

RRVBA/BSM Donations
Received in February 2019

ATLAS	0
BAGWELL	50.00
BETHEL	119.40
BOUNDS	190.50
BROOKSTON	0
CHICOTA	111.47
CHISUM TRAILS	0
CUNNINGHAM	0
DIRECT	269.45
DOUBLE R	0
EAST DELTA	1,556.87
EAST PARIS	208.33
EMBERSON	0
FAITH	0
FBC ANNONA	50.00
FBC BLOSSOM	0
FBC BOGATA	1,048.99
FBC CLARKSVILLE	100.00
FBC COOPER	331.93
FBC DEPORT	0
FBC DETROIT	24.00
FBC PARIS	915.42
FBC ROXTON	0
FRIENDSHIP	246.00
FULBRIGHT	0
GLORY	0
GRAHAM ST.	0
HIS PLACE	0
HOWLAND	38.70
IMMANUEL/WMU	10,075.00
LAMAR POINT	0
LEESVILLE	394.74
MAXEY	0
MT. OLIVE	158.00
NOVICE	579.50
PACIO	174.96
PATTONVILLE	0
PETTY	137.34
POWDERLY	300.00
PROVIDENCE	80.01
SALEM	300.00
SOUTHSIDE	615.03
SPRINGLAKE	0
TRINITY	0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0

TOTAL 18,075.64

BUILDING FUND:
\$17,651.93

WMU News

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“Unshakable Pursuit” Watchword: “My dear friends, stand firm and don’t be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile” (1 Cor. 15:58 CEV) As we move from winter into spring we need to embrace the change. Change is a necessary part of God’s using us to be **unshakable in pursuing** His will for our lives.

CIA Day was a wonderful experience for all who attended. As usual we didn’t get an accurate number in attendance, but had well over 100. We packed 650 Operation Christmas Child boxes to be shipped around the world. The boys won the contest of bringing coins to donate to the postage of the boxes. Boys brought \$75.03 and girls had \$56.57. We enjoyed listening to Melody Potter, Bro. Billy, John and Taps, Missionaries Carl and Suzie Miller, and cheered to watching Strong Man Spears. How did he break those pieces of wood with his foot and the concrete blocks with his arm?

I hope all churches promoted and took an offering for the **North American Missions Annie Armstrong Offering**. You do know that all this offering goes to work on the field—none for administration duties. Pray about what God would have you give.

Coming **April 27, 2019**, you will not want to miss the **Mission Study** at Immanuel Baptist Church, Paris. Beginning at 10 AM we will be learning what it is like to be a Refugee. Don’t miss this very informative study. I promise you will be blessed.

Plans continue to be made for the **Ladies Retreat** on September 14, 2019, at the Love Civic Center. Check the Association WMU web page under ministries. I am trying to keep it updated, and please call if I can assist your ladies in any way with getting involved in missions.

JOY ON THE JOURNEY WITH "SEASONED" SAINTS

by Gloria Parker, Senior Adults Director

APRIL FLOWERS - God is so Faithful, we are seeing the Resurrection of Spring everywhere! The Senior Adult Revival with our Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers singing at each service, has been rescheduled and details will be announced soon. Spread the word as you PRAY that many Senior Adults and younger folks will be saved during this Special time.

The RRVOF Hymn Singers will meet April 11 at Springlake BC at 9:30 am and go sing at Paris Healthcare and Paris Chalet Assisted Living Homes. Hopefully, Fred Fangio's shoulder surgery will be well then. Thank You, Jim Ferrin for leading us in February and March - Well done, good and faithful servants! We have 25 or so on the 2nd Thursday of each month always with room for more.

Have YOU tried Friday Night Out at Denny's 5-7 pm? It's filling a real need for those who don't like to spend Friday nights alone at home. We don't even have to cook or wash dishes to eat good food and visit in that lovely safe place. We will continue to meet at 5:00 pm even after the time changes, because we, like the Spring flowers, BLOSSOM BEST in the Sunlight and SONLIGHT!

Our 15th year of Senior Adults VBS will begin on July 29 at FBC Bogata, Aug. 5 at Southside BC, Aug. 12 at Immanuel BC, Aug. 19 at His Place Fellowship, and Aug. 26 at FBC Paris. Mark your calendars and get ready to bless and be blessed as we get to Worship and enjoy spiritual food as well as good ol' home cookin' in other churches with old and new friends. You just can't beat that!

