

RRVBA/BSM Donations
November 22—December 17

Atlas	\$ 0
Bagwell	\$ 0
Bethel	\$ 86.64
Bounds	\$ 0
Brookston	\$ 0
Chicota	\$ 162.91
Chisum Trails	\$ 0
College Ave.	\$ 27.00
Cunningham	\$ 630.00
Direct	\$ 247.61
Double R	\$ 0
East Delta	\$ 432.08
East Paris	\$ 0
Emberson	\$ 80.00
Faith	\$ 0
FBC Annona	\$ 76.65
FBC Blossom	\$ 150.00
FBC Bogata	\$ 1,056.59
FBC Clarksville	\$ 0
FBC Cooper	\$ 500.00
FBC Deport	\$ 0
FBC Detroit	\$ 35.26
FBC Paris	\$ 1,510.41
FBC Roxton	\$ 149.30
Friendship	\$ 0
Fulbright	\$ 0
Glory	\$ 156.18
Graham St.	\$ 0
Howland	\$ 108.15
Immanuel/WMU	\$ 566.31
Lakeway	\$ 0
Lamar Point	\$ 0
Lanes Chapel	\$ 0
Leesville	\$ 2,036.00
Maxey	\$ 150.00
Mt. Olive	\$ 0
Novice	\$ 541.66
Pacio	\$ 136.74
Pattonville	\$ 100.00
Petty	\$ 129.88
Powderly	\$ 300.00
Providence	\$ 0
Salem	\$ 150.00
Southside	\$ 729.36
Springlake	\$ 197.25
Trinity	\$ 0
Youngs Chapel	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 10,445.98

RISE & BUILD FUND: \$61,391.50

Bounds	\$ 5,024.57
Chicota	\$ 1,673.83
Emberson	\$ 125.00
FBC Bogata	\$ 12,046.53
Immanuel	\$ 15.00
Leesville	\$ 2,058.60
Maxey	\$ 1,966.08
Mt. Olive	\$ 191.00
Pacio	\$ 4,018.29
Petty	\$ 10,000.00
Providence	\$ 1,453.14
RRVBA	\$ 12,784.81
Salem	\$ 3,000.00
Springlake	\$ 1,666.63
Individuals	\$ 5,368.02

WMU News

Alice Ann White
RRVBA WMU Director
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Oh, I had to think to write "2014". What happened to "2013"? This just helps us to realize just how fast time is flying and that we need to be mindful of how we spend it.

I want to bring to your attention we are encouraging the collection for New Hope Center in Paris of paper products or money to help on their new building. Also, volunteers are needed. Please bring your items to the Association Office by January 31, 2014. Feel free to contact the director, Gaye Ballew at 903.517.1965 and take them directly to New Hope Center, located at 777 Bonham Street, Paris, TX. She may have other needs your church would like to be involved in. Please call the Association Office if you have any questions.

March 1, 2014, is the date for CIA Day for the children in Red River Valley Baptist Association. Make plans now to help the children in your church 4 years old through 6th grade be able to attend this important day planned especially for them. First Baptist Church, Bogata will be hosting this again this year.

As we begin a new calendar year in just a very few days, let us keep "Telling the Story", keeping alive what God has done for us. Is there someone you should share you story with?

JOY ON THE JOURNEY WITH "SEASONED" SAINTS

by Gloria Parker

2014 - HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2013 surely went out with a bang of beautiful but deadly ice storms! We 'saw' many loved ones and friends Celebrating Jesus' Birthday on their 1st Christmas in Heaven. We do miss them, but look forward to seeing "their place" that HE prepared for them when HE finishes "our place" and we join them there! We believe that is nearer than we think! Do read and give to those concerned about what Heaven is like: HEAVEN IS FOR REAL for KIDS by Colton Burpo and his parents, a little boy's astounding story of his trip to Heaven and back. The pictures and story are such a blessing, you'll want to 'pop your 'spenders' and GO RIGHT NOW!

What is God asking YOU to do with this Brand NEW Slate, but YOU may be resisting? We judge service for God as important and unimportant. Our pride often wants the most impressive job to prove to everyone how much we love the Lord. God wants our love for Him to motivate us to DO ANYTHING HE ASKS, no matter how insignificant or unnoticeable. We hear that many seminary grads are rejecting serving in small churches, waiting for the bigger churches to call them. Our RRVBA has many small but great churches needing Spiritual Gifts of Service that YOU have been given: Music Leaders, Pianists, Teachers of God's Word to all ages, Nursery and Helpers of all kinds - you name them. Will you repent of your pride, leave your cozy comfort zone, and humble yourself to do ALL that HE desires, because NONE OF GOD'S WORK IS UNIMPORTANT! If I can help you get plugged in somewhere, please call me (903-737-0650); I would love to do that. YOU ARE DEFINITELY NEEDED! The blessings and serendipities are for NOW and ETERNITY!

