

Recently I was reminded of just how powerful God's word is. He speaks and things happen. He spoke the world into existence. He spoke and people were healed or raised from the dead. There are many accounts of God speaking and miracles happening. With this in mind, do we not need to have an *"Unshakable Pursuit"* of listening for His instructions to us?

**Christmas Open House** was a time that around 30 came to the office and enjoyed fellowship and food and meeting new people. Thanks to those who brought food and served as hostess. Most of all, thanks for coming!

**The WMU Leadership Team** met in the Association Office on Saturday, January 4 at 10 AM. Lunch was served to the 15 ladies in attendance. This is a good place to learn what is happening in your Association WMU and to help make plans for the future.

**CIA Day** is just about here. Packets will be going out very soon to the churches. If you work with children, please look for the material and make plans to bring as many children as you can to this jam packed missions day for boys and girls from Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration starts at 9 with the program at 9:30 at Southside Baptist Church, Paris, on Saturday, March 7, 2020.

The WMU planning teams took off November and December from meeting. They have hit the ground running since the first of the year. Watch this article for future events with dates and times. You don't want to miss these blessings.

Remember, *pursue* that *"still small voice!"*



*Mark your calendar for these upcoming events...*

## FEBRUARY

Monday, Feb 3: BSM Lunch - *Chisum Trails*

Tuesday, Feb 4: CWJC Session begins

Thursday, Feb 6: Secretaries/Support Staff Lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA

Saturday, Feb 8: Women's Conference, 10:00 am, *Double R*, (RSVP by Jan 30!)

Saturday, Feb 8: Pastors & Wives Banquet, 6:30 pm, at Magel's, (please RSVP!)

Feb 10-16: WMU Focus Week

Monday, Feb 10: BSM Lunch - *Leesville*

Monday, Feb 10: Ladies' Retreat Committee meeting, 5:00 pm, RRVBA

Monday, Feb 10: CIA Day Committee meeting, 6:00 pm, RRVBA

Thursday, Feb 13: RRVBA Tax Seminar, 9:30 am-Pastors; 1:30 pm-Administrators, *Springlake*

Monday, Feb 17: BSM Lunch - *FBC Bogata*

Monday, Feb 24: BSM Lunch: - *Bounds & Pacio*

## MARCH

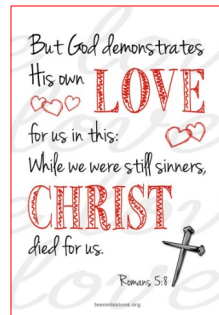
Mar 1-8: Annie Armstrong Offering & Week of Prayer for North American Missions

Monday, Mar 2: Missions Project Baby items and/or Bottles of change due to RRVBA office

Friday, Mar 6: Beach Reach group leaves for South Padre (Keep them on your prayer list!)



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



FEBRUARY 2020 - Valentines and LOVE MONTH! What is YOUR favorite Scripture about LOVE? 1 Corinthians 13 is at the top of my list preceded only by John 3:16. We are sooo BLESSED AND LOVED AS GOD'S CHILDREN, and we take it all for granted so often! Have you told Him today how much you love Him and how grateful you are for Him loving you so much that He sent His only Son Jesus to die for You? Let's make that a daily habit and our love will only grow where we will even love each other and many others more! WE NEED TO SHOW MORE LOVE IN OUR WORLD!

As FAST as TIME is FLYING, our 16th Year of Senior Adults VBS will be here! August 3 @ FBC Bogata, Aug. 10 @ His Place Fellowship, Aug. 17 @ Immanuel, Aug. 24 @ Southside, and Aug. 31 @ FBC Paris. We will surely miss Ken Cannon's leadership at FBC Paris; Congratulations and Thanks for your years of leadership with our precious Seniors!

Our Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers will meet at Springlake at 9:30 am Thursday, Feb. 13, and go sing to and with the Residents of Paris Healthcare and La Chalet. With all the illness, we have been blessed to go to every facility! They are so gracious and want us to come sing more often!

