

WMU News

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RRVBA/BSM Donations January 1—23, 2018	2017 Giving
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ATLAS	0	600.00
BAGWELL	50.00	600.00
BETHEL	109.60	1,291.72
BOUNDS	240.40	2,533.15
BROOKSTON	0	0
CHICOTA	159.16	1,552.97
CHISUM TRAILS	100.00	1,100.00
CUNNINGHAM	0	900.00
DIRECT	0	2,537.66
DOUBLE R	0	0
EAST DELTA	490.96	6,123.47
EAST PARIS	208.33	2,666.68
EMBERSON	0	160.00
FAITH	847.00	1,848.57
FBC ANNONA	100.00	1,087.58
FBC BLOSSOM	0	1,850.00
FBC BOGATA	1,249.30	13,271.41
FBC CLARKSVILLE	100.00	1,200.00
FBC COOPER	348.96	1,884.33
FBC DEPORT	0	0
FBC DETROIT	44.97	435.11
FBC PARIS	908.47	12,819.82
FBC ROXTON	0	0
FRIENDSHIP	198.00	1,782.00
FULBRIGHT	0	0
GLORY	0	602.31
GRAHAM ST.	0	0
HIS PLACE	2,000.00	3,000.00
HOWLAND	135.23	891.33
IMMANUEL/WMU	0	11,565.28
LAMAR POINT	250.00	1,546.00
LEESVILLE	0	7,374.00
MAXEY	150.00	1,650.00
MT. OLIVE	450.92	2,815.00
NOVICE	900.00	5,796.41
PACIO	177.42	2,074.64
PATTONVILLE	0	240.00
PETTY	0	1,627.22
POWDERLY	0	3,600.00
PROVIDENCE	122.85	1,685.18
SALEM	300.00	3,600.00
SOUTHSIDE	723.61	6,702.70
SPRINGLAKE	354.96	4,556.06
TRINITY	0	0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0	0
TOTAL	9,811.67	115,570.60

**RISE & BUILD FUND:
\$85,011.45**

Who is my personal target to "go and tell" in the year of 2018? **"By all means,"** I need to be delivering His Good News personally!

The **WMU Leadership Team** met on Saturday, January 6, 2018, at Springlake Baptist Church, Paris, to make plans for the next quarter. We had 13 ladies and one visitor, representing 9 different churches in attendance. Josh Kirby, BSM Director, spoke to the group sharing his plans as he starts the new semester in the newly remodeled building.

OUTREACH: The next planned outreach project for the Association is to fill baby bottles with change for the Paris and Clarksville Pregnancy Centers. You may pick up bottles from the Association office or call me and I'll make arrangements to get them to your church. We will be collecting through the month of February. \$4,644.24 was collected last year. Can we beat that this year? Bottles are due **to RRVBA office** by Thursday, March 1.

CIA DAY is planned for March 3, 2018, at Southside Baptist Church, Paris. This event is for children ages kindergarten through 6th grade. Registration will begin at 8:45 in the gym. They will hear a child evangelist and a missionary couple. We plan to pack Operation Christmas Child boxes, and the children are asked to bring change to help cover the postage costs. Of course we will have food—hot dogs and cup cakes will be served. Remember the children cannot bring themselves, they will need to be brought! A wonderful day for the children! The adults bringing them just have to get them there and enjoy the day with them. Activities are planned! Please share this information with your children's workers. Look for your Registration Packet!

MISSION STUDY: Coming on April 21, 2018, a mission study about Russia will be at Immanuel Baptist church, Paris. Watch for more details. Please call me if I can help your church in any way.

JOY ON THE JOURNEY WITH "SEASONED" SAINTS

by Gloria Parker, RRVBA Senior Adults Director

FEBRUARY - BRRR cold weather, so bundle up real good in layers so you can stay well with flu and pneumonia shots, vitamins, and plenty of water, able to attend as many activities as possible. It also means mostly the end of Winter with Spring close behind, which "warms the cockles of our hearts" and bodies - heard that lately? We in NE TX have counted our blessings as we've prayed for others devastated by severe cold, fires, floods, even mud. WOW!

The Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers will meet at 9:30 am at Springlake BC on the 2nd Thursday Feb. 8 and go sing at Paris Healthcare and Colonial Lodge. We always find precious friends and members of many churches who can still sing almost every word with us or pat their foot, smiling and Praising God. Some even help Fred direct us with a few tears evident.

