

# WMU News

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RRVBA/BSM Donations November 16-December 11	Year to Date
ATLAS	0 600.00
BAGWELL	50.00 600.00
BETHEL	99.04 1,291.72
BOUNDS	236.95 2,533.15
BROOKSTON	0 0
CHICOTA	109.10 1,552.97
CHISUM TRAILS	100.00 1,100.00
COLLEGE AVE.	0 0
CUNNINGHAM	0 900.00
DIRECT	247.68 2,347.15
DOUBLE R	0 0
EAST DELTA	0 5,702.95
EAST PARIS	0 2,666.68
EMBERSON	0 160.00
FAITH	0 1,848.57
FBC ANNONA	50.00 1,087.58
FBC BLOSSOM	300.00 1,650.00
FBC BOGATA	1,040.44 13,271.41
FBC CLARKSVILLE	100.00 1,200.00
FBC COOPER	0 1,884.33
FBC DEPORT	0 0
FBC DETROIT	42.72 403.56
FBC PARIS	908.47 12,819.82
FBC ROXTON	0 0
FRIENDSHIP	86.00 1,582.00
FULBRIGHT	0 0
GLORY	0 439.45
GRAHAM ST.	0 0
HIS PLACE	0 3,000.00
HOWLAND	55.80 891.33
IMMANUEL/WMU	100.00 11,565.28
LAKEWAY	0 0
LAMAR POINT	0 1,546.00
LANE'S CHAPEL	0 0
LEESVILLE	470.00 7,374.00
MAXEY	150.00 1,650.00
MT. OLIVE	480.00 2,815.00
NOVICE	461.50 5,196.41
PACIO	184.86 2,074.64
PATTONVILLE	0 240.00
PETTY	300.42 1,627.22
POWDERLY	300.00 3,600.00
PROVIDENCE	106.68 1,685.18
SALEM	300.00 3,600.00
SOUTHSIDE	684.66 6,702.70
SPRINGLAKE	351.04 4,556.06
TRINITY	0 0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,315.36 113,765.16</b>

**RISE & BUILD FUND:  
\$90, 156.20**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!** In this new year, if we are to reach souls "by all means" we must ask the Holy Spirit to convict us of areas in our lives that are building walls and not bridges with those in our midst.

**Operation Christmas Child:** First Baptist Church Bogata Central Drop-off Center collected 3,931 shoeboxes. We also collected shoeboxes from other Drop-Off Centers for a total of 8,960 shoeboxes. Pray as these boxes go to children around the world they will feel God's love.

**The WMU Leadership Team** will be meeting on January 6, 2018, at 10:00 AM in the Association Office. If your church doesn't have representation on this team, maybe you could be the woman that comes and joins others as plans are made to give opportunities for churches to participate in reaching others for Christ.

**CIA Day** is planned for March 3, 2018, at Southside Baptist Church, Paris. Registration will begin at 8:45 in the gym. Please save the date and tell your children's workers about this wonderful day for the children that attend.

I look forward to serving Red River Valley Baptist Association as WMU Director and working with all the remarkable people that God has sent to help me. Thanks to every one of you! Buckle your seat belts - let's see what He has in store for all of us!

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

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018!** I just had a "Flashback" of my 18 years of New Year's Eve Watch Night Services growing up in Texarkana, TX Highland Park BC. In Fellowship Hall all ages played games of Shuffleboard, Ping-Pong, Dominos, ate some good finger foods including fudge and divinity - yummm makes me hungry! About 11pm we went into the Sanctuary, had a short sermon or devotional, sang some favorite songs, Praised God for blessings of the past year, then PRAYED in the New Year holding hands all around the room. Also, our College kids were home and in charge of Sunday Student Night at Christmas filling the roles of Pastor, Music Director, Education Director. I got teary just remembering those wonderful times of our youth.

The Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers will meet at Springlake BC the 2nd Thursday of this brand new year, January 11 at 9:30 am to go sing at Legend and Stillhouse Assisted Living Residences and love on them.

The 14th year of Senior Adults VBS - 2018 "Game On!" has 2 Open Mondays - July 30 and August 6 waiting patiently for YOU to step up and HOST. Let us know which date has your name on it. Springlake is August 13, East Paris is the 20th, and Paris FBC is the 27th. Don't miss out on the blessings for your Church!

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 WE THINK!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Tuesday, January 2, 2018: RRVBA office reopens, 8:00 am  
 Saturday, January 6: WMU Leadership Team, 10:00 am, RRVBA  
 Monday, January 8: 2018 Ladies' Retreat Planning Committee, 5:00 pm, RRVBA  
 Tuesday, January 9: RRVBA Finance Committee, 5:30 pm, RRVBA  
 Monday, January 15: RRVBA office CLOSED for MLK Day  
 Tuesday, January 16: Executive Board Meeting, Double R Cowboy Church, Clarksville  
 Meal @ 6:00 pm; Meeting @ 6:45 pm  
 Sunday, January 28: CWJC Day of Prayer

## BSM NEWS

Dear Family,

God is so good! It has been an amazing couple of months serving as the BSM Director. I've been granted the ability to meet so many wonderful people and have been so encouraged in my ministry. I pray you will continue to pray for the students and me. The field at Paris Junior College is so plentiful, and plans are underway of how to effectively and efficiently reach these students.

As for the BSM house, you will be happy to know that construction is going well! It's looking very nice! Please feel free to stop by and check it out any time. We are so excited to get it done and have a place where students can go. Starting next semester we hope to be able to host our lunches and Bible studies in the house, which we believe will draw more students into the ministry.