Friday Night Out at Denny's is still "ON HOLD" until it gets a little warmer and lighter. Keep watching here for "To Be Announced." 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.

## *THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT OF RRVBA MISSIONS & MINISTRY!*

2019 DONATIONS TOTAL: \$125,611.44

<i>Bagwell</i>	600.00	<i>Double R</i>	3,021.71	<i>FBC Cooper</i>	3,257.09	<i>Immanuel</i>	10,000.00	<i>Pacio</i>	2,837.77
<i>Bethel</i>	1,265.88	<i>East Delta</i>	6,784.10	<i>FBC Detroit</i>	431.22	<i>Immanuel WMU</i>	300.00	<i>Petty</i>	1,224.90
<i>Bounds</i>	2,539.05	<i>East Paris</i>	2,291.63	<i>FBC Paris</i>	13,592.78	<i>Lamar Point</i>	1,716.00	<i>Powderly</i>	3,600.00
<i>Chicota</i>	1,894.85	<i>FBC Annona</i>	600.00	<i>Friendship</i>	1,924.00	<i>Leesville</i>	6,825.82	<i>Providence</i>	1,077.96
<i>Chisum Trails</i>	1,000.00	<i>FBC Blossom</i>	1,600.00	<i>Glory</i>	250.00	<i>Maxey</i>	1,800.00	<i>Salem</i>	3,400.00
<i>Cunningham</i>	720.00	<i>FBC Bogata</i>	13,051.24	<i>His Place</i>	8,000.00	<i>Mt. Olive</i>	4,014.00	<i>Southside</i>	8,366.43
<i>Direct</i>	3,992.19	<i>FBC Clarksville</i>	1,200.00	<i>Howland</i>	735.66	<i>Novice</i>	6,502.00	<i>Springlake</i>	5,195.16



## *FEBRUARY MISSIONS PROJECT: Paris/Clarksville Pregnancy Care Centers*

Collect the six items listed below, OR fill PPCC Baby Bottles with change (Empty bottles are available at the office), OR do both! Please bring items collected and filled Baby Bottles to the RRVBA office by Monday, March 2.

*Items needed: Diaper Cream, Baby Wipes, Oil, Lotion, Shampoo, & Baby Wash*

## BSM NEWS...

Hello from the Baptist Student Ministry!

As February rolls around we find ourselves about 5 weeks away from our Beach Reach Mission Trip to South Padre. We currently have 13 people going on this trip and we are excited to see what the Lord is going to do to change the lives of many spring breakers after they hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.

During the Christmas break, while most college students were off enjoying their break, our students continued to meet every Monday night for training to prepare for this trip. As our students prepare spiritually for this trip, there are still things that we must do to prepare to send them. We still need financial support for this trip. We are asking our churches to step up and donate to help us meet the \$5,000 cost for rooms and other expenses. By now, each church should have received a packet of envelopes in the mail to place donations in. If you haven't heard anything from your Pastor, or they haven't mentioned it in their announcements, ask them about it!

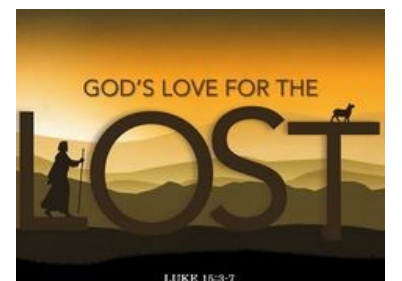
Another need is a covered trailer for hauling luggage and supplies. If you have a trailer you can loan us, please contact me or Nancy at the Association Office.

We still have a few openings this semester for BSM lunches. If your church has not plugged into our ministry and would like to help by serving a Monday lunch to our students, please contact me or Nancy.

Pray up! Preach out! Plug in!

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*Double R Cowboy Church* will host a Women's Conference on Saturday, February 8, at 10:00 am with guest speakers Carol and Hannah Hogner, and Chloe Horn. This is a FREE event and includes lunch! A love offering will be taken for the speakers. Please RSVP by January 30th by calling or texting Kasey Rieff at 405-612-2415 or Pastor Kye Rieff at 479-640-7232.



