

RRVBA/BSM Donations
Received in June 2019

ATLAS	0
BAGWELL	50.00
BETHEL	0
BOUNDS	234.50
BROOKSTON	0
CHICOTA	179.10
CHISUM TRAILS	0
CUNNINGHAM	450.00
DIRECT	305.70
DOUBLE R	359.24
EAST DELTA	422.28
EAST PARIS	208.33
EMBERSON	0
FAITH	0
FBC ANNONA	50.00
FBC BLOSSOM	0
FBC BOGATA	1,030.56
FBC CLARKSVILLE	100.00
FBC COOPER	283.02
FBC DEPORT	0
FBC DETROIT	29.33
FBC PARIS	770.26
FBC ROXTON	0
FRIENDSHIP	114.00
FULBRIGHT	0
GLORY	0
GRAHAM ST.	0
HIS PLACE	0
HOWLAND	61.65
IMMANUEL/WMU	0
LAMAR POINT	0
LEESVILLE	484.22
MAXEY	0
MT. OLIVE	1,163.00
NOVICE	577.00
PACIO	0
PATTONVILLE	0
PETTY	0
POWDERLY	600.00
PROVIDENCE	74.19
SALEM	300.00
SOUTHSIDE	797.29
SPRINGLAKE	0
TRINITY	0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0
TOTAL	8,643.67

BUILDING FUND:
\$11,872.31

WMU News

Alice Ann White
RRVBA WMU Director
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With these hot days of summer upon us, don't let your guard down. We need to stay faithful with our service and have "Unshakable Pursuit" of the Father. "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)

Outreach Project:

As we have done in the past few years, we are once again collecting dried beans for our outreach project for the Native Americans in New Mexico. We collected 1,006 pounds last year. I am challenging us to give more this year. If you have a burden for world hunger, this an opportunity to help in a small way. You are purchasing the beans and you know where your money is going. Pray about what God wants you and your church to give. Your beans need to be in the Association Office no later than Thursday, *August 29, 2019*.

Women's Retreat:

September 14, 2019, is the Women's Retreat at Love Civic Center, Paris, TX. Registration packets will be mailed to your church. If you are not given the opportunity to register in your church, please check w/office, pastor, or whoever gets your church mail. You can also register at the Association office. We have a wonderful day planned, but you will never know how wonderful if your don't attend. Mark your calendars, save the date and make plans to attend. Bring your friends. *\$10 Registration due at RRVBA office by Thursday, August 29!* Cost will go up to \$15 after this date, with no guarantee of a goodie bag, so register early!

As I said in my opening statement, let us remain faithful.

FULL-TIME STUDENT/WORSHIP PASTOR POSITION AVAILABLE @ FBC COOPER

Job description is available at redriverbaptist.com

JOY ON THE JOURNEY WITH "SEASONED" SAINTS

by Gloria Parker, Senior Adults Director

AUGUST: Senior Adults VBS 15th Year starts with a Bang July 29th at FBC Bogata - TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR ALL THE THINGS HE HAS DONE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO - Aug. 5th @ His Place; Aug. 12th @ Immanuel; Aug. 19th @ Southside, and Aug. 26th @ FBC Paris. We will continue as long as the Lord directs and blesses us! Bring others with you who have never attended as well as those who have and been blessed! We pray every year that Seniors will be SAVED TO SERVE the rest of their lives! HE has a definite PLAN for EACH OF US with NO Retirement PLAN! HE will take us HOME to HEAVEN when HE FINISHES PREPARING OUR PLACE to live with HIM for ETERNITY - THAT'S A LONG TIME, PRAISE HIS NAME!!!

The Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers will meet Thursday Aug. 8th at 9:30 am to rehearse and go to sing for Our Lord to and with the Residents of Colonial Lodge and Heritage Assisted Living Homes. There's always room for more who love to Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord, so share the news, bring them with you as we just may be blessed more than they are! Some of them have no one who visits them - except us.

Independence Day Celebrations took precedence over our FUN Friday Night Out at Denny's on July 5th, so we skipped it. But we were back with Joy and Gusto and will continue as long as it ministers to the hearts of those of us Widows, Widowers, Singles Again, and Singles who don't like being at home by ourselves on Friday nights! It's a Favorite time and place for many of us! Come see what it's all about; you just might want to become a "Regular" too!

KEEP LOOKING UP, BE READY, JESUS THE PRINCE OF PEACE IS COMING BACK SOON FOR US HIS CHURCH - HIS BRIDE. PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM, AS WELL AS OUR BELOVED HOME AMERICA!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING RRVBA EVENTS!

