

WMU News

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RRVBA/BSM Donations		2015
JAN 1—JAN 20		

ATLAS	0	600.00
BAGWELL	50.00	600.00
BETHEL	0	1,536.96
BOUNDS	182.26	2,866.55
BROOKSTON	0	0
CHICOTA	137.18	1,751.28
CHISUM TRAIL	0	1,300.00
COLLEGE AVE.	0	0
CUNNINGHAM	0	1,620.00
DIRECT	240.63	3,085.66
DOUBLE R	180.00	1871.00
EAST DELTA	631.00	5,692.72
EAST PARIS	541.67	6,500.04
EMBERSON	80.00	960.00
FAITH	852.00	1,721.73
FBC ANNONA	82.85	1,052.09
FBC BLOSSOM	200.00	1,850.00
FBC BOGATA	1,320.48	15,341.31
FBC CLARKSVILLE	100.00	1,200.00
FBC COOPER	277.04	3,444.58
FBC DEPORT	0	0
FBC DETROIT	0	412.24
FBC PARIS	1,987.32	13,588.44
FBC ROXTON	0	1,260.00
FRIENDSHIP	0	0
FULBRIGHT	0	739.48
GLORY	0	2,612.54
GRAHAM ST.	0	0
HOWLAND	0	1,065.46
IMMANUEL/WMU	797.65	10,615.33
LAKEWAY	0	0
LAMAR POINT	200.00	622.17
LANE'S CHAPEL	0	0
LEESVILLE	1,590.00	19,015.00
MAXEY	0	1,950.00
MT. OLIVE	220.00	2,746.00
NOVICE	430.00	6,159.05
PACIO	0	1,974.67
PATTONVILLE	0	0
PETTY	0	1,716.66
POWDERLY	0	4,200.00
PROVIDENCE	167.85	2,134.36
SALEM	300.00	2,100.00
SOUTHSIDE	0	8,948.79
SPRINGLAKE	0	4,593.81
TRINITY	0	0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0	0
TOTAL	9,247.45	139,320.95

RISE & BUILD FUND:
\$90,086.36

Do you have a vision of how God wants you to surrender, sacrifice and serve him? We would never want it said of us that we 'lacked a vision'. Pray for God to renew an understanding of His will in your life and just where He wants to take you.

CIA Day is almost here. **Saturday, March 5, 2016, at 9:00 AM at Southside Baptist Church in Paris** the fun will begin. All children ages kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to participate. Pastors, children's workers, other adults: make sure the children in your church have an opportunity to be there. They cannot bring themselves! Someone will have to help. Could that someone be you? Packets are on their way! Watch for them!

The number of OCC boxes collected is 3,401 that I know of. I'm sure there were others that were packed that I don't have a record of. Thanks for your participation.

Our next mission outreach project is to collect items for the Paris Pregnancy Center in the month of February. Your church has received a list of items.

Please call me if you have questions about WMU or I can assist you in anyway.

Watchword: "Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me'" (Mark 8:34 NIV).

JOY ON THE JOURNEY WITH "SEASONED" SAINTS by Gloria Parker

February is LOVE Month - For GOD SO LOVED the world that HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON; We LOVE Him because He first LOVED us; the Greatest of these is LOVE. Let's LOVE MORE LIKE JESUS in 2016!

Because this article has to be to the VoV by the 15th of each month so you can receive it around the 1st of the next month, sometimes I say some things have happened before they actually do. Such as saying "Dec. 15th we Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers sang on the Downtown Paris Square at 4:00 pm," but we didn't - we got rained out - SO SAD! We did have a GREAT Party, though! Also, 30 RRVOF Hymn Singers started January 14 off by singing only 3 songs at Brookdale when our beloved Director Fred Fangio became ill, and we dismissed before singing at Paris Nursing Home. Praise God, Fred's OK, and we'll reschedule both places again soon! Come sing with us the 2nd Thursday of each month. Blessings abound!

Dr. Gary Cook School of Leadership at Dallas Baptist Univ. invites us Seniors to their bi-annual Leadership Lecture Series "The Enduring Legacy of Ronald Reagan" on Saturday, Feb. 6th, at 7pm in the Patty and Bo Pilgrim Chapel. Featured speaker will be Jim Kuhn, former Executive Assistant to President Ronald Reagan and author of RONALD REAGAN IN PRIVATE: A MEMOIR OF MY YEARS IN THE WHITE HOUSE. Also Dr. Jim Denison will moderate a panel of Mr. Kuhn, Dr. Jim Broaddus, and Dale Petroskey, all leaders who served in the Reagan Administration. There is no cost for this special event, but reservations must be made to Alyssa Furr at alyssa@dbu.edu or call her at 214-333-5408, and she will send your ticket(s).

On Saturday, March 5, Dr. Johnny Hunt will be lead a Men's Conference of 2 Sessions at FBC Paris beginning at 10 am. This is designed to strengthen the leadership in our churches. ALL MEN are urged to attend! Also on Thursday, March 31, a Women's Conference will begin at 7pm for ALL WOMEN - Don't Miss these Important Conferences for our Churches!