KEEP LOOKING UP, BE READY - JESUS, THE PRINCE OF PEACE, IS
COMING BACK SOON FOR US - HIS CHURCH - HIS BRIDE!
CONTINUE PRAYING FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Saturday, March 30: BSM YARD SALE

Monday, April 1: BSM Lunch—*Bethel*

Friday, April 5: Children’s Ministry Workshop, 6:30—8:00 pm, *His Place Fellowship*

Saturday, April 6: Children’s Ministry Workshop, 10:00—11:45 am, *His Place Fellowship*

Monday, April 8: BSM Lunch—*FBC Blossom*

Monday, April 8: Ladies’ Retreat Committee meeting, 5:00 pm, RRVBA

Monday, April 8: WMU Leadership Team meeting, 6:00 pm, RRVBA

Tuesday, April 9: Finance Committee meeting, 5:30 pm, RRVBA

Sunday, April 14: **PALM SUNDAY**

Monday, April 15: BSM Lunch—*East Delta*

Tuesday, April 16: Executive Board meeting @ *Chicota*; Meal at 6:00 pm; Meeting at 6:45 pm

Saturday, April 20: Singing at Graham Street Baptist Church, 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 21: **EASTER SUNDAY**

Monday, April 22: BSM Lunch—*His Place Fellowship*

Saturday, April 27: WMU Missions Study on Refugees, 10:00 am, *Immanuel*



Everyone is invited to come to a Singing at *Graham Street Baptist Church* on Saturday, April 20. Finger foods will be available at 5:00 pm followed by a time of music! Come and praise the Lord as we get ready for Easter!



BSM NEWS ...

Hello from the Baptist Student Ministries!

Spring is in the air as this semester continues to roll by so quickly! This semester has brought in some new faces to the BSM as our Monday lunch and Bible study continues to grow. We are now serving close to 60 students every Monday and we have had 15 students attend our Monday night bible study. Last month, I was able to take two of our African International students to the Association's CIA day at Southside Baptist where they were able to talk to all the children about Zimbabwe and educate them on our cultural differences and fascinate them with stories of lions, cheetahs and giraffes. I know the children were blessed by them but I believe Taps and John were the ones that received the biggest blessing. Both of these young men are Christians and I was able to spend the day with them and really pour into their lives. It was encouraging to hear about how God is working in the lives of Africans. I plan to talk with them and get their insight to help me plan an **international student outreach later in April**.

Acts 13:47 says, *"For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth."* We must remember that God has a heart for lost people and a heart for the nations of the world. Oftentimes we think of evangelism as a New Testament thing. But when we read the book of Jonah we learn that evangelism and reaching the lost nations is also an Old Testament thing. Jonah was sent to warn the Ninevites (gentile nation) to repent or face judgment. It is exciting to see God's desire to save lost people all throughout the bible. Through the BSM, we have an opportunity to reach the nations with the gospel. Please join me in prayer as I seek to find new ways to reach them!

Pray up! Preach out! Plug in!

Mike Clark

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RRVBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 16 at Chicota Baptist Church
Meal @ 6:00 pm & Meeting @ 6:45 pm
Come and be blessed!

BSM YARD SALE
SATURDAY, MARCH 30



Come and find those items you've just
gotta have! Call Mike Clark, BSM Director,
at 903-905-1336 for more information.

Calling all Children's Workers!! Sign up for
the *Children's Ministry Workshop!*

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 @ 6:30 PM &
SATURDAY, APRIL 6 @ 10:00 AM



Meetings will be held at
His Place Fellowship
Leader: Mark Young
Call 903-785-2890
to register.

PART-TIME MUSIC LEADER

needed at FBC Cooper to lead Blended
Service with a Praise Team. Job description
available at cooperfbc.com. To submit a
resume or for more information, contact FBC
Cooper by email at fbccooper@gmail.com or
call the church office at 903-395-2274. Mail
resumes to: Pastor, FBC Cooper, 500 East
Dallas Ave., Cooper TX 75432.

