

RRVBA/BSM Donations June 22-July 20	Year to Date
ATLAS	0 600.00
BAGWELL	50.00 350.00
BETHEL	105.48 799.64
BOUNDS	159.76 1,426.56
BROOKSTON	0 0
CHICOTA	187.12 920.66
CHISUM TRAILS	100.00 600.00
COLLEGE AVE.	0 0
CUNNINGHAM	540.00 900.00
DIRECT	178.74 1,550.82
DOUBLE R	0 680.00
EAST DELTA	439.68 3,544.14
EAST PARIS	125.00 2,541.68
EMBERSON	0 160.00
FAITH	508.00 1,681.57
FBC ANNONA	98.53 745.52
FBC BLOSSOM	0 1,000.00
FBC BOGATA	1,106.02 7,580.88
FBC CLARKSVILLE	100.00 700.00
FBC COOPER	0 1,047.83
FBC DEPORT	0 0
FBC DETROIT	32.77 252.97
FBC PARIS	1,005.22 7,874.26
FBC ROXTON	0 0
FRIENDSHIP	110.00 946.00
FULBRIGHT	0 0
GLORY	0 274.40
GRAHAM ST.	0 0
HIS PLACE	0 1,000.00
HOWLAND	71.91 533.52
IMMANUEL/WMU	100.00 11,465.28
LAKEWAY	0 0
LAMAR POINT	382.00 1,192.00
LANE'S CHAPEL	0 0
LEESVILLE	929.00 4,900.00
MAXEY	150.00 900.00
MT. OLIVE	219.00 1,618.00
NOVICE	422.00 3,367.91
PACIO	163.47 1,221.45
PATTONVILLE	0 240.00
PETTY	645.62 1,326.80
POWDERLY	600.00 1,800.00
PROVIDENCE	156.42 1,096.82
SALEM	300.00 2,100.00
SOUTHSIDE	487.65 3,530.18
SPRINGLAKE	440.43 2,524.47
TRINITY	0 0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,913.82 74,313.36</b>

**RISE & BUILD FUND:  
\$104,905.14**

God desires to have a relationship with His people. How can we know His will, if we do not spend time communicating with Him? How can we know who God wants us to share, "By all means....," His Good News, if we do not spend time with Him?

A **GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to all the churches that participated in the collection for Christian Women's Job Corp. They now have much needed supplies and will be able to conduct their mission much better.

Get ready, it is **beans and rice** time. We will be collecting for Native Americans in New Mexico. Last year 13 churches collected a total of 1,044 pounds. That is great, but can we do better?

The **Ladies Retreat** is coming fast. The registration packets are being passed out and/or mailed to the churches. If you do not see an opportunity to sign up, please call the Association Office. Nancy will be happy to help you. Ladies, this is an episode you do not want to miss! Now you already know Gency Fortenberry is bringing our Bible study and Teresa Harmening will be leading us in worship. Yet another treat for the day will be Kristy Falk, pastor's wife at Novice Baptist Church and retired missionary. She will be sharing her exciting life serving our Lord in two different countries. Our mission project for this event is to collect gently used coats and new blankets also for Native Americans in New Mexico. If you have yours ready and want to drop them by the Association Office that would be fine.

Can you tell, I'm excited. This is a very good time to be involved in Red River Valley Baptist Association Woman's Missionary Union. Get on board and let's see what God has in store for us individually and together!

### JOY ON THE JOURNEY WITH "SEASONED" SAINTS by Gloria Parker, RRVBA Senior Adults Director

Our 13th Year of Senior Adults VBS got off to a GREAT start on July 31 at Southside BC. Invite and bring others with you who need to hear the Good News of Salvation through God's Son Jesus Christ on Aug. 7 at Chicota BC with Bounds BC assisting; Aug. 14 at Novice BC; Aug. 21 at Immanuel BC; and Aug. 28 at Paris FBC. Since the Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers will be leading and singing with everyone each Monday at SA-VBS, we will NOT have a regular August Rehearsal.

June and July have held some real Blessings I hope YOU have been part of as well. TCB Day Camp at RRV Bible Camp June 19-22 with Parents' Night Thursday night, reporting some children were gloriously saved! That night we heard about 29th Annual 2017 Back to Bethel Bible Camp Meeting the next week. Not knowing much about it, we attended only the 4 nights (also were 4 morning sessions) and were thrilled with glorious preaching and "our kind of music". Folks came from several states; we made some new friends! The Lord willing, we plan to attend the 30th Annual Back to Bethel Camp Meeting June 25-28, 2018. Put that date on your calendar NOW, and bring others who are missing out on these blessings of one of the "best kept secrets" of our Red River Valley!

Praise God for our Christian brother, David Green, owner of Hobby Lobby, and Mardel Stores. Go in and let them know how much you appreciate their full-page Witness for Jesus as Lord and Savior in newspapers on Easter, July 4th, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The Christian taped music is so uplifting.

