

RRVBA/BSM Donations for 2018

ATLAS	0
BAGWELL	600.00
BETHEL	1,457.60
BOUNDS	2,499.30
BROOKSTON	0
CHICOTA	1,781.44
CHISUM TRAILS	1,200.00
CUNNINGHAM	1,350.00
DIRECT	3,137.14
DOUBLE R	1,959.61
EAST DELTA	7,479.10
EAST PARIS	2,499.96
EMBERSON	0
FAITH	1,154.00
FBC ANNONA	650.00
FBC BLOSSOM	2,200.00
FBC BOGATA	12,994.94
FBC CLARKSVILLE	1,200.00
FBC COOPER	4,274.75
FBC DEPORT	0
FBC DETROIT	602.08
FBC PARIS	13,109.54
FBC ROXTON	0
FRIENDSHIP	1,878.00
FULBRIGHT	0
GLORY	0
GRAHAM ST.	0
HIS PLACE	8,720.00
HOWLAND	870.35
IMMANUEL/WMU	10,300.00
LAMAR POINT	1,482.00
LEESVILLE	6,617.05
MAXEY	1,800.00
MT. OLIVE	5,033.92
NOVICE	6,470.00
PACIO	1,910.72
PATTONVILLE	0
PETTY	275.00
POWDERLY	3,600.00
PROVIDENCE	1,211.86
SALEM	3,600.00
SOUTHSIDE	8,269.96
SPRINGLAKE	5,098.06
TRINITY	0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0
TOTAL	127,286.38

BUILDING FUND:
\$17,828.11

"Unshakable Pursuit" Watchword: "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) As this new year begins let us have an "Unshakable Pursuit" for God in order to know more of Him than last year. We should show His love unconditionally, to pursue relationships, and to step more fully into a life of discipleship.

The WMU Leadership Team met on Saturday, January 5, 2019, in the Association office with 16 ladies from 9 different Association churches. This is one of those "buckle your seat belts" occasions I spoke about last year.

Outreach: Our next outreach project is to collect items for the Paris/Clarksville Pregnancy Centers. We will be sending a list of needed things to your church. If you prefer to collect change in the bottles, there are some at the office you may pick up. Everything will need to be returned to the office by Monday, March 11, 2019. Pray about what God would have you give for this most useful endeavor.

CIA Day: Children in Action Day will be Saturday, March 2, 2019, at Southside Baptist Church, Paris. Registration starts at 8:45 AM. There is a jam packed day planned. They will be listening to missionaries speak and then watch Strong Man Spears break up "things." Also, Rapping Big Daddy Billy will be there. Packets will be mailed very soon. Please watch for them. Make sure they get into the children's workers hands. You don't want the children of your church to miss this wonderful day. But remember, someone has to bring them, they cannot bring themselves.

Mission Study: Our Mission Study this year is about Refugess. The event will be on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at Immanuel Baptist Church in their gym. If you have attended this study, you know how informative it is. Save the date and plan to come again and bring someone with you.

Please call if I can assist your ladies with missions involvement.

JOY ON THE JOURNEY WITH "SEASONED" SAINTS

by Gloria Parker, Senior Adults Director

FEBRUARY = LOVE Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:3, John 3:16, John 13:34-35, I Corinthians 13, and so many more where God reaffirms His everlasting LOVING-KINDNESS, despite our sins. HIS LOVE WILL NEVER END FOR US - now, that's a LOVE WORTH CELEBRATING! Add to your reading list LOVE LIKE YOU'VE NEVER BEEN HURT by Jentzen Franklin. Billy Graham said, "It's the Holy Spirit's job to convict, God's job to judge, and my job to LOVE." How will we LOVE this year?

Welllll, our "Friday Night Out At Denny's 5 to 7 pm" would have more of our folks who don't drive in the dark present for the great food, fellowship, and fun IF some of our couples or younger folks who DO DRIVE AT NIGHT would offer to be LIKE TAXI DRIVERS to and from. You could STAY, EAT and ENJOY, or drop off before 5pm and pick up after 7pm, giving YOU time to do whatever and return for your very grateful riders. WOW! What a LOVING MINISTRY! Call 903-737-0650 and leave me a message if you NEED a ride or IF you want to drive 2 or 3 Seniors to Denny's.

The 15th Year of Senior Adults VBS still has OPEN Monday, August 19. Let's fill it soon - it's gonna be sooo good, you don't want to miss it!

