

WMU News

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RRVBA/BSM Donations June 23-July20	2016 To Date
ATLAS	0 0
BAGWELL	50.00 350.00
BETHEL	103.08 633.72
BOUNDS	138.84 1,501.54
BROOKSTON	0 0
CHICOTA	113.15 984.45
CHISUM TRAIL	100.00 600.00
COLLEGE AVE.	0 0
CUNNINGHAM	0 450.00
DIRECT	0 1,509.21
DOUBLE R	0 680.00
EAST DELTA	456.28 3,812.04
EAST PARIS	541.67 3,791.69
EMBERSON	80.00 560.00
FAITH	0 1,223.00
FBC ANNONA	81.95 613.56
FBC BLOSSOM	200.00 1,400.00
FBC BOGATA	1,003.23 6,569.60
FBC CLARKSVILLE	100.00 700.00
FBC COOPER	0 1,007.97
FBC DEPORT	0 0
FBC DETROIT	34.41 244.27
FBC PARIS	1,074.41 8,289.21
FBC ROXTON	0 0
FRIENDSHIP	80.00 720.00
FULBRIGHT	0 0
GLORY	29.18 547.22
GRAHAM ST.	0 0
HOWLAND	129.75 528.56
IMMANUEL/WMU	700.65 6,179.90
LAKEWAY	0 0
LAMAR POINT	440.00 1,125.00
LANE'S CHAPEL	0 0
LEESVILLE	0 5,198.15
MAXEY	150.00 900.00
MT. OLIVE	196.00 1,693.00
NOVICE	494.00 2,967.70
PACIO	159.30 863.24
PATTONVILLE	0 0
PETTY	127.18 720.36
POWDERLY	300.00 1,500.00
PROVIDENCE	129.40 1,087.31
SALEM	300.00 2,100.00
SOUTHSIDE	544.30 4,072.18
SPRINGLAKE	341.04 2,257.80
TRINITY	0 0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0 0
TOTAL	8,197.82 67,380.68

**RISE & BUILD FUND:
\$95,900.44**

Surrender! Not My Will, but Your Will. The surrendered person says with John the Baptist in John 3:30: "He must become greater; I must become less." The surrendered person echoes Paul's words in Philippians 1:21: "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." As we move from this theme Surrender, Sacrifice, Serve, let us not move from the action of these words in our lives. Continue to live the surrendered life for Jesus!

We delivered 122 pairs of shoes, 295 pairs of socks and \$470.00 to Buckner's Children's Home in Dallas on July 11, 2016. Thanks for your participation.

The Retreat is almost here and I'm so excited! The date is September 10, 2016, at the Love Civic Center in Paris with registration starting at 9:30. We have a wonderful program for you to come participate in. Glenna Meadows will bring our Bible study, Jo Scales, retired missionary, will be giving her testimony, Katy Ashby and her daughter, Allison, will be leading us in worship using their musical talents. We have Jewels for Jesus to bring laughter to the closing of our day. Oh, did I mention, Chisum Trails Cowboy Church is cooking lunch again. The menu is not planned, but I asked for the peach cobbler again! The cost for this unforgettable experience is just \$10.00. If you don't have an opportunity to register in your church, please call the Association office and Nancy will get you taken care of. Don't miss this!

We will be collecting beans and rice again for the Native American Partnership Missions in New Mexico. We collected 414 pounds of dry beans and 447 pounds of rice last year. I'm challenging us to do more this year!

JOY ON THE JOURNEY WITH "SEASONED" SAINTS

by Gloria Parker, RRVBA Senior Adults Director

AUGUST - 12th year of Senior Adults VBS has arrived! Are YOU ready?

SUBMERGED - Psalm 139:23-24. Aug. 1st - Novice; 8th - Springlake; 15th - Immanuel; 22nd - Southside; 29th - Paris FBC. Registration is at 9:30 with coffee, juice, etc. and "Ice Breakers" to mix up church groups from always sitting together, which helps to get to know folks from other churches better. Begin at 10:00 am with Welcome by Pastor or Senior Adult Leader; Information and Directions; Recognition of Military; Pledges to Flags and Bible with Songs for each including our Theme Song "The Longer I Serve Him," Seniors Version of "Jesus Loves Me" and 2 Hymns with RRVBA Hymn Singers; Mission Study and Offering (\$ to RRVBA Mission Trip to South Dakota); Bible Study; Announcements, Door Prizes, and Lunch at Noon. Host Churches, please have someone take pictures to add to our Scrapbook. Invite Nursing and Retirement Home Residents, neighbors, and PRAY for all who are not Jesus Followers to be SAVED! It's gonna be good - don't miss it!

Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers will NOT MEET regular Thursday, BUT we'll see YOU @ 9:30 am at all 5 Senior Adults VBS Host Churches and sing 2 of our Hymns with EVERYONE PRAISING GOD!