Habitat for Humanity's "A Brush With Kindness" project gives folks who like to volunteer another opportunity to serve others. Call Office 903-783-0599 to help with projects for lower income, elderly, and disabled individuals. The UMArmy is part of the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. About 90 Youth and Adults from Dallas area stayed at Paris First United Methodist Church July 9-15, and did projects around Paris. One of their projects is very dear to my heart - Thank You, Lord and precious UMArmy for a job well done by our Methodist brothers and sisters in Christ! Keep Looking UP - JESUS the Prince of Peace is Coming Back Soon!

**WMU QUARTERLY MISSIONS PROJECT: Beans & Rice**  
We will collect bags of rice and dried beans for North American Partnership Missions who work with Native Americans in New Mexico.  
Please bring what has been collected to the RRVBA office by Monday, August 21!

**NOTE:** For those of you who plan to attend the Ladies' Retreat on Sept. 9, we ask that you bring a 'gently' used coat or jacket or a NEW blanket/throw with you.  
All items collected at the Retreat will also go to this ministry!


**5th Annual Ladies' Retreat**  
Saturday, September 9th at Love Civic Center in Paris.  
Cost: only \$10 (which includes lunch!)

Gency Fortenberry will bring the Bible Study and Teresa Harmening will return as the Worship Leader. Other speakers are retired missionaries Kristy Falk from Novice and Jana Seaborn from Leesville, along with special guest Tammy Whitehurst. There will also be a number of booths and displays including numerous items available for purchase from WorldCrafts.

Each RRVBA church has received a Registration Packet—check with your Women's/WMU Director!  
**Registration deadline is Thursday, August 24.**  
Call the RRVBA office at 903-785-2890 for more information.

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

Fri., July 28: Missions Team leaves for South Dakota (returning on August 5)  
Mon., July 31: SESSION #1—Senior Adult VBS, 9:00 am, Southside  
Thurs., August 3: Secretaries/Support Staff lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA  
Mon., August 7: SESSION #2—Senior Adult VBS, 9:00 am, Chicota (with Bounds assisting)  
Fri., August 11 & Sat., August 12: It Is All About Him Men's Conference, RRV Bible Camp  
Mon., August 14: SESSION #3—Senior Adult VBS, 9:00 am, Novice  
Thurs., August 17: Farewell Open House for Scott Powell & Family, 10:30 am—1:30 pm, RRVBA  
Mon., August 21: SESSION #4—Senior Adult VBS, 9:00 am, Immanuel  
Mon., August 21: Beans & Rice to the RRVBA office  
Mon., August 21: Arlington Baptist College extension classes begin, 6:00 pm, FBC Paris  
Thurs., August 24: Deadline to register for 5th Annual Ladies' Retreat  
Mon., August 28: SESSION #5—Senior Adult VBS, 9:00 am, FBC Paris



**FAREWELL OPEN HOUSE  
FOR SCOTT POWELL & FAMILY  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17  
FROM 11:00 AM—2:00 PM  
RRVBA OFFICE**

Come and fellowship with Scott, Crystal, and the kids, before they leave Texas for Loveland, Colorado, where they'll be working to plant a new church.  
Light refreshments will be served.



**IT IS ALL ABOUT HIM**  
MEN'S CONFERENCE @ RRV Bible Camp  
Friday, August 11: Meal @ 6:00 pm  
Service @ 6:45 pm  
Saturday, August 12: Breakfast @ 8:15 am  
Service @ 9:00 am  
Speakers: Wade White, Tony Pangle, & Mike Fortenberry  
Music: Wade White & the Praise Band  
Call 903-782-6759 or 903-491-6494 for more information



**SECRETARIES/SUPPORT STAFF LUNCH**

Thursday, August 3, 11:30 am  
Bring your lunch & we'll provide drinks and a devotional.  
This is for ALL secretaries and support staff, paid or volunteer!

**HELP WANTED!**

**Hwy 82 Baptist Church** needs a Piano Player. Call Jerry Clements at 903-249-0037.  
**SPRINGLAKE BAPTIST CHURCH** is looking for a Nursery Worker. Call the church at 903-785-1859.  
**IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH** needs Nursery Workers. Call Shauna Mercaldo at 713-377-2889.

**BSM DIRECTOR POSITION**

The RRVBA is seeking a **part-time** Baptist Student Ministry Director. The Director will be responsible for the direction of the total ministry of the BSM, particularly on the PJC campus. In addition to coordinating the campus ministry, the Director will assist in the work of the local Baptist churches in the campus community as the BSM joins with these churches in a total ministry to students. The salary will be \$10,000/year.

For a full job description please call the RRVBA office at 903-785-2890 or bring your resume to the office at 2320 Clarksville St., Paris. Resumes may also be submitted via e-mail to [redrivervalleybaptist@gmail.com](mailto:redrivervalleybaptist@gmail.com).

Deadline to submit resumes:  
Tuesday, August 8, 2017.

