



WMU NEWS by Alice Ann White, WMU Director, RRVBA

Let us practice Unshakable Pursuit in praising God and offering prayers to Him. The devil hates truth and will not linger long where this happens.

CIA Day: Boy! What a day. We had a wonderful time at Southside Baptists Church, Paris, visiting with missionaries, packing 650 Operation Christmas Child boxes, hearing what it is like to live in another country, learning how to share our faith in Jesus, and, oh yes, eating those delicious hot dogs and cup cakes!! The girls' offering did outweigh the boys' for the OCC ministry, but the boys brought more for a combined total of \$107.77.

Mission Study: Did you save the date for the Missions Study? It is Saturday, May 2, 2020, at Springlake Baptist Church, Paris, starting at 10:00 AM. This is a learning experience for both men and women. There are several men on the program, so men, you will not be the only man at this WMU event! We will find out about the Rohingya People, who very much need our prayers. We can pray more specifically if we know about their lives. So come, learn and pray!

I hope all churches promoted and took an offering for North American Missions Annie Armstrong Offering. You do know that all this offering goes to work on the field, not for administration duties. Pray about what God would have you give.

Please call me if I can assist your church in promoting missions.



Congratulations to FBC Annona on 150 years of service! THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED

They will have a church-wide celebration on Sunday, April 26. For information on the anniversary events or just to say "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!" call Pastor Deanie Lambert at 903-684-3660 or 903-826-5734.

SPRING BIBLE CONFERENCE @ FBC PARIS APRIL 26-27

Sunday evening (Meal at 4:30 pm then Sessions 1 & 2) & Monday evening (Meal at 5:00 pm then Sessions 3 & 4)

with Dr. David Allen of SWBTS preaching on I Peter

Call 903-785-6431 to sign up or for more information

JOY ON THE JOURNEY WITH "SEASONED" SAINTS

by Gloria Parker, Senior Adults Director, RRVBA

APRIL - CHRIST IS RISEN! HE'S ALIVE AND I'M FORGIVEN, HEAVEN'S GATES ARE OPEN WIDE! EASTER music is even more glorious than CHRISTMAS music with the EMPTY TOMB and JESUS' PROMISED RETURN!

Because of the corona virus situation the Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers are unable to sing at the nursing homes. Therefore, for now, we will not meet to rehearse. Also, 'Friday Night at Denny's' has been postponed indefinitely.

Host Churches for our 16th year of Senior Adults VBS can pick up their materials at the RRVBA office. FBC Bogata - 3; His Place - 10; Immanuel - 17; Southside - 24; and FBC Paris - 31. It's gonna be good! Invite all your Senior Friends!

KEEP LOOKING UP, BE READY FOR THE RETURN OF JESUS OUR PRINCE OF PEACE AS WE PRAY FOR OUR U.S.A. AND FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM!



February 2020 Donations: \$8,557.59

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT
OF RRVBA MISSIONS & MINISTRY!

<i>Bagwell</i>	50.00	<i>East Paris</i>	208.33	<i>FBC Paris</i>	977.29	<i>Powderly</i>	700.00		
<i>Bethel</i>	209.20	<i>FBC Annona</i>	50.00	<i>Friendship</i>	104.00	<i>Providence</i>	93.36		
<i>Bounds</i>	175.80	<i>FBC Blossom</i>	400.00	<i>Howland</i>	25.28	<i>Salem</i>	100.00		
<i>Chicota</i>	136.90	<i>FBC Bogata</i>	1,106.58	<i>Leesville</i>	308.88	<i>Southside</i>	716.78		
<i>Chisum Trails</i>	100.00	<i>FBC Clarksville</i>	100.00	<i>Maxey</i>	300.00				
<i>Direct</i>	376.65	<i>FBC Cooper</i>	179.38	<i>Novice</i>	477.00				
<i>East Delta</i>	1,046.90	<i>FBC Detroit</i>	36.64	<i>Pacio</i>	578.62				

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events (See the front page for special Easter events!)