Praise God, HE has filled all 5 Host Churches for the 14th year of Senior Adults VBS 2018 "Game On!" FBC Bogata is July 30, Leesville is Aug. 6, Springlake is Aug. 13, East Paris is the 20th, and FBC Paris is the 27th. It's gonna be GOOD, so Start Spreading the Word/News! (Is that a song???)

KEEP PRAYING for the PEACE OF JERUSALEM, our beloved AMERICA, our Missionaries, our Military, our President, Vice President, other Leaders, and KEEP LOOKING UP - JESUS THE PRINCE OF PEACE IS COMING BACK SOONER THAN ANYONE - EXCEPT GOD - KNOWS!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Feb. 1—Secretaries/Support Staff Lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA office
- Feb. 5—BSM Lunch: No church scheduled
- Feb. 12—18: WMU Week
- Feb. 12—BSM Lunch: Immanuel
- Feb. 19—BSM Lunch: No church scheduled
- Feb. 26—BSM Lunch: FBC Bogata
- Mar. 1—Secretaries/Support Staff Lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA office
- Mar. 3—CIA Day @ Southside; Registration starts 8:45 am; includes lunch, snacks, and fun activities!
- Mar. 5—BSM Lunch: No church scheduled

WMU QUARTERLY MISSION PROJECT:

Clarksville/Paris Pregnancy Care Centers

We will be collecting change in Baby Bottles for the Pregnancy Centers. Bottles will be available at the RRVBA office, or arrangements can be made to deliver them to individual churches.

Please return all bottles to the RRVBA office

so we can get an accurate count of donations and the number of churches participating.

Deadline to return the bottles is Thursday, March 1.

BSM NEWS

Dear Family,

Welcome to 2018! I pray that everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday season spent with loved ones. It was especially sweet for me to be able to take a step back from my fast-paced way of life and reflect on all God has done for me in the past year. It was a year of new opportunities and experiences, and I'm optimistic that 2018 will continue that trend, and that I will continue to grow as a person and as a Christian.

The BSM has lots going on right now! First of all, the BSM house is still being worked on, but the progress has been amazing! It looks incredible, so stop by and check it out if you haven't had a chance to yet. Everyone has been working diligently to provide a place where students feel welcome and can grow in their spiritual walks with Christ. We're optimistic about the future opportunities that this updated facility will provide.

Lunches have started again! We feed the students every Monday that they have class (we don't feed on holidays or on finals week). We still have many dates that need to be filled, so if your church is interested in serving, please email me at josh.kirby20@yahoo.com or text me at (903)-272-5211. I can provide a list of available dates and work with you to coordinate the best time for your church to come serve.

Also, we have officially started having Bible studies! Our first week I got the chance to meet with three students as we dug into God's word- studying God's requirements of a Christian in Romans 12. If you know of any college-aged students, please invite them to this time of fellowship. We meet Tuesday nights at 6:30 at the association office until the building is finished. We are currently putting together flyers and posters in an effort to reach ALL the students at PJC.

Lastly, planning for Beach Reach is underway. I don't have many details on it at this time, but I will do my best to send out updates as we get closer to the date, which is the week of Spring Break for the students. We will have a garage sale before we leave to help raise funds for the trip. The garage sale is set for March 3, and again there will be more details about that to come at a later date. Please contact me if you would like to donate anything to the garage sale. And if you have something but can't get it there, I'm more than willing to help however I can.

Please remain in prayer for this ministry as we attempt to bring the Good News to the students of PJC. Thank you all for your support, encouragement, and prayers, as you are the backbone of this ministry!

In Christ, Josh Kirby, BSM Director

Secretaries/Support Staff Lunch

Thursday, February 1

11:30 am—1:00 pm
at the RRVBA office

Bring your lunch—
drinks will be provided.

This is open to ALL secretaries and
support staff, paid or volunteer.
Come and fellowship!



BSM Yard Sale
scheduled for
Saturday, March 3.
WE NEED GOOD
ITEMS TO SELL AS
A FUNDRAISER
FOR BEACH
REACH!!

Call Josh Kirby at 903-272-5211 for
more information or to schedule time
to pick up items.

HELP WANTED!