Monday, July 29: Senior Adult VBS, *FBC Bogata*

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

Sunday, August 4-Wednesday, August 7: Revival at *Pacio* with Evangelist Paul Cherry

Monday, August 5: Senior Adult VBS, *His Place*

Saturday, August 10: Back to School Fair, *FBC Paris*, Family Life Center, 9:00—11:30 am

Monday, August 12: Senior Adult VBS, *Immanuel*

Tuesday, August 13: Called Executive Board Meeting, 6:45 pm, *Southside*

Monday, August 19: Senior Adult VBS, *Southside*

Monday, August 19: Ladies' Retreat Committee meeting, 5:30 pm, RRVBA

Monday, August 26: Senior Adult VBS, *FBC Paris*

Thursday, August 29: Dried Beans for Mission Project due in RRVBA office

Thursday, August 29: Registration @ \$10 due for Ladies' Retreat (\$15 after this date)

Wednesday, Sept. 4: Back to School Bash (for Jr. & Sr. High), 5:30 pm, Love Civic Center



WMU MISSION PROJECTS: August-*Dried Beans* & Ladies' Retreat -*Blankets*

We are collecting all types of DRIED beans for Native Americans in Arizona & New Mexico. Please bring them to the RRVBA office no later than Thursday, August 29. Also, the mission project for the Ladies' Retreat on September 14 is blankets for the same organization (North American Partnership Missions). You can bring the blankets with you to the Retreat or drop them off at the office. All beans and blankets will be leaving for New Mexico on Saturday, September 14, so please get your donations in on time!



BSM NEWS...

Hello from the Baptist Student Ministry!

It's hard to believe summer is almost over and the first day of college classes is upon us. Classes resume on August 26 and we have some big plans to kick off the semester. We will be assisting the PJC faculty on campus the first two days of school handing out donuts and juice to the students from 8-10 as well as helping students find their way around. We will be handing out BSM brochures as well to raise awareness of our ministry.

For lunch on the first day I plan to cook burgers on campus and give free burgers to all the students. I will need helpers that day to set up, serve, and pass out BSM brochures and gospel tracts. If you want to help reach these students that day from 10-1, please contact me!


I am taking donations of 12 oz can drinks (Coke, Dr Pepper, Sprite, Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Coke Zero and half liter water bottles) and also paper plates, napkins and plastic forks.

I look forward to hearing from our churches!!

Pray up! Preach out! Plug in!

Mike Clark 903-905-1336 mikeclark42@yahoo.com

Calling all Senior Adults: Come to the Senior Adult VBS adventure “In the Wild” and have some amazing encounters with Jesus!! At every session of SA-VBS you will enjoy fellowship, fun, and food, as lunch is provided! See the Calendar of Events in this issue for dates and locations!



Call Gloria Parker, Senior Adults Director, at 903-737-0650 for more information.

WE’RE IN REVIVAL AT PACIO!
August 4th - 7th with Evangelist Paul Cherry
Sunday at 11:00 am & 6:30 pm
Monday -Wednesday at 6:30 pm
Come for a blessing!

BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR AT FBC PARIS
Saturday, August 10 from 9:00—11:30 am in the Family Life Center

Featuring: Haircuts, Health Screenings, School Supplies, Socks, Games, Sno Cones, Popcorn and more!
Limited supplies available - Children must be accompanied by an adult!

YOUTH MINISTER WANTED
Permanent, temporary (intern), or part-time
Contact Leesville Baptist Church @ 903-674-5782,
pastor@leesvillebaptistchurch.com or
questions@leesvillebc.org

Red River Valley Baptist Association
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Birthdays and Anniversaries

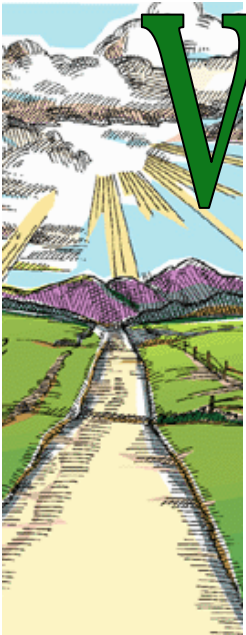
<u>August Birthdays</u>		
2	Kathy Witherspoon, spouse	FBC Cooper
3	Carol Kelly, treasurer	Springlake
7	Stephanie Wideman, spouse	Direct
9	Danny White, music	Mt. Olive
10	Debbie Hindman, treasurer	FBC Roxton
12	Betty Sisson, admin asst	East Paris
18	Darren Braddy, children	FBC Cooper
19	Gary Lynch, music	FBC Clarksville
26	Genetta McGregor, treasurer	FBC Annona
27	Darlynn Morrison, financial sec	FBC Paris
28	Boyd Harmening, treasurer	Leesville
31	Scherlene Shupp, spouse	FBC Blossom

