



Do you realize that God wants little by little, to make a new you out of you. Through “**Unshakable Pursuit**” of Him, we can encounter a wonderful transformation.

The **World Day of Prayer** at Springlake Baptist church, Paris was a very spiritual experience. We had 40 in attendance from 10 different Association churches. Thanks to everyone who had a part on the program. Some of our pastors led out in the prayer time and Bible study. This adds so much to the event. Thanks, also, to Margaret Melton and her planning team!

Lottie Moon Week of Prayer is almost here. Begin to pray about what you are going to give Jesus for His birthday. Please promote this offering in your local church.

Open House is December 10, 2019, at the office. Be sure to drop by and visit and eat. It is a Baptist occasion, so you know there will be food!

Save these dates for **2020**: CIA Day - March 7; Ladies Retreat - September 12; and World Day of Prayer - November 2. Watch for the date of the Mission Study to be announced later.

Thanks for supporting Association WMU and reading my article!

Merry Christmas to each one of you!

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS! We've had some blessed Revival experiences this past year, and are praying it continues throughout our churches. We are more aware of those around us who are not saved, some not even interested! We are praying to become lovingly bolder in our sharing Jesus with everyone. Jonathan Cahn, a Jewish Christian and Rabbi, has recently written some eye-opening books to show how God has orchestrated every event throughout history to show His Plans and Purposes from the Beginning until Jesus Returns. **THE PARADIGM** and **THE ORACLE** will bless your hearts and minds as you compare it all to His Holy Word, **THE BIBLE**! Also, **STANDING UP TO GOLIATH** by Rebecca Friedrichs, for School Teachers and Administrators, and **FORGIVING MY FATHER, FORGIVING MYSELF** by Ruth Graham, Billy Graham's daughter. They will make some great God-Honoring Christmas gifts!

The Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers will meet at Springlake BC on Thursday, December 12, to rehearse and go sing with and to those precious Residents of Brentwood and Stillhouse Assisted Living Homes.

Friday Night Out at Denny's 5-7 pm still meets the needs of some of us Widows, Widowers, Singles, Singles Again, and some wonderful couples who have been where we are and help us have a great time together visiting, playing games, or just whatever we decide to do. Recently heard comment: Christians don't RETIRE; we just RE-WIRE for what the Lord wants us to do!

Have a **BLESSED CHRISTMAS CELEBRATING JESUS' BIRTHDAY** with your loved ones. **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 AND FOR OUR BELOVED U.S.A.**



Direct Baptist Church has a copier to give away.

Contact Justin Wideman @ 903-517-0216
for more information.



OCTOBER DONATIONS TOTAL: \$9,950.69

<i>Bagwell</i>	50.00	<i>East Delta</i>	463.73	<i>FBC Cooper</i>	192.94	<i>Leesville</i>	523.47	<i>Providence</i>	93.88
<i>Bethel</i>	182.28	<i>East Paris</i>	208.33	<i>FBC Detroit</i>	40.12	<i>Maxey</i>	300.00	<i>Salem</i>	300.00
<i>Bounds</i>	241.25	<i>FBC Annona</i>	50.00	<i>FBC Paris</i>	1,175.45	<i>Mt. Olive</i>	245.00	<i>Southside</i>	707.88
<i>Chicota</i>	213.53	<i>FBC Blossom</i>	200.00	<i>Friendship</i>	96.00	<i>Novice</i>	657.00	<i>Springlake</i>	825.45
<i>Chisum Trails</i>	200.00	<i>FBC Bogata</i>	1,115.65	<i>Howland</i>	66.15	<i>Pacio</i>	304.32		
<i>Direct</i>	632.26	<i>FBC Clarksville</i>	100.00	<i>Lamar Point</i>	466.00	<i>Powderly</i>	300.00		



Mark your calendar for these upcoming events...

Nov 27 - Nov 28: RRVBA closed for *Thanksgiving*

Dec 1 - Dec 8: Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Offering

Monday, Dec 2: BSM Lunch—*Immanuel*

Thursday, Dec 5: *Secretaries/Support Staff Christmas Party*, 11:00 am, at 1927 Amherst Rd., Paris

Monday, Dec 9: BSM Lunch—*Friendship*

Tuesday, Dec 10: *Christmas Open House*, 10:30 am-1:30 pm, RRVBA

Thursday, Dec 12: RRVBA office closes for holidays

Friday, Dec 13 - Saturday, Dec 14: Living Nativity, *Providence*, 6:30-8:30 pm

Saturday, Jan 4, 2020: WMU Team Meeting, 10:00 am, RRVBA

Monday, Jan 6: RRVBA office reopens, 8:00 am

Tuesday, Jan 7: Finance Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, RRVBA

Tuesday, Jan 14: Executive Board Meeting, *Double R Cowboy Church*



Providence Baptist Church, 4680 FM 195, Paris, will hold it's annual **Living Nativity** on Friday, December 13 & Saturday, December 14 from 6:30—8:30 pm each night.

They are asking for volunteers, any available costumes for Wise Men, and a donkey!

