

Red River Valley Baptist Association

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

April Birthdays

2	Gary Reed, pastor	Embersen
2	Neal Seaborn, pastor	Leesville
3	Melinda Oats, spouse	Bethel
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
29	Amy Duvall, pastor's wife	FBC Bogata
30	Teresa Harmening, music	Leesville

April Wedding Anniversaries

2	Ross & Bonnie Eason	Leesville
15	Chuey & Melody Potter, 4 yrs	FBC Roxton
20	Bobby & Michaella Bumgarner, 48 yrs	Bounds
29	Guille & Jo Ann Seigler, 28 yrs	RRVBA

April Church Anniversaries

1	L.C. Stout, pastor, 28 yrs	Faith
1	Jeremy Glossup, media, 17 yrs	East Delta
12	Michael Julian, administrator, 23 yrs	East Paris
12	Jim Semple, music, 29 yrs	Howland
14	Danny White, music, 8 yrs	Mt. Olive
27	Brena Burgan, children, 7 yrs	Leesville

Secretaries & Support Staff Lunch

Thursday, April 1, 11:30 am
RRVBA office

Bring your lunch and let's fellowship!
We'll provide drinks & a devotional.

MINISTRY

OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Minister @ Leesville Baptist Church:

Intern or part-time. Call 903-674-5782, or email the Pastor at nwseaborn@leesvillebc.org

Music/Youth Leader @ Novice Baptist Church:

Contact Pastor Duane Falk at 903-732-7711.

Song Leader @ FBC Deport: Contact Pastor Michael Flatt at 903-703-9347.

Voice of the Valley

The Mission is the Message

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Hallelujah!

*Salvation and glory and power
belong to our God.*

Revelation 19:1 (NIV)

HOPE ON THE HORIZON

We have endured a solid year of Covid-19 with all its misery of mask wearing and social distancing. Our churches have experienced a diminishing participation of members and have canceled events and ministries due to the virus threat. In spite of all this, our pastors have remained steadfast and true to their calling to minister to those who attend services and those who sequestered themselves at home. I am grateful and thankful for them all.

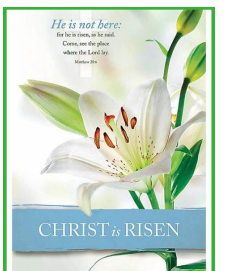
With the vaccine becoming more available, I believe it is time to think about how we as an association can become more proactive in our communities to share the Gospel. With that in mind, I have asked Dr. Phillip Hunter of Home2Hearts ministry to come and present a seminar for our pastors on April 9 & 10 (Friday night and Saturday morning) to refresh, renew and inspire them. The seminar is for all pastors, especially the bi-vocational men who have jobs that prevent them from attending during the weekday. Information about Dr. Hunter is available on his website www.Home2Hearts.com.

Our churches, especially the smaller congregations, have suffered a decline over the past year. We should be considering how to revitalize and re-energize our churches. This office is here to help you find resources to accomplish your goals as pastors and congregations for the glory of God and the building of the kingdom.

I believe we have great work to do and a Greater God who can empower us to do it. We should look to the future with hope and confidence in the One Who has given Himself for us.

Remember this: *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* Phil 4:13 (NKJV)

Blessings to you, *Bro. Guille*



Through all that has happened in 2020-2021, GOD is STILL working His purpose out!! (Philippians 2:13)

East Paris (Aspire Ministry): 11 baptisms

FBC Bogata: 4 additions / 1 baptism

FBC Annona: 3 additions / 1 baptism

Providence: 4 additions / 1 baptism

East Delta: 1 baptism

FBC Deport: 3 baptisms

Leesville: 15 additions / 9 baptisms

Springlake: 5 additions

Salem: 2 additions / 5 baptisms

Immanuel: 11 additions / 2 baptisms

FBC Paris: 9 additions / 5 baptisms

Let the office know what's happening in YOUR church!

