

RRVBA/BSM Donations November 26-December 11	Year To Date
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ATLAS	0	0
BAGWELL	50.00	600.00
BETHEL	114.40	1,457.60
BOUNDS	210.70	2,499.30
BROOKSTON	0	0
CHICOTA	128.50	1,781.44
CHISUM TRAILS	100.00	1,200.00
CUNNINGHAM	0	1,350.00
DIRECT	321.59	3,137.14
DOUBLE R	225.96	1,959.61
EAST DELTA	450.42	7,479.10
EAST PARIS	208.33	2,499.96
EMBERSON	0	0
FAITH	0	1,154.00
FBC ANNONA	0	600.00
FBC BLOSSOM	200.00	2,200.00
FBC BOGATA	1,028.66	12,994.94
FBC CLARKSVILLE	100.00	1,200.00
FBC COOPER	355.54	4,274.75
FBC DEPORT	0	0
FBC DETROIT	38.33	565.52
FBC PARIS	895.58	13,109.54
FBC ROXTON	0	0
FRIENDSHIP	176.00	1,878.00
FULBRIGHT	0	0
GLORY	0	0
GRAHAM ST.	0	0
HIS PLACE	0	6,720.00
HOWLAND	54.68	870.35
IMMANUEL/WMU	0	10,225.00
LAMAR POINT	0	1,482.00
LEESVILLE	577.75	6,617.05
MAXEY	150.00	1,800.00
MT. OLIVE	232.00	5,033.92
NOVICE	0	6,003.00
PACIO	178.32	1,910.72
PATTONVILLE	0	0
PETTY	0	275.00
POWDERLY	0	3,300.00
PROVIDENCE	77.82	1,211.86
SALEM	300.00	3,600.00
SOUTHSIDE	662.58	8,269.96
SPRINGLAKE	397.29	5,098.06
TRINITY	0	0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0	0
TOTAL	7,234.45	124,357.82

**RISE & BUILD FUND:
\$18,085.32**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

With the coming of 2019, our "Unshakable Pursuit" should be to grow closer to God and to know Him more every day. Our purpose in life should be to show God's love to others. This is missions in its simplest way. As the Scripture states 'stand firm', that is just what our commitment should be as we move into the new year.

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)

Operation Christmas Child: First Baptist Church Bogata Central Drop-off Center collected a total of 7,938 shoeboxes. Pray as these boxes go to children around the world they will feel God's love. Thanks for your participation!

CIA Day is planned for March 2, 2019, 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.

The WMU Leadership Team will be meeting on January 5, 2019, at 10:00 AM in the Association Office. Lunch will be served.

In the January Voice of the Valley last year, I told you to: Buckle your seat belts, let's see what God has in store for all of us! Well, He has carried us on a wild ride! He is blessing the Leadership, CIA Day, Retreat, and Mission Study teams with new people from churches that have not been participating before. Not only do we have new people getting on board, He has significantly blessed each endeavor that was planned. Please pray for your Association WMU that our Father will continue to bless.

JOY ON THE JOURNEY WITH 'SEASONED' SAINTS

by Gloria Parker, Senior Adults Director

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019! We ended 2018 well in many ways. While we are thrilled with Bro. Mike's servant leadership of our RRVBA these past four years, and that Our Lord has so blessed his Pastoring His Place Fellowship, it is with mixed emotions that we lovingly wish him God's BEST as he resigns as our Director of Missions. THANK YOU, Bro. Mike, it has been a great JOY serving under your very capable leadership with a Dear Pastor's Heart. We know that AGAIN God has exactly the right man to lead us as our beloved RRVBA Director of Missions, and we will surely pray for them both!

We're looking forward to filling our 4th and only OPEN Monday, August 19 of Senior Adults VBS. It's gonna be GOOD, so don't miss the Blessing!

The Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers LOVE SINGING FOR AND ABOUT JESUS TO RESIDENTS of ALL our Nursing and Assisted Living Homes. Come help us make a JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD, and get YOUR Sox blessed clean off!

Our FRIDAY NIGHT OUT AT DENNY'S 5 to 7 pm will resume on Friday, January 4th, even though it gets DARK so early now. We have had 1 SUPER MAN offer to pick up some of us Ladies who don't drive in the dark, and we would really appreciate having another 1 or 2 SUPER HEROES to do so. That's the reason many STAY HOME ALONE in the cold depressing Winter months. Call me at 903-737-0650, leave a message if YOU need a ride or want to offer to pick up some possibly lonely but very appreciative folks. The Lord will bless you, I guarantee it!

KEEP LOOKING UP, AND BE READY - JESUS, THE PRINCE OF PEACE IS COMING BACK SOON - DON'T YOU MISS THIS LIFE-CHANGER!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Dec 30: 5th Sunday Singing with The McNeills, Direct, 6:00 pm

January 2019

Jan 2: RRVBA Office reopens

Jan 5: WMU Leadership Team meeting, 10:0 am, RRVBA (Lunch will be provided)

Jan 7: Ladies' Retreat meeting, 5:00 pm, RRVBA

Jan 7: CIA Day meeting, 6:30 pm, RRVBA

Jan 8: Finance Committee meeting, 5:30 pm, RRVBA

Jan 15: Executive Board meeting, Mt. Olive, Meal @ 6:00 pm, Meeting @ 6:45 pm

Jan 19: Sulphur River Valley Women's Conference, FBC Cooper, 9:00 am—1:30 pm

Jan 21: MLK DAY (RRVBA office will be closed)

Jan 20-23: Nights of Refreshing Crusade, Love Civic Center, 7:00 pm nightly

Jan 26: Mission Study Team meeting, 10:00 am, RRVBA

Jan 28: BSM Lunch—FBC Cooper

MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS: 1) Read God's Word daily 2) Do what it says!