Red River Valley Baptist Association

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays

2	Gary Reed, pastor	Emberson
2	Neal Seaborn, pastor	Leesville
3	Melinda Oats, spouse	Bethel
5	Joseph Ash, youth	FBC Blossom
8	Angie Sulsar, secretary	Southside
9	Roger Scaff, spouse	Bounds
10	Fred Fangio, music	Springlake
11	Shane Oats, assoc. pastor	Bethel
18	Brenda Fendley, financial sec	Mt. Olive
18	Justin Wideman, pastor	Direct
20	Rocky Burrow, pastor	Chicota
21	Dean Houchins, spouse	East Delta
24	Emily Barton, spouse	Southside
30	Teresa Harmening, music	Leesville

April Wedding Anniversaries

2	Ross & Bonnie Eastor	Leesville
5	James & Pat Norwood, 61 yrs	Cunningham
15	Chuey & Melody Potter, 2 yrs	FBC Roxton
20	Bobby & Michaela Bumgarner, 46 yrs	Bounds
21	Richard & Shauna Mercaldo, 18 yrs	Immanuel
29	Guille & Jo Ann Seigler, 26 yrs	Springlake

April Church Anniversaries

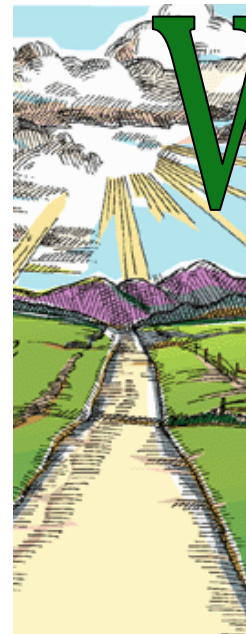
1	L.C. Stout, pastor, 26 yrs	Faith
1	Jeremy Glossup, media, 15 yrs	East Delta
6	Mike Clark, pastor, 5 yrs	Maxey
12	Michael Julian, admin., 21 yrs	East Paris
12	Jim Semple, music, 27 yrs	Howland
14	Danny White, music, 6 yrs	Mt. Olive
17	Carol Kelly, treasurer, 3 yrs	Springlake
22	Bill Dickey, pastor, 1 yr	FBC Deport
27	Brena Burgan, children, 5 yrs	Leesville

What does it mean to be a Refugee?

Come and find out first hand at the *WMU Missions Study: Refugees* on Saturday, April 27, at Immanuel Baptist Church. The study will begin at 10:00 am and will be held in the Gym. Lunch is provided.



Secretaries/Support Staff will NOT meet
in April due to a scheduling conflict.
Hope to see you all May 2. Happy Easter!



RRVBA Mission
Statement:

Help each other become
healthy "Great
Commission" churches.

RRVBA Vision
Statement:

We are a family of
churches who are
committed to sharing
ourselves, resources,
and expertise with one
another for the purpose
of fulfilling the "Great
Commission."

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NO GREATER LOVE!

John 15:12-13 finds Jesus giving His disciples a brand new commandment *"That ye love one another, as I have loved you."* Then He gives us another outstanding thought about what that kind of love means *"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down His life for His friends."* As we approach the Easter season and focus on the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ we see this type love put into practice. Christ's love is so great He not only willingly gave up His life for His family and friends but He also gave it for those who hated Him or who would not believe! At this time of year when so many are open to hear the message of Jesus Christ let us validate our words by loving like Jesus did!

We are excited to announce to great ministry opportunities for our association churches and community. First, we are hosting a Children's Ministry Conference to help train and inform our churches and children's ministry volunteers in how to reach, teach and minister to children and their families in the most effective way! The conference date is April 5th & 6th and will be held at His Place Fellowship. Pastor Mark Young, former Children's Minister at East Paris Baptist Church, and his wife will be leading the seminar. The seminar is free but registration is encouraged. You may register yourself, staff, and/or church volunteers by calling 903-785-2890 by emailing or redrivervalleybaptist@gmail.com.

The association is also excited to have Dr. Rod Masteller preaching a Senior Adult Revival beginning Sunday night May 19th and going through Wednesday May 22. The Sunday night service will be held at Love Civic Center and begins at 6:00 p.m. The Monday through Wednesday services are in the morning at 10:30 am. and will be held at His Place Fellowship. The church is located across the highway from Chisum ISD. For more information about either of these ministry opportunities please call Bro. Mike at 903-782-6759! Leon Kilbreth was known as Mr. Sunday School in the Southern Baptist Convention for nearly 50 years. He said Senior Adults are the sleeping giant in the American Church and if we could ever awaken them to their potential we could turn America and the world upside down! Just because you're young doesn't mean you are lost, and just because you're old doesn't mean you're saved! Plan now to invite your unsaved and unchurched Senior Adults to these exciting and encouraging services!

Bro. Mike
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