In 2015 Lifeway's MATURE LIVING Magazine featured some of our Houston, TX DiAnn Mills' wonderful Christian novels, and I "got hooked!" Well, at my favorite Everything's \$1 Store on the Loop I was thrilled to find her paperback TEXAS CHARM - Love is in the air around Houston as told in four complete novels. What a Blessing! Let me know what you think of it, OK?

PRAY for the Peace of Jerusalem! KEEP LOOKING UP, "SEASONED" SAINTS - JESUS, THE PRINCE OF PEACE IS COMING BACK SOON!

February 2016 WMU Missions Outreach Project:

Paris & Clarksville Pregnancy Care Centers are in need of the following items- *Baby Wash, Baby Lotion, Baby Oil, Baby Shampoo, Diaper Cream, and Pacifiers.* Bring your donations to the RRVBA office by Monday, February 29. Call Nancy at 903-785-2890 for more information.



Christian Women's Job Corps, Paris

As many of you know, we took time off from having classes this past fall to do some evaluating of our program. We wanted to look at every aspect of our ministry to see if we were meeting the needs of the women we serve and if there were things we could improve. We are wanting CWJC Paris to be as strong and effective as it can be! And now, we are gearing up to begin again!

Currently we have 8 ladies who have applied for the Spring 2016 session. We will interview each applicant the last week of this month and begin classes on February 9! One of our graduates, Karen Murillo, will be serving with us as our Lunch Coordinator and daily helper. We are excited to have her on board with us, giving back to the ministry!

Through your prayers, financial gifts, and donations of clothes, supplies, equipment, time, and lunches, YOU make a difference in the lives of many women in our community! I am grateful for your support! This IS your ministry ... women from YOUR community come as participants to learn job and life skills, and members of YOUR church serve as Teachers, Journey Partners, lunch providers, prayer partners, encouragers, and Advisory Council members. I am excited to see what God will do this year through your participation in this ministry!

Please consider these ways you and your church can be involved. These are some of what we need on a regular basis: Regular, ongoing Financial Support from individuals and/or churches; Journey Partners (friends who will meet with & encourage the participants); Computer Tech person; Lunch providers; PRAY-ERS.

I would love to be able to speak to your church about Christian Women's Job Corps. Feel free to contact me at 903-517-8665 to schedule a time. Carol King, Site Coordinator

NEWS FROM THE BSM. . .

Dear Family,

It is once again time for Beach Reach! We are selling t-shirts for \$15 each. All the proceeds will go toward Beach Reach. Our annual garage sale will be Saturday, March 5th from 8am-4pm. Items for the Garage sale are being accepted. You can drop them off on the back deck of the BSM if no one is there or if you need something picked up you can make arrangements with me to come and get it. This event is huge as it helps provide scholarships, gas, insurance, supplies, and some food for the trip. A full scholarship is \$475 and funds to partially provide or fully provide a scholarship are welcome. We have a good group of students who are working on growing in their relationship with Christ and this trip is a huge part of helping them to mature and grow. We are so thankful for all your support!

Last semester I was recommended to use a new app called "Min Hub". It seemed a bit expensive to me at \$15 but I downloaded and began to use it. It is now an app I would highly recommend to all of our youth workers. It allowed me to track and message students with great ease. For example, we know that every week we were feeding approximately 75 students, but what we didn't know is that at the end of the semester we served more than 160 different students. Min Hub has become priceless as it also allows me to type one message and text all 160 students. Lunch has also been key to getting students plugged in to the BSM. Several of the students who will be participating in Beach Reach this year are a direct result of involvement through Monday Lunches! The greatest thing about last semester is the fact that we saw four students receive Christ as their savior! Glory to God for the opportunity!

We are looking forward to this semester and clinging to the hope and excitement of a new building. I know God is going to continue to do great things and I count myself blessed to be a part of it. Our key verse this year is Matthew 16:24, "Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.'" I have been teaching students what it means to deny ourselves, take up our cross, come after, and follow Him! A lesson that can never be taught to often! I pray for all of us that we would be more obedient to the calling of Christ in our lives!



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Regular Office Hours:
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Birthdays and Anniversaries

February Birthdays

5th	Shelley Adams, spouse	Maxey
12th	Ronnie Aubrey, pastor	Trinity
12th	Brad Crosswhite, pastor	Lamar Point
18th	Lynn Bullock, spouse	Springlake
20th	David Logan, youth	FBC Bogata
21st	Jay Smith, music	FBC Annona
25th	James McLeod, pastor	Chisum Trails

February Wedding Anniversaries

5th	Ronnie & Dean Aubrey, 48 yrs	Trinity
17th	Jason & Mistie Soward, 9 yrs	FBC Cooper

February Church Anniversaries

7th	Carol McNally, secretary, 6 yr	Salem
9th	Jake Vaughn, pastor, 18 yrs	East Delta
11th	Billy Norris, pastor, 9 yrs	Southside
12th	Chuey Potter, music, 3 yrs	FBC Roxton