<u>August Wedding Anniversaries</u>		
1	Mike & Misti Clark, 27 yrs	Maxey/BSM
2	Wesley & Sarah Walker, 12 yrs	East Delta
12	Shane & Melinda Oats	Bethel
17	Jay & Lori Smith, 34 yrs	FBC Annona
18	Ronal & Deborah Kennemer, 29 yrs	East Delta
26	Thedus & Norma Kelley, 53 yrs	Glory
26	Jimmy & Bobbie Preston, 56 yrs	Howland
28	Duane & Kristy Falk, 37 yrs	Novice
30	Kye & Kasey Rieff, 5 yrs	Double R
31	Casey & Bri DeLay, 4 yrs	Immanuel
30	Mike & Tena Segleski, 50 yrs	Bounds

<u>August Church Anniversaries</u>		
1	Donna Houchins, clerk, 7 yrs	East Delta
1	Ken Cannon, assoc pastor, 17 yrs	FBC Paris
1	Nancy Redus, admin asst, 8 yrs	RRVBA
1	Johnny Witherspoon, pastor, 16 yrs	FBC Cooper
1	David Williams, pastor, 4 yrs	Friendship
9	Paula Hutson, secretary, 9 yrs	FBC Bogata
10	Gary Reed, pastor, 11 yrs	Embersen
10	Rocky Burrow, pastor, 11 yrs	Chicota
10	Sarah Walker, children, 5 yrs	East Delta
15	Mike Clark, BSM director, 1 yr	RRVBA
20	Zachary Barton, music, 2 yrs	Southside

PASTORS & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:
A special Called Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for 6:45 pm on Tuesday, August 13, at Southside. There is only one agenda item: discussion & vote on the Personnel Committee recommendation that Bro. Guille Seigler be appointed as our new DOM (Director of Missions). Your participation is important; please be in attendance!

 Secretaries/Support Staff Lunch
Thursday, August 1, 11:30 am
Bring your lunch & let’s fellowship!



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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“TO GOD BE THE GLORY!”


This is my 50th year in the ministry. I was a Youth Minister & Song Leader for my home church at age 16. I did this until God called me to be a pastor. Genc and I have had the honor to serve 4 churches: 2 Independent churches and 2 Southern Baptist churches. I was raised and educated in the Independent Baptist family. Southern Baptists were suspect with some of the churches we fellowshiped with not even accepting Southern Baptist Baptism. Then, as country music artist Hank Williams wrote “I saw the light”! I am thankful for my Independent Baptist heritage but so glad that the Heavenly Father led us into the convention. I am thankful that our missionaries on the field are taken care of and not left stranded by some church that got mad or forgot to send their support. I am thankful that our churches have chosen to join their hands and their hearts believing we can do more together than apart.

After serving these last 4 1/2 years I am even more proud & committed to being a Southern Baptist than ever before. Working with our pastors, staff & churches, our national & state conventions, schools & organizations have deepened my love & appreciation for who we are & what we are doing. As my time comes to an end as your DOM I want to thank you for the privilege & trust you have given me & pray with much appreciation & thanksgiving that God let me pass this way!

I am excited about the man our personnel committee will be recommending to you in the special called business meeting at Southside Baptist church at 6:45 p.m. on the night of August 13th. My commitment to being a pastor kept me from being in your church services on a regular basis. Something we knew going in but realize is a much needed thing. The change will allow us to address this need. I am thankful for all we have been able to accomplish & all the ministry opportunities we have been able to provide. Unless otherwise needed my last day will be August 29th. So I end with this phrase ... “To God be the glory, great things He has done!”

Bro. Mike
Pastor of His Place Fellowship

Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me under the shadow of Your wings (Psalm 17:8)



This is the theme of the **7th Annual WMU Ladies’ Retreat** on Saturday, **September 14**, at Love Civic Center. Registration packets are on the way to each of our RRVBA churches. Cost is \$10 (includes lunch and a goodie bag). **Deadline to register is Thursday, August 29.** You may register through your church or at the RRVBA office, Mon-Thurs, 8am-2pm. With noteworthy speakers, uplifting music, a delicious lunch, lots of fun, goodie bags, and booths, including WorldCrafts, you are sure to have a wonderful time!

NOTE: The cost increases to \$15 after the 29th, with no guarantee of a goodie bag, so register early! Call 903-785-2890 for more information.