COME JOIN US RRV Old Fashioned Hymn Singers as we meet at 9:30 am at Springlake and show our LOVE for the LORD by LOVING and singing to the precious Residents in Colonial and Heritage House on Valentine's Day.. Many have no other visitors, some don't talk, but they sing or "mouth the words" of those memorable hymns they grew up on! Fred's rotator cuff surgery will keep him out of commission for 6-8 weeks so PRAY for him, but we WILL meet with lots of help on the 14th. KEEP LOOKING UP, BE READY - JESUS, THE PRINCE OF PEACE IS COMING BACK SOON FOR US HIS CHURCH - HIS BRIDE!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!



Monday, Jan 28: BSM Lunch—*FBC Cooper*

Monday, Feb 4: BSM Lunch—*Pacio & Bounds*

Monday, Feb 4: CWJC Session begins

Thursday, Feb 7: Secretaries/Support Staff Lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA

Sunday, Feb 10-Wednesday, Feb 13: Bible Study on "The Seven Churches" from Revelation with Bro. James Barnes teaching; 6:00 pm nightly, *Salem* (Fellowship follows Sunday night service)

Monday, Feb 11-Sunday, Feb 17: WMU Focus Week

Monday, Feb 11: BSM Lunch—*Maxey*

Tuesday, Feb 12: RRVBA Tax Seminar for Pastors & Financial Administrators with Dan Whitehurst; Pastors @ 9:00 am-Noon; Administrators @ 1:30-4:00 pm, *Springlake*.

Call RRVBA to register by February 4!

Monday, Feb 18: BSM Lunch—*FBC Bogata*

Monday, Feb 25: BSM Lunch—*Salem*

Saturday, March 2: CIA (Children in Action) Day for kids K-6th; registration starts 8:45 am; *Southside*



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORPS
a ministry of WMU

Be in prayer for Donna Kennemer, Coordinator, the Teachers, the Journey Partners, and especially the Participants in Christian Women's Job Corps as they begin a new session on February 4!

BSM NEWS ...

Greetings from the BSM!

The new school spring semester is about to be underway and it is time to begin planning our annual BSM Garage Sale Fundraiser! I am planning on holding the garage sale sometime in late March to raise money for the BSM and possible upcoming mission and outreach opportunities. Here is how you can help. Gather up any items you have in your storage buildings, garage or in the back of your closets that are just gathering dust, and bring them down to the BSM! In years past we have accumulated a bunch of clothes. If anyone has clothing racks and hangers we could borrow, that would be a huge blessing too! Just contact me by text at 903-905-1336 or email so we can arrange a time to meet up to unload in our storage container behind the BSM.

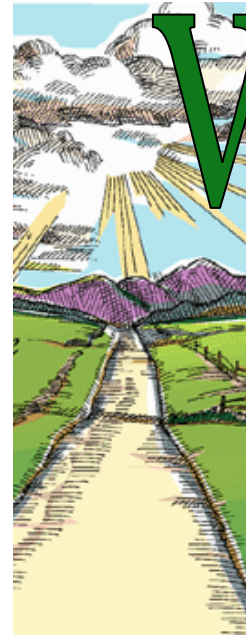
Also, church pastors, be on the lookout in the mail for a informational video about the BSM. This video will be downloaded on a flash drive and can be easily downloaded onto your church computer. I would like to ask each church to show this short informational video during the morning announcements in a Sunday morning service. My hope is that our Association churches can see the value in our BSM ministry and allow us to be a blessing to each of you!

I want to leave you with this thought today: I recently lost a dear friend who was only 46 years old. That very same day my devotional scripture was Psalm 90:12, "*So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.*" The average person has around 25,550 days to live on this earth. For my friend it was less than 17,000. The point is, none of us know how much time we have, but if you are breathing right now, you have TODAY. How will you spend it? If you could count your remaining days, in what ways would you apply a "*heart of wisdom*" to serve the Lord and love on others?

Pray up! Preach out! Plug in!

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Red River Valley Baptist Association

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

February Birthdays

2	Charles Shouse, spouse	Mt. Olive
2	Kent Kirby, youth	Bethel
5	Shelley Adams, spouse	Maxey
5	Duane Falk, pastor	Novice
8	Anne French, secretary	His Place
9	Guille Seigler, pastor	Springlake
12	Ronnie Aubrey, pastor	Trinity
12	Brad Crosswhite, pastor	Lamar Point
15	Darlene Shouse, secretary	Mt. Olive
17	James Kennedy, spouse	Bethel
21	Jay Smith, music	FBC Annona
22	Steven Kelley, music	Direct
25	James McLeod, pastor	Chisum Trails
26	Wesley Lucas, spouse	FBC Cooper


February Wedding Anniversaries

5	Ronnie & Dean Aubrey, 51 yrs	Trinity
10	Claude & Pearl Hall, 63 yrs	Chicota
14	W.C. & Genetta McGregor, 59 yrs	FBC Annona
18	Dennis & Carol Pearson, 41 yrs	Pacio