Piano Player: Hwy 82 Baptist Church

Call Jerry Clements at 903-249-0037.

Nursery Worker: Springlake BC

Call the church at 903-785-1859.

Nursery Workers: Immanuel BC

Call Shauna Mercaldo at 713-377-2889.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

February Birthdays

2	Kent Kirby, youth	Bethel
5	Shelley Adams, spouse	Maxey
5	Duane Falk, pastor	Novice
8	Anne Shelton, secretary	His Place
9	Guille Seigler, pastor	Springlake
12	Ronnie Aubrey, pastor	Trinity
12	Brad Crosswhite, pastor	Lamar Point
17	James Kennedy, spouse	Bethel
20	David Logan, youth	FBC Bogata
21	Jay Smith, music	FBC Annona
25	James McLeod, pastor	Chisum Trails
26	Wesley Lucas, spouse	FBC Cooper

February Wedding Anniversaries

5	Ronnie & Dean Aubrey, 50 yrs	Trinity
14	W.C. & Genetta McGregor, 58 yrs	FBC Annona
17	Jason & Mistie Soward, 11 yrs	FBC Cooper
18	Dennis & Carol Pearson, 40 yrs	Pacio
27	Gary & Magen Prices	Direct

February Church Anniversaries

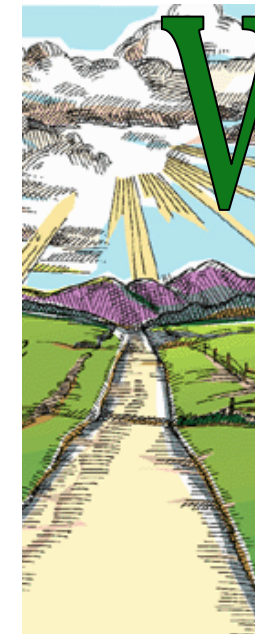
1	Sheri Wharton, secretary, 5 yrs	Bounds
7	Carol McNally, secretary, 8 yrs	Salem
9	Jake Vaughn, pastor, 20 yrs	East Delta
11	Billy Norris, pastor, 11 yrs	Southside
12	Chuey Potter, music, 5 yrs	FBC Roxton
21	Lance Westbrook, youth, 2 yrs	Mt. Olive

For God

so loved the world,
that he gave his
only begotten
Son,
that whosoever
believeth
in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

ATTN: Pastors, Youth Workers, Teachers
Arlington Baptist University is offering a New
Testament Survey class with Dr. D.L. Moody.
Classes are held at FBC Paris on Mondays from
6:00—8:30 pm starting January 22. The class may be
taken for credit, non-credit, or for a Bible Certificate.
Costs and registration requirements vary, so contact
Janie Taylor (VP for Academic Affairs) for more
information at jtaylor@abu.edu or 817-987-1768 or
Mike Fortenberry at 903-782-6759.



Voice of the Valley

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S HEART...

I trust and pray you all had a healthy, happy, and holy Holiday Season! We have just passed the celebration of His birth and the beginning of a New Year, and now we are marching towards Easter and the hope we find in the Cross and Resurrection! Oh, what love.

Due to the flu outbreak and very cold threatening weather our January Executive Board was cancelled. Each church and pastor will receive a packet of the printed reports which were to be given orally at the meeting. Our next Executive Board Meeting will be held on April 17th at Salem Baptist Church.

I am excited to report we are making great progress with the expansion and upgrade of the BSM as well as the refurbishing of the Association office. There are still some things to do on the outside of each building as well as the Association's shipping container. This project will be complete after the work remaining, some touch up, and the parking lot. We invite you to stop by and look us over! A day and time for an official reopening /dedication celebration will be forthcoming.

There are several exciting projects underway, and I encourage you and your church to participate and take advantage of as many of these ministry opportunities as possible.

1. WMU Mission Project: Filling baby bottles from the Paris Pregnancy Center with change. This will benefit both the Paris and Clarksville centers. Bottles are here at the office.
2. CIA Day: Saturday, March 3, at Southside. The "Missions & Me!" event is for K-6th grade students. It includes missionary speakers, missions activity (filling Operation Christmas Child boxes), food and fun! Packets are being mailed to Children's Directors at each church.
3. State Convention Evangelism Conferences and also the Southern Baptist Convention coming to Dallas in June.

God's Best,

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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