOARD

Ruth Award Recipients (l-r) Anita Jones, Candy Dowd, and Amy Jeffress

The DBU Women's Auxiliary Board honored three outstanding women during the 2015 Ruth Awards Christmas Luncheon. The annual event was held in the Hillcrest Great Hall on the DBU campus on December 2. Recipients of this year's Ruth Awards were Candy Down, Amy Jeffress, and Anita Jones. The award is named after Ruth of the Old Testament. Each year, DBU selects similarly outstanding women to receive the distinguished honor for their dedication to God, family, and Christian higher education at DBU.

Allison Arnold, president of the Women's Auxiliary Board greeted those in attendance and provided the opening prayer. Dr. Gary Cook, DBU chancellor, welcomed everyone to the luncheon and thanked the group for their continued support and prayers for the institution. Kathy Knight, chair of the luncheon, then came and introduced this year's honorees and their presenters. Candy Dowd, wife of DBU provost Denny Dowd, was presented by her daughter, Kelli Smith: Amy Jeffress was presented by long-time friend Dr. Adam Wright, DBU vice president and Dean of the Cook School of Leadership: and Anita Jones, was presented by her dear friend Nancy Withrow. The words of each of the presenters spoke volumes of the recipients and served as moving testimonies to their deserving this award. Each of the three women received a statue of the biblical figure Ruth, molded by famed artist Helen Boehm. In addition, the Ruth Award recipients' portraits will be displayed in the Ruth Awards Portrait Gallery on the DBU campus.

Following the presentation of the awards, Candice Wright, the executive director of the Women's Auxiliary Board, gave the closing benediction.

Serving along with Kathy Knight on the luncheon committee were Sena Baker, Kellie Black, Billye Buxton, Billie Byrd, Lisha Czerwinski, Jean Dudley, Janae Gibson, Mychal Henk, Kaye Dawn Lunsford, Jami McKinney, Dr. Debra Moore, Gene Ann Rumbles, Cami Smith, Raleigh Mae Stevenson, Libby Waters, Patricia Wharton, and Dr. Shannon Wolf.

(l-r) Kathy Knight, Allison Arnold, and Sheila Cook