February Church Anniversaries

1	Sheri Wharton, secretary, 6 yrs	Bounds
7	Carol McNally, secretary, 9 yrs	Salem
9	Jake Vaughn, pastor, 21 yrs	East Delta
11	Billy Norris, pastor, 12 yrs	Southside
18	Steven Kelley, music, 1 yr	Direct
21	Lance Westbrook, youth, 3 yrs	Mt. Olive

Come and learn more about
"The Seven Churches" from
Revelation with Bro. James Barnes!
Series begins on Sunday, February 10 @ 6:00 pm
with a Fellowship following Sunday service,
then Monday-Wednesday @ 6:00 pm
at Salem Baptist Church in Boxelder
Call Pastor Mike Redus at
903-783-1854 for details!



PART-TIME MUSIC LEADER POSITION
at FBC Cooper to lead Blended Service with a Praise Team. A job description is available at cooperfbc.com. For more information or to submit a resume, contact FBC Cooper by email at fbccooper@gmail.com or call the church office at 903-395-2274. Mailing address is FBC Cooper, 500 East Dallas Ave., Cooper TX 75432. Send to Attn: Pastor Johnny Witherspoon.

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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An Encouraging Word!

Thank you to Dr. Tim Reger and the wonderful folks at Mt. Olive Baptist Church for a delicious meal and a warm welcome as they hosted the first Executive Board meeting of 2019. We had a good turnout for the meeting in spite of all who were out due to illness and the cold weather. A special word of appreciation to Pastor Guille Seigler, our Vice-Moderator, for chairing the meeting. Nelda Beville, Association Treasurer, gave an encouraging report which revealed we stayed within budget, had more budget income than was anticipated and we finished the year with a bank balance that is over \$20,000.00 dollars higher than this time last year.

As we begin this new year I am excited to report some wonderful opportunities in the upcoming year. We are still in conversation with Dr. Rod Masteller concerning a *Spring Senior Adult Revival*. If you or your church are interested Evangelist Paul Cherry is still booking *REAP Revivals* specifically designed to benefit churches with attendance of around 50 or less. There is also a need for churches whose attendance is more than that who would partner with a smaller church. You may call Paul Cherry at 903-456-4986 for more information or to book a date! There will be a *Children's Ministry Workshop* Friday night April 5th and Saturday morning April 6th. Rev. Mark Young, former Children's Minister at East Paris Baptist Church, will be leading the conference. The conference will deal with all areas of children's ministry, children's ministry curriculum and resources, technology in Children's ministry and how to recruit volunteers to work with your children. Please call the association office to register for the seminar. The conference will be held at His Place Fellowship from 7-9 p.m. on Friday night and 9 til noon on Saturday morning! Pastors and Church Financial Administrators: Don't forget to sign up for the *Tax Seminar* scheduled for Tuesday, February 12! (see information below)

Please be in prayer for the association Personnel Committee as they prayerfully seek a new DOM.

God's Best,
Bro. Mike

ATTENTION:

Pastors & Church Financial Administrators

Sign up now for the 2019 TAX SEMINAR!

Presenter: Dan Whitehurst

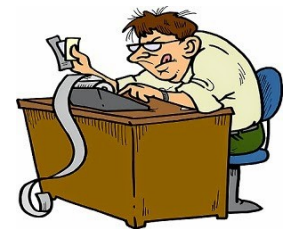
Date: Tuesday, **FEBRUARY 12**

Place: Springlake Baptist Church

Times: 9:00 am—Noon (Pastors)

1:30—4:30 pm (Administrators)

Please register by **February 4, 2019**. Call the RRVBA office at 903-785-2890 or email Nancy at redrivervalleybaptist@gmail.com.



Secretaries/Support Staff Lunch
Thursday, February 7 @ 11:30 am, RRVBA
Bring your lunch & come fellowship!

Come one, Come all to CIA Day 2019
Featuring Strongman Spears and Big Daddy Billy!
Saturday, March 2 @ Southside
Packets have been sent to RRVBA churches, so get your kids (K-6th) signed up today!
Call RRVBA for more information!
Sponsored by WMU



WMU Missions Project.
Paris/Clarksville Pregnancy Care Centers
Either collect some of the items listed below, **OR** come by the RRVBA office and pick up some baby bottles and collect change, **OR** do both!! Flyers will be sent to all RRVBA churches to post.
PPCC is in need of:
Baby lotion; Baby oil; Baby shampoo; Baby wash; Baby wipes; and Baby diaper ointment.
Please bring all items/change collected to RRVBA office by **Monday, March 11** so we can tally all donations and deliver them!
Checks can be made out to PPCC.