BSM NEWS ...

Happy New Year from the BSM! Before long, the new semester will be upon us and I am excited to see how God will move on the campus. One of the difficult aspects of college ministry at a junior college is the revolving door of students. Just as things begin to get rolling, the students are gone off to finish their undergraduate studies or begin their graduate studies at a larger university. But one of the exciting things about college ministry at a junior college is the revolving door of students. Will God bring the next great missionary through our doors? Will He bring more international students through our doors? How many students will He save through this ministry? The opportunities are exciting!

A new year brings to my mind the thought that God makes all things new every day! So here are a few Bible verses that speak to God's renewing mercies!

2 Corinthians 5:17: Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a *new* creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become *new*.

Psalm 98:1: O sing unto the LORD a *new* song; for he hath done marvelous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

Isaiah 43:19: Behold, I will do a *new thing*; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Lamentations 3:22-23: It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are *new* every morning; great is thy faithfulness.

May God bless you in fresh new way in 2019 as you seek His face every day!

Pray up! Plug in! Preach out!

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays

2	Nelda Beville, treasurer	RRVBA
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

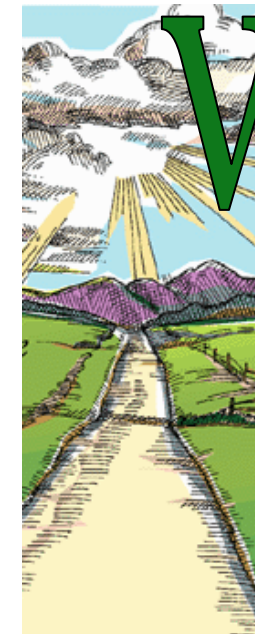
3	Mark & Lynda Gossett, 41 yrs	Mt. Olive
14	Steven & Lori Kelley, 24 yrs	Direct
17	James & Cindy McLeod, 38 yrs	Chisum Trails
24	Mike & Mary Jones, 50 yrs	Powderly
24	Eddy & Donna Kropp, 49 yrs	Emberson

January Church Anniversaries

1	Darlynn Morrison, fin sec, 9 yrs	FBC Paris
1	Neal Seaborn, pastor, 2 yrs	Leesville
1	Guille Seigler, pastor, 2 yrs	Springlake
4	Bryan Alvis, children, 3 yrs	FBC Paris
6	Mike Shupp, pastor, 11 yrs	FBC Blossom
8	Justin Thompson, youth, 2 yrs	His Place
20	Mike Fortenberry, DOM, 4 yrs	RRVBA
23	Tommy Turner, pastor, 8 yrs	FBC Paris
24	Duane Falk, pastor, 3 yrs	Novice
29	Lisa Hughes, minister's asst, 5 yrs	East Paris



The RRVBA office will be closed on Monday, January 21 in honor of Martin Luther King Day.



Voice of the Valley

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2019

from your Association staff, Gency and me.

We are very blessed to have Nancy Redus running our Association office and Mike Clark as our BSM Director. As my time as your DOM begins to close I am so excited to have these two in place to continue to serve our ministers and churches!

The Personnel Committee has met and is in the beginning stages of seeking a new Red River Valley Baptist Association Director of Missions. Please be much in prayer for each member as they seek the Lord and search for His man to lead our association. I may not be the Executive Director of the Association, but I will continue to be an Association pastor.

Until our next Director is in place I will continue to seek opportunities to bless, strengthen, and encourage our churches. If your church intends to be a part of our **REAP Revivals** designed for churches running around 60 or less, or larger churches who will partner with them, please call the Association office and confirm that by January 15. If you intend to be a part of the **Thrival Conference** to strengthen and revitalize churches, call Bro. James McLeod at 903-249-2701.

At this most festive time of year, look around and notice those around you. Not everyone is happy, feels blessed, or is a follower of the Christ child. Let your light shine this Christmas and draw them to His love!

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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"NIGHTS OF REFRESHING"

with Jerry Martin & Wade White

January 20~23 @ Love Civic Center **Crusade held nightly at 7:00 pm**

Door Prizes Nightly! (Must be present to win)

Sunday, January 20 @ 5:30 pm – Free Chuck Wagon meal!

Wednesday, January 23 – Youth Night with

Pizza & Concert @ 5:30 along with

Youth Only 4-Wheeler Giveaway! (age 18 & under)

Sponsored by Cowboy Connection Ministries



Just a Reminder...

Secretaries/Support Staff do NOT meet in January—too much to do! We will have our regular monthly lunch beginning on February 7. Happy New Year!

Sulphur River Valley Women's Conference
Loving HIM First

Saturday, January 19

9:00 am—1:30 pm @ FBC Cooper

Fee: \$20 (\$10 for 25 & under or 65 +)

Continental breakfast, lunch, and event tote included along with ministry booths to visit

Guest speaker:

Sandra Wakefield as Mary of Bethany

with Gency Fortenberry, Grace Crabb, and music by Micalyn Rowe, Joannah Cowart and By Faith Alone

Contact Ruth Crow for more information at ruth@cumbytel.com or 903-439-4419

Sign up today for our **Tax Seminar** coming on **Tuesday, FEBRUARY 12!** More information coming in next month's *Voice of the Valley*.