**MISSION: POSSIBLE**

**CIA DAY 2020**

**Saturday, March 7, 2020**

@ Southside Baptist Church

For Kindergarten— 6th Grade

Registration begins @ 9:00 am

Includes lunch & activities!

Registration packets are on the way!

Call the RRVBA office at 903-785-2890

*Pastors & Wives Banquet*

*Saturday, February 8, 6:30 pm*

*at Magel's*

*Come for the good food, the fellowship, & the door prizes, along with Guest Speakers*

*Tony & Vanessa Wolfe, authors of Be Encouraged*

*Please RSVP by January 26!*

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### *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

<u>February Birthdays</u>		
2	Charles Shouse, spouse	Mt. Olive
5	Shelley Adams, spouse	Maxey
5	Duane Falk, pastor	Novice
8	Anne French, secretary	His Place
9	Guille Seigler, DOM	RRVBA
10	Josh Kirby, youth	His Place
12	Ronnie Aubrey, pastor	Trinity
12	Brad Crosswhite, pastor	Lamar Point
14	Sherry Moody, pastor's wife	East Paris
15	Kye Rieff, pastor	Double R
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

<u>February Wedding Anniversaries</u>		
17	Jason & Mistie Soward, 13 yrs	FBC Cooper
18	Dennis & Carol Pearson, 42 yrs	Pacio

<u>February Church Anniversaries</u>		
1	Sheri Wharton, secretary, 7 yrs	Bounds
9	Jake Vaughn, pastor, 22 yrs	East Delta
11	Billy Norris, pastor, 13 yrs	Southside
12	Chuey Potter, music, 7 yrs	FBC Roxton
18	Steven Kelley, music, 2 yrs	Direct
21	Lance Westbrook, youth, 4 yrs	Mt. Olive

We want to honor church members celebrating 50 or more years of marriage. Let us know names and dates for MARCH anniversaries by the 15th of February so they can be included in the March issue of the newsletter.

*Happy Anniversary*

*to these celebrating 50 years or more!*


*Ronnie & Dean Aubrey (Trinity) -*

*52 years on February 5th*

*Claude & Pearl Hall (Chicota) -*

*64 years on February 10th*

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



Secretaries & Support Staff Lunch

Thursday, February 6 @ 11:30 am

Bring your lunch as we fellowship & make plans for the new year!

# Voice of the Valley

*The Mission is the Message*

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*A NEW YEAR – A NEW WORK*

Well, the New Year has begun with a bang; wars and rumors of war, political unrest in our nation filled the news media and invaded our homes through television. It would be easy to get discouraged at what is going on at this time, throwing up our hands and thinking, “what’s the use?” We have every reason to be encouraged because our Father is still in control of this world and all who live in it. Nothing takes Him by surprise or sneaks up on Him.

This New Year is filled with new hope of things to be accomplished for the Lord. There are so many of our friends, neighbors and family members who are without Christ and His grace. We have an important calling upon our lives to reach out with the Good News of Jesus Christ, where ever we happen to be. God will make divine appointments for us if we just ask Him to use us. It is my prayer that this year our 46 churches will pray earnestly and engage in intentional evangelism through the many avenues afforded the membership.

There are many potential opportunities coming up this year. Youth groups can help smaller churches with surveys of the communities and with VBS. Larger churches have the opportunity to pass on their excess VBS literature, crafts and/or decorations to smaller churches. Churches can come together and help each other with joint revivals in their area. There is so much to be done to reach the lost of our counties and so little time to accomplish the task given us. We can do so much more together than we can separately.

*Bro. Guille*





...but help is at hand!

**2020 RRVBA TAX SEMINAR**

with Dan Whitehurst, Thursday, February 13

@ Springlake Baptist Church

Pastor Session: 9:30 am

Administrators Session: 1:30 pm

Call 903-785-2890 to register.

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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