



Dr. Henry Blackaby speaks with DBU students (l-r) Sarah Mercer, Daniel Dill, Crystal Chamberlain, and Chip Luter after the chapel service.

Henry Blackaby Challenges Students to Yield Their Lives to God in Order to Change Their World

Dallas Baptist University was pleased to welcome internationally known Christian leader Dr. Henry Blackaby to campus for a series of speaking engagements on January 18. DBU previously hosted Dr. Blackaby in 2002 when the University presented him with an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in recognition of his lifetime of ministry.

A native of British Columbia, Dr. Blackaby spent the early part of his ministry in various roles, including music director, Christian education director, and senior pastor. In the 1990s, he authored a series of devotional books, including his widely distributed *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God*, co-authored with Claude King. Originally published in 1990, *Experiencing God* has been translated into 72 languages and utilized by churches around the world in helping Christians know and experience God more fully. In addition, Dr. Blackaby has served as president of Canadian Baptist Theological College as well as president of the Canadian Southern Baptist Conference. He also served on the North American Mission Board, leading in revival conferences throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Dr. Blackaby and his wife, Marilynn, live in Rex, Georgia, and have five adult children, all of whom serve in some area of full-time ministry. Although officially retired, Dr. Blackaby maintains an active

schedule, speaking to tens of thousands every year. He has also continued to write books, including *Experiencing God Day by Day*, *Spiritual Leadership*, and *Experiencing the Cross*.

During his time at DBU, Dr. Blackaby spoke on two connected themes. In chapel, he stressed to the students the importance of committing their lives to the plans God has for them. As he explained, "One life, totally yielded to God, plus God can make a radical difference in the world today." He went on to discuss the great importance of the relationships students make while in college and how these relationships, in turn, can and will impact future ministry that God has prepared for them and others. After chapel, Dr. Blackaby had a special time with the DBU faculty, staff, and trustees.

Commending the mission of the school, he encouraged the DBU family not to grow weary in being mentors for the students that come through the campus. In order to have a lasting, spiritual impact on the students, he explained that the faculty and staff need to maintain a level of transparency. "What happens in your life and your experiences with God will reflect in the way you interact with students," he said. "Your students need to see God's salvation acted out in your own lives just as much as they need to hear about the subjects that you teach them."