"How well do you know your hymns? Dentist's Hymn - Crown Him with Many Crowns; Weatherman's Hymn - There Shall Be Showers of Blessings; Tailor's Hymn - Holy, Holy, Holy; Golfer's Hymn - There's a Green Hill Far Away; Contractor's Hymn - The Church's One Foundation; Electrician's Hymn - Send the Light; Optometrist's Hymn - Open My Eyes That I May See; IRS Agent's Hymn - I Surrender All; Gossip's Hymn - Pass It On; Shopper's Hymn - Sweet Bye and Bye; Realtor's Hymn - I've Got a Mansion Just Over the Hilltop; Doctor's Hymn - The Great Physician; Speeder's Hymns: 55 mph - God Will Take Care of You; 75 mph - Nearer My God to Thee; 85 mph - This World Is Not My Home; 95 mph - Lord, I'm Coming Home; 100 mph - Precious Memories. Give me a sense of humor, Lord; Give me the grace to see a joke, to get some humor out of life, and pass it on to other friends." Author Unknown.

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem, and Keep Looking UP "Seasoned" Saints, JESUS THE PRINCE OF PEACE IS COMING BACK SOON - BE READY!

9/11 MUSIC AND WORSHIP SERVICE



All RRVBA churches are invited to a night of worship on Sunday, September 11, 2016, at 6:00 pm. The Association is bringing guest artist Adam Paul Williams to lead out with his guitarist and RRVBA combined choirs at East Paris Baptist Church.

You heard correctly--combined choirs!

Any church member that desires to sing that night (9/11) is invited to four rehearsals at East Paris.

Wednesday, August 17th, 6:00-8:00pm; Saturday, August 27th, 9:00am-Noon; Wednesday, August 31st, 6:00-8:00pm; and Saturday, September 10th, 9:00am-Noon.

For more information contact Ryan Clark at 903-784-3258 or ryan@eastparis.org.

FBC Blossom is looking for a Part-Time Youth Minister. Call 903-982-5212 or Pastor Mike Shupp at 903-491-5103.

FBC Clarksville needs a Part-Time or Full-Time Youth Minister. Send resumes to Dawn Snell at PO Box 401, Clarksville TX 75426 or by e-mail to dawn@simivida.com or call Sammy Beene at 713-898-0462 or Dawn Snell at 817-944-8600.

Providence is in need of a Pianist. Call Neil Barnes at 903-491-6103. They are also accepting resumes for Pastor. Call Jan Barnes at 903-491-6069 or e-mail resumes to lindajanbarnes@yahoo.com.

FBC Cooper has an opening for an Administrative Assistant. See <http://cooperfbc.com> for more information.

Bounds is seeking a Bi-vocational Pastor. Submit resumes to bobby.bumgarner@gmail.com.

NEWS FROM THE BSM. . .

Dear Family,

Let me start by saying how much I appreciate all of you. God has used so many of you to meet many different needs; lunches, mission trips, house repairs, appliance replacements, decorations etc.. This ministry would not exist without your support and prayers and for all of you I am most grateful!

The South Dakota mission trip is here and I am super excited. We have 24 people signed up to go to Whitewood, SD, to help replicate kids camp for Black Hills Baptist Church. We are hoping for around 60 kids to participate during the camp and in the evening we will have a recreation time for older students. We are praying God will open doors of opportunity to share the gospel through relationships.

School will be back in session before we know it! In the fall we are planning our Collegiate Revival. Our hope is to reach the PJC campus and older high school students through this event. Please be in prayer for our band who will be leading worship and our Speaker, Don Dowdy, as he brings the message. If you are willing to be a counselor or provide desserts for activities or find out how you can help please contact me.

If you would like to stay better informed and see photos and videos of activities happening within the association, please go to the Red River Valley Baptist Association Facebook page and like us. We will be working to update it more frequently!

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain." Psalms 127:1 ESV

Living God, Loving Life,

Scott Powell, BSM Director 903-246-1364



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Birthdays and Anniversaries

August Birthdays

2nd	Kathy Witherspoon, spouse	FBC Cooper
3rd	Linda Woodard, spouse	FBC Annona
9th	Danny White, music	Mt. Olive
10th	Debbie Hindman, treasurer	FBC Roxton
12th	Betty Sisson, admin assist	East Paris
18th	Jeff Duvall, pastor	FBC Bogata
18th	Darren Braddy, children	FBC Cooper
19th	Gary Lynch, music	FBC Clarksville
28th	Boyd Harmening, spouse	Leesville
31st	Scherlene Shupp, spouse	FBC Blossom

August Wedding Anniversaries

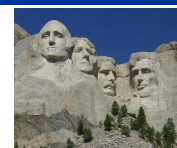
1st	Mike & Misti Clark, 24 yrs	Maxey
2nd	Wesley & Sarah Walker, 9 yrs	East Delta
4th	David & Melody Logan, 15 yrs	FBC Bogata
18th	Ronal & Debora Kennemer, 26 yrs	East Delta
26th	Theodus & Norma Kelley, 50 yrs	Glory