Southside: 1 baptism

Pacia: 3 baptisms

East Paris: 2 baptisms

FBC Cooper: 3 baptisms

FBC Roxton: 2 additions

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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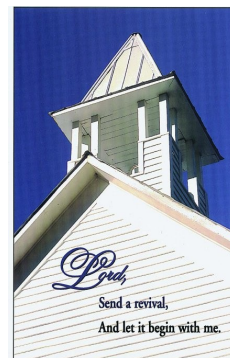
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REVIVAL IS COMING!

April 18-21 at Glory
with Evangelist Larry Jordan

Sunday @ 11 am & 6 pm
Monday-Wednesday at 7 pm

Call Pastor Glenn Michael at
903-517-0555 for more information.



RRVBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 13, @ Glory

Meal @ 6:00pm; Meeting @ 6:30pm

Glory plans to prepare a "box lunch" type meal. Come & hear ministry plans for 2021 and how God continues to bless our churches and association!

This meeting is open to all, but only Pastors & Executive Board members may vote.

Please wear your mask!





JOY ON THE JOURNEY WITH "SEASONED SAINTS"

by Gloria Parker, Senior Adult Director, RRVBA

EASTER - HE'S ALIVE AND I'M FORGIVEN - HALLELUJAH! THANK YOU, LORD JESUS, FOR DYING FOR MY/OUR SINS ON THAT CROSS, AND RISING FROM THAT GRAVE FOR ME/US! WHAT A SAVIOR!

Chuck Swindoll reminds us: "You are the salt of the earth," and "You are the light of the world," (Matthew 5:13-14). Not seasonally, Always! No guesswork needed. No happy-go-lucky platitudes. Jesus talked straight about this life. He said our times would be tough. He even spelled that out: Authorities will try to stop us (Matthew 10:17); The world will hate us (10:22); Satan will try to steal the Word from us (13:19); Nations will rage and war around us (24:7); False prophets will try to deceive us (24:11). All these trials will intensify toward the end of the age, but that doesn't suggest smooth sailing in the meantime. We need to expect huge waves and rough seas. As storm clouds gather, we dare not live fearfully, suspiciously, or combatively. The Holy Spirit empowers us to live confidently, hopefully, and graciously as we "SHAKE AND SHINE."

ATTENTION, RED RIVER VALLEY OLD FASHIONED HYMN SINGERS! Fred Fangio and I invite YOU to join US at Springlake BC on Tuesday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m. We will socially distance, those who want to will wear a mask, and we will SING some GLORIOUS EASTER SONGS AND OTHER FAVORITES TO OUR LORD while ENCOURAGING each other! It's gonna be GOOOOD!

How about ENJOYING "LUPPER" (Late Lunch, Early Supper) in Denny's Banquet Room on Friday, April 16 at 3:00 p.m.? We'll do all the right things, so come join us for some good food, fellowship, and fun together again! Let's see how it goes. We just might be able to make it a Regular Good Time Out!

Depending on each Host Church, we're praying for Senior Adults VBS to continue in August. Ask your Pastor to see how it's progressing and watch right here for the latest on plans! The Lord willing...

KEEP LOOKING UP FOR JESUS' RETURN, PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM (PSALM 122:6), AND PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED AMERICA!

WMU NEWS by Alice Ann White, WMU Director, RRVBA

Spring is here! At least the calendar says it is. Easter is almost here, and that is always associated with Spring.

I miss getting to give you a report on CIA Day this year. But we are planning for bigger and better things in 2022! Mark your calendar and save the date: Saturday, March 5, 2022! That sounds a long time from now, but it will be here before we know it.

Also, the Mission Study is still on hold. Watch the Voice of the Valley for when it will happen. So many things had to be changed because of Covid. But God wants us to still be working for Him and to be Relentless!

I pray each church participated in Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. There is such a need to spread the gospel in our country. This is one way we can "go" without "going." We all know our country needs prayer.

We are moving forward with plans for the Retreat on Saturday September 18, 2021, at the Love Civic Center. Be sure to have this marked on your calendar. Ladies, you do not want to miss this. Pastors start promoting the event. It is never too early to let folks know when something good is about to happen.