RRV Old Fashioned Hymn Singers, remember our 2nd Thursday Rehearsal Schedule at Southside BC begins Jan. 9th at 10 AM. Bring your songbook and someone with you who loves those old hymns like we do. Fred and I can hardly wait to really get it going, 'cuz we expect to be invited to sing at some of our wonderful churches this year! God's just gonna bless our sox clean off!

If your group wants to invite others to share in your plans and events, please call or email me with specifics by the 13th of the month BEFORE so I can include it in this monthly article. It's a good way to get around the Association faster, because I just KNOW that everyone reads the *Voice of the Valley*.

"Seasoned" Saints, join me this year with less memory loss. Let's write daily in our Journal, Diary, 3x5 cards, or notes typed on our computers, memorable ways God has been faithful to us. In these challenging days of life, we will be encouraged to look back and remember how God met our needs and answered our prayers. See what our Faithful Father God has done, is doing through His Word, still choosing to use us, His Bride/His Church to bring about His WILL and His Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven!

KEEP LOOKING UP - JESUS IS COMING BACK SOON!

JANUARY
WMU MISSIONS PROJECT:
New Hope Center

New Hope Center in Paris prepares homeless mothers and their children for self-sufficient living by addressing all their educational, vocational, spiritual and emotional needs in a safe residential setting. Their needs include paper goods and financial assistance.

Give them a call at 903-783-0353 to find out how YOU can help!



ATTENTION: Pastors & Financial Administrators

2014 TAX SEMINAR

Presenter: Dan Whitehurst

Date: Tuesday, **FEBRUARY 11**

Place: Springlake Baptist Church

Times: 9:00 am—Noon (Pastors)

1:30—4:30 pm (Administrators)

Register by February 3, 2014

Call the RRVBA office at 903-785-2890.

NEWS FROM THE BSM...

Dear Family,

Another semester has come and gone. We fed an average of about 85 students every Monday this semester. One young lady received Christ at the beginning of the semester and many more were presented the gospel. We had some exciting events on and off campus: capture the flag, zombies (progressive hide and go seek), sardines, and couch-o-Rama just to name a few. Many athletes got involved with some of these games and we made some great connections. I am very much looking forward to next semester.

Beach Reach for the next semester is at the top of the priority list. We have already begun collections for the garage sale and are making plans for other activities. Ways you can help are:

1. Pray
 - A. For our hearts to trust in The Lord for everything
 - B. for the funds we need
 - C. Quality transportation there and a safe trip
 - D. Pray that we would be bold to share and that the gospel would be received
 - E. Pray for the students whom God has chosen to participate
2. Provide money for a full scholarship or partial scholarship
 - A. A full scholarship - \$400
3. Provide items for the March 1 garage sale.
 - A. They can be dropped at the BSM or the association building
 - B. if needed we will come pick up
4. Attend the Beach Reach fundraiser luncheon
 - A. Where: East Paris Baptist Church
 - B. When: Sunday Feb 2nd from 11:30am-2pm.
 - C. You will be served a nice meal and will get to hear the testimonies of some of the student.
 - D. \$10 per adult \$5 per child (12 and under) with a maximum of \$30 per family
5. Enter a team into the volleyball tournament
 - A. Entry is \$100 per team
 - B. location: TBD

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED SEND US TO BEACH REACH IN THE PAST, Churches and Individuals alike! You have all been such a blessing and I pray you have been blessed beyond measure as a result. If you would like me to bring a team to your church and share about Beach Reach prior to or after spring break please contact me. We can lead worship for the day and share testimonies. Thank you again in advance for helping to continue Kingdom work.

Living God, Loving Life,
Scott Powell, BSM Director 903-246-1364



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Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays

2nd	Kelly Collins, pastor	Graham Street
3rd	Bobby Harrell, music	Bethel
7th	Tammy Michael, spouse	Brookston
7th	Greg Bell, worship leader	Novice
8th	Jenene Cannon, spouse	FBC Paris
13th	Kristen Richardson, spouse	FBC Bogata
14th	Deann Reger, spouse	Mt. Olive
21st	Jeff Landers, spouse	FBC Cooper
21st	Glenn Michael, pastor	Brookston
22nd	Gwen Posey, spouse	College Avenue
25th	Sharon Lynch, secretary	FBC Clarksville