For more information call 903-785-4780.

BSM NEWS...

Merry Christmas from the Baptist Student Ministry!

In the Gospel of Luke 1:26-33 we read: "And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: **And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.**"

During this Christmas season, while we celebrate and honor the Lord for sending us the most precious gift of His Son to be born, live a perfect life and die in our place on the cross, let us also remember the end of the above passage... **HE IS COMING BACK SOON TO RULE AND REIGN!** When we look around at the world around us we can see the signs that soon these things shall come to pass. So may we all be found faithful and busy doing the Lord's work and sharing the good news of Jesus. One way you can do that is by plugging in to the BSM! We are looking for churches to help serve lunches next semester, so please call me and schedule your church to help us reach these college kids. Time is running out for so many, won't you help us reach them?

Pray up! Preach out! Plug in!

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For
God
so loved
the world
that he gave
his only Son
that whoever believes
in him should not perish
but have eternal life
John
3:16

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

December Birthdays

2	Michael Julian, administrator	East Paris
3	Neil Barnes, music	Providence
9	Peggy Stewart, secretary	FBC Annona
13	Eugene Adams, pastor	Pacio
13	Tommy Turner, pastor	FBC Paris
19	Glenn Stewart, clerk	FBC Annona
21	Karl Bush, pastor	Bagwell
22	Lori Russell, secretary	Immanuel
23	Billie Pickerill, financial admin	East Paris
25	Mike Segeleski, spouse	Bounds
28	Jamie Thompson, spouse	His Place
28	Jo Ann Seigler, spouse	RRVBA
30	Kristy Falk, spouse	Novice
31	Donna Houchins, clerk	East Delta
31	Tena Segleski, treasurer	Bounds

December Wedding Anniversaries

3	Charles & Darlene Shouse, 42 yrs	Mt. Olive
9	Joe & Angela Rose, 30 yrs	FBC Bogata
12	David & Denise Harbison, 32 yrs	East Paris
13	Kevin & Brena Borgan, 11 yrs	Leesville
22	Gary & Jan Monroe, 40 yrs	Bounds
24	Johnny & Kathy Witherspoon, 42 yrs	FBC Cooper
29	Justin & Jamie Thompson, 12 yrs	His Place
30	Zach & Emily Barton, 7 yrs	Southside
31	Karl & Kathy Bush, 36 yrs	Bagwell

December Church Anniversaries

1	Ronnie Aubrey, pastor, 16 yrs	Trinity
1	Brandon Bell, pastor, 8 yrs	Fulbright
2	Denise Harbison, admin asst, 17 yrs	East Paris
30	Tim Parker, pastor, 32 yrs	Howland

Please pray for these churches seeking pastors:
Maxey, Providence, & Springlake

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

Volunteer Youth Minister is needed at Aspire Ministry. Contact Tim Sullivan at *East Paris Baptist Church* 903-784-3258 or tim@eastparis.org

Springlake is accepting resumes for Pastor. Mail to Pulpit Committee, 3500 Clarksville, Paris TX 75460.

Worship Leader is needed at *FBC Bogata*. Contact church at fbcbogata@gmail.com or 903-632-5218.

Voice of the Valley

The Mission is the Message

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The Christmas season is soon upon us, a time when people are under more stress; experience depression and seem generally miserable. The world has turned this wonderful celebration into a commercialism nightmare. The word of the day is BUY, BUY, and BUY some more. A cynic once said that “Christmas is a time when you spend money you don’t have for gifts you can’t afford to give to people you don’t like.” I am afraid the message of Christmas has been lost in the hustle and bustle of giving and getting; going and doing. As believers in Christ, we know the real meaning of the season, but we can get caught up in the frenzy of holiday activity. We often forget the Who we are to celebrate.

So, what is Christmas all about? It is about God, our Father, sending His Son, Jesus into this world to save humanity from sin and death. Imagine, God choosing to come into this dark, sin-burdened world, taking on a human nature and flesh to give hope and salvation to humanity. Jesus came to seek and save that which is lost – you and me - and give eternal life to all who believe in His Name.

The gift giving is nice, the family gatherings are pleasant, yet the best gift came from God so long ago and is still offered today to any who will accept it. This Christmas season take time to give thanks for the wonderful gift our awesome God has given us and to tell others about His gift for them in Jesus Christ.

To all the pastors and churches of RRVBA, have a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Bro. Guille



Secretaries & Support Staff Christmas Party!

Thursday, December 5, 11:00 am
at 1927 Amherst Drive, Paris

Bring a \$5-\$10 gift &
a potluck dish to share!

Call Nancy at 903-785-2890 or
903-609-9734 to RSVP and
get directions.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS DECEMBER 1 – 8, 2019



Have a Blessed Christmas and a Wonderful New Year!



The RRVBA office will close at 2:00 pm on Thursday, December 12, and will reopen at 8:00 am on Monday, January 6, 2020.



*You are invited to the
Red River Valley Baptist Association
Christmas Open House on Tuesday, December 10*

10:30 am—1:30 pm

Come by and fellowship with us!

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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