Whoops! I made a mistake in the Newsletter last month. The Quarterly Leadership Team Meeting will be on Monday, April 5, 2021, at 6:00 PM in the Association office. A meal will be served.

"But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved" Hebrews 10: 39 The devil hates truth! Satan will not linger long where God is praised, and prayers are offered. May we all be Relentless in praising God and praying!



REMINDER:

All donations for the Pregnancy Centers are due to RRVBA by April 29!

FEBRUARY 2021 DONATIONS TOTAL: \$7,796.10

Thank you for your continued support of RRVBA Missions & Ministry!

<i>Bagwell</i>	50.00	<i>East Paris</i>	500.00	<i>FBC Detroit</i>	55.31	<i>Novice</i>	545.00		
<i>Bounds</i>	179.75	<i>FBC Annona</i>	50.00	<i>Glory</i>	250.00	<i>Pacio</i>	386.88		
<i>Chicota</i>	201.80	<i>FBC Blossom</i>	200.00	<i>Immanuel WMU</i>	75.00	<i>Providence</i>	162.33		
<i>Chisum Trails</i>	100.00	<i>FBC Bogata</i>	1,131.35	<i>Leesville</i>	219.41	<i>Salem</i>	100.00		
<i>Double R</i>	1,077.58	<i>FBC Clarksville</i>	100.00	<i>Maxey</i>	150.00	<i>Southside</i>	764.04		
<i>East Delta</i>	500.38	<i>FBC Cooper</i>	245.52	<i>Mt. Olive</i>	376.00	<i>Springlake</i>	375.75		



**Home2
Hearts**

PASTOR'S SEMINAR with Dr. Phillip Hunter

Friday, April 9, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Saturday, April 10, 9:00 - 11:30 am (Breakfast provided)

Immanuel Baptist Church (1771 Bonham St. in Paris)

This Seminar is for all RRVBA pastors! Please register by contacting the Association office at 903-785-2890 or redrivervalleybaptist@gmail.com by Monday, April 5 so we can get an accurate count for food and handouts.

We will observe social distancing, but please wear your mask!

BSM NEWS...

Hello from the Baptist Student Ministry!

I have a son that is a college student at Texas A&M in College Station. Distance learning and online classes have proved to be extremely stressful and daunting for him. I can only imagine his struggles are shared by many other students, especially those at PJC. This last year has been difficult on adults as well. So, I thought I would write out some scriptures to bring encouragement and hope as we press on.

1. Joshua 1:9- *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*

2. Psalms 25: 1-5- *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.*

3. Romans 8:28- *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

4. Proverbs 1:7- *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

5. Psalms 23:6- *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

6. Isaiah 40: 30-31- *Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*

7. 2 Corinthians 12:9- *But he said to me, 'my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

8. Philippians 2:3-4- *Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

9. Colossians 3:23- *Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.*

10. Titus 2:7-8- *Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.*

Pray up! Preach out! Plug in!

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UPCOMING EVENTS... (All events are subject to change and/or cancellation due to Covid-19!)

March 28 - April 4: Road to the Cross Conference, East Paris

Sunday, March 28: *PALM SUNDAY*

Thursday, April 1: Pastor's Prayer Time resumes, 9:00 am, RRVBA

Thursday, April 1: Secretaries/Support Staff lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA

Sunday, April 4: *Easter Sunday*

Monday, April 5: WMU Leadership Team meeting, 6:00 pm, RRVBA

Tuesday, April 6: RRVBA Finance Committee meeting, 5:30 pm, RRVBA

Friday, April 9: RRVBA Pastor's Seminar, 6:30-8:30 pm, Immanuel

Saturday, April 10: RRVBA Pastor's Seminar, 9:00-11:30 am, Immanuel

Tuesday, April 13: Executive Board meeting @ *Glory*, Meal @ 6:00 pm, Meeting @ 6:30 pm

April 18-21: Revival @ *Glory* with Larry Jordan, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm Sunday, Mon-Wed @ 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 29: Mission project donations for Pregnancy Centers due to RRVBA