August Church Anniversaries

1st	Donna Hutchins, clerk, 4 yrs	East Delta
1st	Ken Cannon, assoc pastor, 14 yrs	FBC Paris
1st	Johnny Witherspoon, pastor, 13 yrs	FBC Cooper
1st	Nancy Redus, admin assist, 5 yrs	RRVBA
1st	Perry Duke, music, 1 yr	Bethel
2nd	David Logan, youth, 1 yr	FBC Bogata
8th	Donnie Edwards, pastor, 5 yrs	East Paris
9th	Paula Hutson, secretary, 6 yrs	FBC Bogata
10th	Gary Reed, pastor, 8 yrs	Emberson
10th	Rocky Burrow, pastor, 8 yrs	Chicota
10th	Sarah Walker, children, 2 yrs	East Delta

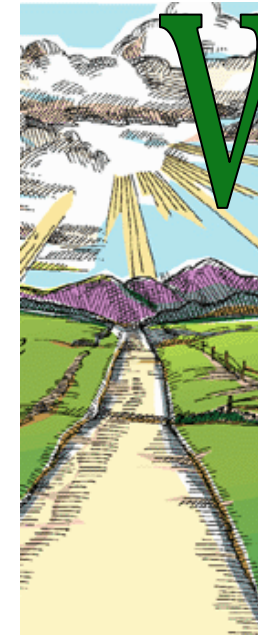
Secretaries & Support Staff Lunch

Thursday, August 4, 11:30am —1:00pm
 Bring your lunch — drinks are provided.
 Come enjoy the fellowship and a fun project!



A group of 24 from RRVBA is heading to South Dakota to work with the pastor and members of Black Hills Baptist Church in presenting a Children's Day Camp.

Remember them in your prayers as they travel and as they minister!



Voice of the Valley

The monthly publication of the Red River Valley Baptist Association

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First of All!

I Timothy 2:1 says the first thing we should do is pray, ...offer petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving. We are to offer them on behalf of all men, but especially for those who hold positions of authority and responsibility. Paul goes on to say this is good and right and it is pleasing and acceptable to God our Savior. What prayer should we pray for all men, for all who are in authority? We are to pray for them and for their salvation. This type of prayer leads us to live a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness.

America is a deeply divided and angry nation. Some are angry because people have been shot by the police, while others are angry because policemen have been shot. Tuesday evening, July 19th, Christians and others gathered at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church to pursue unity in our community and country. The reoccurring theme and prayers were for Jesus Christ to hear our cries, forgive our sins, and heal our land and the racial issues that divide us. One of our law enforcement officials correctly said, "Our only hope is the Lord!"

As we mourn those who have been murdered and pray for their families, we remember God's words in II Chronicles 7:14, *"If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."* If we as a community and nation obey His truth, America can encounter a fresh movement of God's Spirit! Is prayer "first" on our to-do list?

Oh, God, please hear, please forgive, please heal!

Bro. Mike Fortenberry, DOM

P.S. Men, you're invited to a Men's Conference at the RRV Bible Camp starting Friday, August 12 at 6:00 pm for dinner and 7:00 pm for service, and Saturday breakfast at 9:00 am and service at 10:00 am. For more information call me or Wade White at 903-491-6494.

REMINDER:
 The quarterly Executive Board Meeting has been **rescheduled** for **Tuesday, July 26**, at Pacio Baptist Church. Meal will be served at 6:00 pm with the meeting beginning at 6:45 pm.



SENIOR ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
August 1	Novice
August 8	Springlake
August 15	Immanuel
August 22	Southside
August 29	FBC Paris

Registration @ 9:30 am; program @ 10:00
Lunch is included!
 Offering will go to the RRVBA South Dakota Mission Trip
 For information, call Gloria Parker at 903-737-0650

Be in prayer for our pastorless churches:

BOUNDS	LEESVILLE
BROOKSTON	PROVIDENCE
DIRECT	SPRINGLAKE
GLORY	

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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WMU MISSION PROJECT FOR AUGUST: DRIED BEANS and RICE for Native American Partnership Missions. Donations due by September 6.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, July 26: Executive Board meeting at Pacio (rescheduled from July 19)
 Friday, July 29: Group leaves for South Dakota Mission Trip
 Monday, August 1: Senior Adult VBS at Novice
 Monday, August 1: Women's Retreat Committee meeting, 5:00 pm, RRVBA
 Thursday, August 4: Secretaries/Support Staff lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA
 Saturday, August 6: Group returns from South Dakota Mission Trip
 Monday, August 8: Senior Adult VBS at Springlake
 Friday, August 12-Saturday, August 13: Men's Conference, RRV Bible Camp
 Monday, August 15: Senior Adult VBS at Immanuel
 Wednesday, August 17: 9/11 Combined Choir rehearsal, 6:00—8:00 pm, East Paris
 Monday, August 22: Senior Adult VBS at Southside
 Saturday, August 27: 9/11 Combined Choir rehearsal, 9:00 am-Noon, East Paris
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