Sat, March 28: Singing at Graham Street

Sun, March 29: 5th Sunday Singings @ *Direct*, @ *Pacio*, and @ *Springlake*

Sat, April 4: Ladies' Retreat @ *Glory*, 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Sun, April 5: *PALM SUNDAY*

Mon, April 6: BSM Lunch—*Immanuel*

Tues, April 7: Finance Committee meeting, 5:30 pm, RRVBA

Sun, April 12: *EASTER SUNDAY*

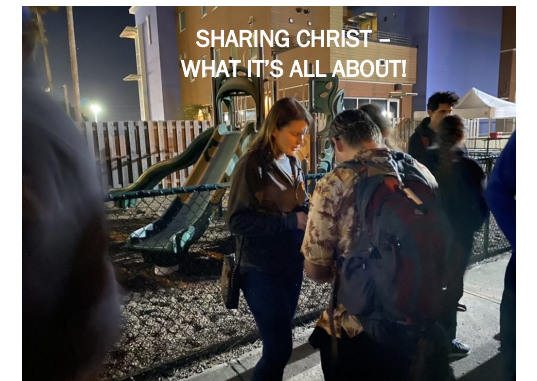
Mon, April 13: BSM Lunch—*Mt. Olive*

Mon, April 20: BSM Lunch—*East Delta*

Sun, April 26-Mon, April 27: Spring Bible Conference with Dr. David Allen, *FBC Paris*

Mon, April 27: BSM Lunch—*FBC Paris*

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION OR POSTPONMENT DEPENDING ON
LOCAL/STATE/NATIONAL DIRECTIVES DEALING WITH THE CORONA VIRUS.



BSM NEWS...

Hello from the Baptist Student Ministry!

We are happy to report that our Beach Reach team made it home safely and healthy as the Covid 19 panic hit close to home. The overall outreach to college spring breakers was very successful. Here are the statistics:

- 12,264 safe rides were given
- 3,584 pancake breakfasts were served
- The gospel was shared 4,810 times
- 34 people made decisions to rededicate their lives to Jesus
- 70 people accepted Christ as their Savior!!

To God be the glory!

PJC has postponed classes until April 6 (as of this writing) so BSM lunches are cancelled until classes resume. We will still be having our Monday night bible study and fellowship trusting the Lord will bless our time together.

As our nation is gripped with fear and anxiety over the Corona virus may we be reminded that God is still on His throne and in control of all things. *"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* Philipians 4:4-7

Pray up! Preach out! Plug in!

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays

2	Gary Reed, pastor	Embersen
2	Neal Seaborn, pastor	Leesville
3	Melinda Oats, spouse	Bethel
6	Angela Rose, music	FBC Bogata
8	Angie Sulsar, secretary	Southside
10	Fred Fangio, music	Springlake
11	Shane Oats, assoc pastor	Bethel
18	Brenda Fendley, financial secretary	Mt. Olive
18	Justin Wideman, pastor	Direct
18	Angela Cunningham, children	FBC Paris
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 Eason	Leesville
20	Bobby & Michaela Bumgarner, 47 yrs	Bounds
15	Chuey & Melody Potter, 3 yrs	FBC Roxton
21	Richard & Shauna Mercaldo, 19 yrs	Immanuel
26	Rodger & Michelle Risinger, 6 yrs	Mt. Olive
29	Guille & Jo Ann Seigler, 27 yrs	RRVBA

April Church Anniversaries

1	L.C. Stout, pastor, 27 yrs	Faith
1	Jeremy Glossup, media, 16 yrs	East Delta
12	Michael Julian, admin, 22 yrs	East Paris
12	Jim Semple, music, 28 yrs	Howland
14	Danny White, music, 7 yrs	Mt. Olive
27	Brena Burgan, children/youth, 6 yrs	Leesville

Happy Anniversary

to these celebrating 50 years or more!