Lunches seem to be going well. We just served our last meal of the semester and will be picking it back up next semester. I am currently working on getting a schedule together for churches to provide the meals. If you are interested, please feel free to contact me. My email is [josh.kirby20@yahoo.com](mailto:josh.kirby20@yahoo.com). I can send you available dates and any information you need. This semester we averaged around 40 students. One Monday we totaled 53. The lunches are served from 11:00 am—1:00 pm every Monday that the students have classes.

I just wrapped up my first garage sale with the BSM, and let me tell you it was quite the experience! Long days of planning and executing were so worth it when we got to see people's faces light up with all the unique items we had to offer and at such a great price. There was something there for everyone. We were able to sell quite a bit and came out with a profit of \$580. I want to thank everyone who came out, all those who donated—whether financially or with items to be sold, and the volunteers that I couldn't have done it without. It was such a blessing to have the first garage sale go well.

I continue to ask for prayers as I seek how to pour into these students. I feel overwhelmed with the love that's already been shown to me. This ministry wouldn't be possible without the churches supporting it. I believe God is going to do some amazing things with these students!

In Christ, Josh Kirby (90) 272-5211

**CWJC  
DAY OF  
PRAYER  
Sunday,  
January 28**



The RRVBA office will be closed on Monday, January 15 for MLK Day.



On December 10, George and Mary Pullins were honored by *Springlake Baptist Church* for their years of service. Mary had served 38 years as church clerk and George was the maintenance and yard keeper for over 30 years. The couple was presented with a plaque and gift card by Pastor Guille Seigler.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, January 16**  
*Double R Cowboy Church*  
**485 FM 1159,**  
**Clarksville**  
**Meal: 6:00 pm**  
**Meeting: 6:45 pm**

Come and hear what's happening in the RRVBA!

*Just a Reminder...*

Donations made to the RRVBA and postmarked December 31 or earlier will be applied to 2017. All other donations will be credited to 2018. Thank you for helping support YOUR association!

**Red River Valley Baptist Association**

**Regular Office Hours:** Monday—Thursday, 8 am to 2 pm  
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***Birthdays and Anniversaries***

**January Birthdays**

5	Lori Smith, youth	FBC Annona
8	Jenene Cannon, spouse	FBC Paris
10	Margaret Melton, children	Springlake
14	Deann Reger, spouse	Mt. Olive
14	Mike Jones, pastor	Powderly
14	Mary Nell Roberts, spouse	Direct
19	Deborah Kennemer, secretary	East Delta
23	Linda White, spouse	Mt. Olive
24	Bri DeLay, spouse	Immanuel
25	Sharon Lynch, spouse	FBC Clarksville
26	Tony Cunningham, music	Friendship
31	Jerry Hindman, spouse	FBC Roxton
31	Nancy Ralson, spouse	FBC Blossom

**January Wedding Anniversaries**

1	Michael & Carol King, 36 yrs	CWJC
3	Mark & Lynda Gossett, 37 yrs	FBC Clarksville
9	Justin & Kaysi King, 19 yrs	East Paris
17	James & Cindy McLeod, 37 yrs	Chisum Trails
24	Mike & Mary Jones, 49 yrs	Powderly
24	Eddy & Donna Kropp, 48 yrs	Emberson

**January Church Anniversaries**

1	Neal Seaborn, pastor, 1 yr	Leesville
1	Guille Seigler, pastor, 1 yr	Springlake
2	Jocquetta Weems, secretary, 10 yrs	FBC Blossom
4	Bryan Alvis, children, 2 yrs	FBC Paris
6	Michael Shupp, pastor, 10 yrs	FBC Blossom
8	Justin Thompson, youth, 1 yr	His Place
20	Mike Fortenberry, DOM, 3 yrs	RRVBA
23	Tommy Turner, pastor, 7 yrs	FBC Paris
24	Duane Falk, pastor, 2 yrs	Novice
29	Lisa Hughes, minister's asst, 4 yrs	East Paris

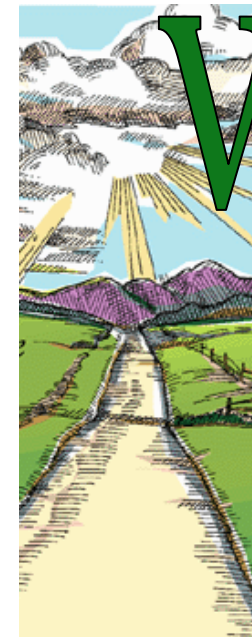
**HELP WANTED!**

*Hwy 82 Baptist Church* needs a Piano Player. Call Jerry Clements at 903-249-0037.

*SPRINGLAKE BAPTIST CHURCH* is looking for a Nursery Worker. Call the church at 903-785-1859.

*IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH* needs Nursery Workers. Call Shauna Mercaldo at 713-377-2889.

*EMBERSON BAPTIST CHURCH* is in need of a Song Leader. Call Gary Reed at 903-732-8060.



# Voice of the Valley

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**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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As we come to the end of 2017 and look forward with great anticipation to 2018 I am reminded of Paul's words in Philippians 3:13-14. Paul says, “Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

This past year saw many wonderful people invest their time, talent, and treasure in the ministry life of the Red River Valley Baptist Association. The Mission Conference was a great success as many of our pastors and churches were encouraged to learn how God is using our missionaries around the world. CIA Day, Day Camp, the mission trip to South Dakota, the Ladies' Retreat, and much more saw our churches join their hearts and hands in doing the work of the ministry together!

May 2018 be the greatest year of missions, ministry, evangelism, meeting needs, and loving people in our association's long and illustrious history!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Bro. Mike & Gency