January Wedding Anniversaries

1st	Michael & Carol King, 32 yrs	Providence
3rd	Mark & Linda Gossett, 33 yrs	FBC Clarksville
11th	Jack & Cathy Graham, 13 yrs	Friendship
17th	James & Cindy McLeod, 33 yrs	Chisum Trails
24th	Eddy & Donna Kropp, 44 yrs	Emberson

January Church Anniversaries

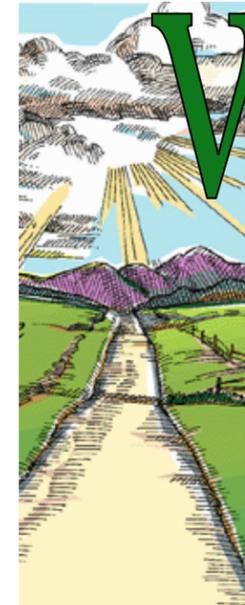
1st	Ivy Fendley, education, 14 yrs	Mt. Olive
1st	Mike Shupp, pastor, 6 yrs	FBC Blossom
1st	Jimmie Woodard, pastor, 4 yrs	FBC Annona
2nd	Jocquetta Weems, secretary, 6 yrs	FBC Blossom
6th	Jimmy Ellis, pastor, 23 yrs	Leesville
13th	Nick Richardson, youth, 1 yr	FBC Bogata

MOVING? Please let the RRVBA office know your new address! When a newsletter is returned because the address has changed, it costs us 55 cents. That adds up! Help us be good stewards and give us a call so we can keep the *Voice of the Valley* coming to you!

RRVBA Secretaries & Support Staff
will NOT meet in January!
Our next lunch will be on February 6.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR. . .

- January 1: New Year's Day
 - January 2: RRVBA Office opens
 - January 4: WMU Leadership Team Meeting, 10:00 am, RRVBA office
 - January 11: BSM Volleyball Tournament, Place & Time TBA
 - January 14: Finance Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, RRVBA office
 - January 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day—RRVBA office closed
 - January 21: Executive Board Meeting, Pacio Baptist Church, *Meal @ 6:00 pm; Meeting @ 6:45 pm*
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- February 2: BSM Lunch (Beach Reach Fundraiser) 11:30 am—2:00 pm, East Paris Baptist Church
 - February 6: Secretaries'/Support Staff Lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA office
 - February 11: RRVBA Tax Seminar, Springlake Baptist Church
- Pastor's Session* 9:00 am—Noon; *Financial Administrators Session* 1:30 pm—4:30 pm



Voice of the Valley

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FIRST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF 2014

DATE: Tuesday, January 21
TIME: 6:00 pm (meal); 6:45 pm (meeting)
PLACE: Pacio Baptist Church, 4534 FM 198 E, Lake Creek

Make plans to start the year off with good food and fellowship as we take care of the Lord's business. Call the RRVBA office for more information.
Hope to see you there!

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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A new year brings new opportunities, new challenges, and new energy to lift the name of the Lord to our mission fields. Recently while preparing for a Lottie Moon presentation I found Psalm 117 extolling us and all peoples to praise the Lord, "For He loves us with unfailing love; the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever." (Verse 2) This is God's desire that He be praised by all peoples – that His name be savored and shown to be great, to make His name famous.

This is what missions is, showing that God has made a path for sinners to be forgiven and redeemed by the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ. The context for my landing on Psalm 117 was overseas missions, but the longer I thought about who I am, who we are, I am convicted once again of the urgency of telling my neighbor that God loves you and His Son died for you. When are we going to shout that, JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

When God created me He left His mark on me. I am made in the image of God and He created me for a purpose and that purpose is to make Him famous to those with whom He places in my path. I am to praise the Lord and His faithfulness that endures forever. This is both incredible and wonderful that in spite of all of our weakness and limited abilities and fears He is able to use us to touch so many and make a difference in their lives.

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I am amazed at how truly diverse we are as Baptist people who make up the Red River Valley Baptist Association and state conventions. The recent ice storm brought out the best as many opened homes and churches served as needs arose. Once again the Baptist men from both Texas conventions, and out of state, came with chain saws in hand to help remove the debris. The greater Christian community pulled together as we should. This free ministry to our neighbors is priceless and adds value to our witness of His unmatched love for all peoples.

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Thank you RRVBA for your faithfulness in support of your Association through your cooperative giving and through the work of so many that make it possible for RRVBA to be effective. I see the wonderful diversity we have through the people who make up RRVBA and realize that God has blessed us richly. And through that diversity God has a plan for each church in our Association for presenting the Gospel to all who call RRVBA home.

Blessing in 2014
Milton Ertelt
 Interim Director