**Red River Valley Baptist Association**

**Regular Office Hours:** Monday—Thursday, 8 am to 2 pm  
**E-Mail Address:** [redrivervalleybaptist@gmail.com](mailto:redrivervalleybaptist@gmail.com)  
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**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**August Birthdays**

2nd	Kathy Witherspoon, spouse	FBC Cooper
3rd	Carol Kelly, treasurer	Springlake
9th	Danny White, music	Mt. Olive
10th	Debbie Hindman, treasurer	FBC Roxton
11th	Michael King, spouse	CWJC
12th	Betty Sisson, admin asst	East Paris
18th	Darren Braddy, children	FBC Cooper
19th	Gary Lynch, music	FBC Clarksville
20th	Kaysi King, spouse	East Paris
26th	Genetta McGregor, treasurer	FBC Annona
28th	Boyd Harmening, spouse	Leesville
31st	Scherlene Shupp, spouse	FBC Blossom

**August Wedding Anniversaries**

1st	Mike & Misti Clark, 25 yrs	Maxey
2nd	Wesley & Sarah Walker, 10 yrs	East Delta
4th	David & Melody Logan, 16 yrs	FBC Bogata
12th	Shane & Melinda Oats	Bethel
17th	Jay & Lori Smith, 32 yrs	FBC Annona
18th	Ronal & Debora Kennemer, 27 yrs	East Delta
26th	Theodus & Norma Kelley, 51 yrs	Glory
28th	Duane & Kristy Falk, 35 yrs	Novice
30th	Casey & Bri DeLay, 2 yrs	Immanuel

**August Church Anniversaries**

1st	Donna Houchins, clerk, 5 yrs	East Delta
1st	Ken Cannon, assoc pastor, 15 yrs	FBC Paris
1st	Nancy Redus, admin asst, 6 yrs	RRVBA
1st	Johnny Witherspoon, pastor, 14 yrs	FBC Cooper
2nd	David Logan, youth, 2 yrs	FBC Bogata
8th	Donnie Edwards, pastor, 6 yrs	East Paris
9th	Paula Hutson, secretary, 7 yrs	FBC Bogata
10th	Gary Reed, pastor, 9 yrs	Emberson
10th	Rocky Burrow, pastor, 9 yrs	Chicota
10th	Sarah Walker, children, 3 yrs	East Delta

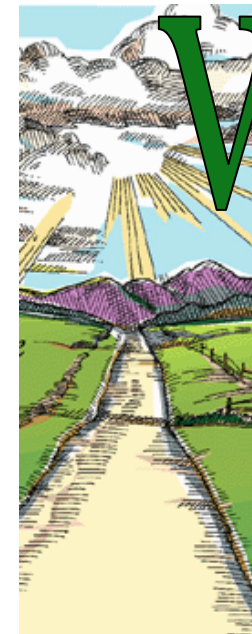
It's time for

**SENIOR ADULT VBS!!**

Registration begins @ 9:00 am  
Session #1: Monday, July 31—Southside  
Session #2: Monday, August 7—Chicota  
Session #3: Monday, August 14—Novice  
Session #4: Monday, August 21—Immanuel  
Session #5: Monday, August 28—FBC Paris

Come and enjoy the fellowship, the Bible Study, the door prizes and the free lunch!

For more information call  
Gloria Parker at 903-737-0650.



# Voice of the Valley

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**LIVE WITH URGENCY AND PASSION!**

Philippians 1:3 - 6 says "I thank my God for every remembrance of you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ!" What a blessed man I am to have the opportunity to serve your churches and to serve with you in His Kingdom's work. I rejoice to hear many good reports from the various Youth and Children Camps as well as from the different churches and their Vacation Bible Schools. May God bless you. It has been a very busy and productive summer in many ways.

Let me remind you of a couple of upcoming Association projects with the hope you will support them with your time, talent and treasure and/or prayers. July 28th our association **Mission Trip to South Dakota** leaves for Whitewood and a week of ministry with this wonderful church, located just 9 miles from Sturgis. This year we have around 40 going to serve this pioneer state and community while sharing the gospel. Monday, July 31st is the first of our 5 **Senior Adult VBS** opportunities. Please read Gloria's article for more details!

At our July 18th Executive Board meeting I shared some important new building information I want to pass on to each of you. Seven or eight years ago the Association voted to begin a New Building Project. I am told the estimated cost was around \$750,000.00. To date we have received \$104,905.14 for this project. With the passing of time and a lack of progress our number of churches giving and the amount being given has been in decline. I have talked to building and code professionals who believe the money needed to complete the project would now be tens of thousands of dollars more than the original numbers which were discussed. The finance committee, building and grounds committee and new building committee and I have researched the possibility of renovating and upgrading the buildings we have instead of continuing with a new building project as things stand. The estimated cost of refurbishing and renovating what we have could be done and paid for with the money in hand and probably some balance left over. At this time we are talking to all the churches who have given to the project to inform and to receive input from them before moving forward in presenting a recommendation to the Executive Board! We hope to make enough progress in the search for a BSM Director and in the BSM and Office Building project to have a special called business meeting in the middle or end of August. Additional input or information request about either or both of these items should be directed to the Association Office and staff.

**Arlington Baptist University Extension Classes**, for laymen and clergy, will begin the Fall Semester on August 21st, meeting every Monday night from 6:00—8:30 pm at First Baptist Church, Paris. The class will study the Book of Acts.

To God be the glory,  
Bro. Mike



**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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