TAX SEMINAR

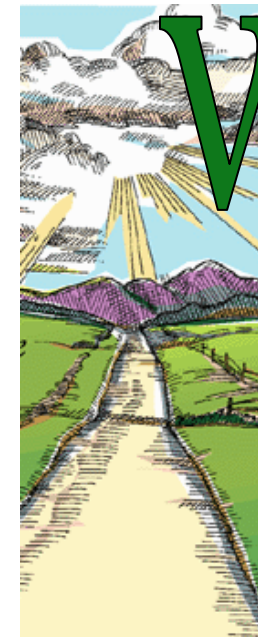
An Associational tax seminar for **Pastors, Treasurers and Financial Administrators** has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2016, to be held at Springlake BC with Daniel Whitehurst presenting.

We must have at least 25 participants to hold this event! Please call Nancy at 903-785-2890 to reserve your spot today!

Grief Share, a grief recovery support group, meets at East Paris Baptist Church and features biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics. Meetings are held every Monday from 6:00—8:00 pm. For more information please call Homer Frachiseur at 479-216-3752 or email him at homer@eastparis.org

Ladies' Prayer Rally "Because we believe..."

Monday, February 1st, 6:30 pm
New Hope Baptist Church
Let us come together and pray!



Voice of the Valley

The monthly publication of the Red River Valley Baptist Association

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S HEART:

I trust and pray you had a healthy, happy, and holy holiday season. Christmas reminds us of the birth of the Christ child, God's eternal sacrificial lamb, the one who took away our sins. Now we embrace the cold dormant months of winter...a time which reminds us of those periods in our spiritual life when we can become spiritually cold, indifferent, a time when no growth or new life is seen. Thankfully winter is only for a season! Spring follows winter, and it is only a matter of time until it arrives. The time when birds sing, flowers bloom, and all nature comes alive and beautiful growth takes place. In the middle of the spring season we encounter the true story and reason for our hope. Easter is coming, a time when we celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord! And the knowledge Jesus is coming again! He is risen!

January 19th was our first Executive Board meeting for the New Year. It was well attended, blessed by a joyful and harmonious group of attendees with good reports from our various committees. I was able to give a good report of all the new things we did in 2015 and a much awaited report of some exciting news about our new building-relocation project. I also talked about some special opportunities and spiritually beneficial events coming in the near future. Here is information concerning the event, date, time, and location:

February 1—Women's prayer rally..."Because We Believe"... 6:30 pm at New Hope Baptist Church, Paris

February 1 & February 8—GO TELL 2016 Information Seminar and Ticket Captain Training, 6:30 pm, Paris Fairgrounds

February 22—GO TELL 2016 Kick-Off Banquet, 6:30 pm, Love Civic Center

February 29-March 2—SBTC Empower Conference, Irving Convention Center

March 5—Area Men's Conference with Dr. Johnny Hunt, 10:00 am, FBC Paris

God's Best

Bro. Mike Fortenberry, DOM

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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Secretaries/Support Staff will meet for lunch on Thursday, February 4, from 11:30 am—1:00 pm. Bring your lunch—drinks are provided. Come and fellowship!

BAGWELL BAPTIST CHURCH is looking for a part-time Youth Minister. Call Pastor Karl Bush at 903-674-3270 for more information.

GO TELL Information Seminars will be held on Monday February 1 and Monday, February 8 at 6:30 pm each evening at the Lamar County Fairgrounds.

GO TELL Kick-Off Banquet will be Monday, February 22 at 6:30 pm at the Love Civic Center, Paris.

GO TELL Hispanic Rally is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 6:30 pm at Love Civic Center.

Call Mike Fortenberry for more information on these events at 903-782-6759 or 903-785-2890.

Churches in the Powderly area, including **Bounds and Powderly Baptist**, have come together to begin **Celebrate Recovery**, a program designed to help people deal with Hurts, Habits, and Hangups. They will meet Tuesdays beginning with a meal at 5:30 pm then worship at 6:15 pm. Meetings will be at Powderly Methodist Church, 133 CR 44060. For more information contact Bobby or Michaela Bumgarner at 903-732-5922 or mkbumgarner@gmail.com

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Monday, Feb. 1: Women's Prayer Rally, 6:30 pm, New Hope Baptist Church

Monday, Feb. 1: GO TELL Information Seminar, 6:30 pm, Fairgrounds

Thursday, Feb. 4: Secretaries/Support Staff lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA

Monday, Feb. 8: GO TELL Information Seminar, 6:30 pm, Fairgrounds

Thursday, Feb. 18: Tax Seminar, Springlake, Time TBA

Monday, Feb. 22: GO TELL Kick-Off Banquet, 6:30 pm, Civic Center

Saturday, Feb. 27: GO TELL Hispanic Rally, 6:30 pm, Civic Center

Monday, Feb. 29: SBTC Empower Conference begins, Irving Convention Center