- James & Pat Norwood (Cunningham)

62 years on April 5

- Larry & Jan Cornell (Salem)

52 years on April 13



Voice of the Valley

The Mission is the Message

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Due to the coronavirus, please check with individual churches for information on scheduled events. For up-to-date information on the coronavirus go to [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus), [parislarhealth.com](https://www.parislarhealth.com), or [dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus).

Two things that will help get you through this: PRAYER and WASHING YOUR HANDS!

“A frightened world needs a fearless church.” AW Tozer

IS OUR VISION BOLD ENOUGH?

I heard a disturbing statistic recently from the Southern Baptist Convention: baptisms are at a 74 year low. The baptism of 12-17 year old children in 2019 has dropped 38% as compared to baptisms of the same age group in 2000. Something is wrong with this picture. Has our burden for the lost waned that much over the years? Is our vision for evangelism big enough to reach outside the walls of our churches?

God, in His sovereignty, has placed each Christian in their particular town and church to reach the lost of that community. You are not alone in what God has called you to do and God has provided everything you need to accomplish this task. He has given the church the Holy Spirit to be empowered for the work. He has given the Word of God to instruct and enable believers to reach out to the lost. He has given every church in this association a place to meet, worship, fellowship, and disciple and do ministry. He has placed people in each church to fulfill the Great Commission. God has provided the necessary resources to accomplish this command.

How do we do this? Churches have to make evangelism a priority and enlarge their vision to reach the lost. There is the need for a strategic plan for who, how and where to reach the unsaved. Finally, churches must be intentional in their evangelism – they must do it on purpose.

As Jesus said in John 4, the fields are white for harvest. Let's get a bold vision, a big vision for evangelism and reap the harvest.

3:16
THE NUMBERS OF HOPE

Bro. Guille

EASTER EVENTS FOR ALL AGES!

April 4: *Easter Eggstravaganza* @ *Southside* Call 903-784-6154 for more information.

April 6—10: *The Road to the Cross* a Passion Week Bible Conference @ *East Paris*, 6:00 pm nightly with Pastor Danny Moody. This is a powerful biblical journey covering the events leading up to the Crucifixion.

April 11: *Easter Celebration at the Slab* by *East Delta* & *Charleston UMC* @ 10:00 am with Egg Hunts, music, food, bounce house and obstacle course! Call 903-395-2198 for more information.

April 11: *Bogatafest* sponsored by *FBC Bogata*. Lots of food & activities! Call 903-632-5218 for information.

April 11: Community Wide Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by *FBC Paris*, 11:00 am, Civic Center Pavilion

April 10, 11, & 12: Easter Presentation of *He's Alive* @ *Southside*. Call 903-784-6154 for information.

April 12: *Jesus is the Cornerstone* Easter cantata, 11:00 am @ *Springlake*

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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Secretaries & Support Staff Lunch

Thursday, April 2, 11:30 am

@ Braum's on the Loop in Paris

THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED!

RRVBA Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 14 @ FBC Blossom

Meal at 6:00 pm & Meeting at 6:45 pm

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Ladies' Retreat @ *Glory Baptist Church*

Saturday, April 4, 2020, 9:00am-4:00pm,

with Patty Kyle and Doris Merritt

Registration after March 18 is \$35

T-shirts are \$10 Lunch is included!

Contact Melody Horton at 903-517-0199 or
903-785-4821 for more information.

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Minister @ Leesville— Permanent, temporary (intern), or part-time. Contact *Leesville Baptist Church* @ 903-674-5782, or nwseaborn@leesvillebc.org

Part-Time Youth Minister @ FBC Blossom—Call 903-982-5212 or Pastor Mike Shupp at 903-491-5103.

Volunteer Youth Minister for Aspire Ministry. Call Tim Sullivan at *East Paris* 903-784-3258 or tim@eastparis.org

Pastor @ Springlake Mail resume to Pulpit Committee, 3500 Clarksville, Paris TX 75460.

Worship Leader @ FBC Bogata Call 903-632-5218 or email fbcbogata@gmail.com.

Music/Youth Leader @ Novice Contact Pastor Duane Falk at 903-732-7711.