



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

As I look toward the new year of 2020, it is with much excitement. Looking back to see where Association WMU was when I took office and then assessing what it is today, I am in a state of unbelief. We went from 4 ladies being involved to (as best I can count) 31 ladies today. I want to thank each one of them for their willingness to serve our Lord through Association WMU! This organization would not be near what it is without each one of you! I depend on their love and support in accomplishing God's work! Henry Blackaby said in *Experiencing God* to look for where God is at work and go and join Him. So ladies, embark on "Unshakable Pursuit" and come join us! God is certainly working through this organization!

Operation Christmas Child: Collection at the Bogata Central Drop Off Center went very well this year. The total boxes sent from this location were 9,166. Thanks for your participation. Pray for the children who will receive one of these boxes they will feel God's love and become a part of His kingdom.

The Leadership Team will be meeting in the Association Office on Saturday, January 4 at 10 AM. Lunch will be served at the close of the meeting. This is a good meeting to come join the WMU team!

Blessings in the new year!



"Trusting HIM More"

2nd Annual Sulphur River Valley Women's Conference

Saturday, January 18, FBC Cooper Tickets: \$10 includes light breakfast and lunch (purchase tickets by texting "cooperfbc \$10" to 73256)

Speakers: Sandra Wakefield & Kris Murphy; Music by Shawna Spangler & Joannah Cowart

For more information contact Ruth Crow at 903-439-4419 or ruth@cumbytel.com

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020 - WOW! Can you believe God has allowed us to see 2000, much less 2020? Remember those Dick Tracy wristwatches many craved as kids, they were even ahead of their time. All the electronics available today which most kids have and use just blow my everlovin' mind! How about you? Do your Grandchildren get to help program your phone, etc? Humbling, right? Makes us re-evaluate how our Christian influence is affecting them, and what we can do to help them and their friends love and follow Jesus better.



Our Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers will go sing to and with the Residents of Colonial Lodge and Heritage Retirement Homes on Tuesday, January 9, the Lord willing! We are blessed and so privileged!

Friday Night Out at Denny's 5-7 pm: Folks have decided to NOT MEET on these really cold and dark Fridays for awhile. The Denny's employees have been so very kind and gracious to us, and we will do it again; Watch - T.B.A.

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.

NOVEMBER 2019 DONATIONS TOTAL: \$8,339.83 *NOTE: Donations postmarked after Dec. 31 will be credited to 2020.*

<i>Bagwell</i>	50.00	<i>FBC Annona</i>	50.00	<i>Friendship</i>	134.00	<i>Novice</i>	437.00		
<i>Bounds</i>	200.85	<i>FBC Bogata</i>	1,036.41	<i>His Place</i>	2,000.00	<i>Petty</i>	373.62		
<i>Chicota</i>	143.28	<i>FBC Clarksville</i>	100.00	<i>Howland</i>	42.60	<i>Providence</i>	98.44		
<i>Direct</i>	358.68	<i>FBC Cooper</i>		<i>Immanuel WMU</i>	75.00	<i>Salem</i>	300.00		
<i>East Delta</i>	375.91	<i>FBC Detroit</i>		<i>Leesville</i>	335.88	<i>Southside</i>	573.33		
<i>East Paris</i>	208.33	<i>FBC Paris</i>		<i>Mt. Olive</i>	212.00				

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events...

JANUARY

Saturday, Jan 4, 2020: WMU Team Meeting, 10:00 am, RRVBA

Monday, Jan 6: RRVBA office reopens, 8:00 am

Monday, Jan 6: Ladies' Retreat Committee Meeting, 5:00 pm, RRVBA

Tuesday, Jan 7: Finance Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, RRVBA

Tuesday, Jan 14: Executive Board Meeting, *Double R Cowboy Church*, Meal @ 6pm, Meeting @ 6:45 pm

Saturday, Jan 18: Sulphur River Valley 2nd Annual Women's Conference, FBC Cooper, \$10

Monday, Jan 20: RRVBA office closed for MLK Day

FEBRUARY

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

Saturday, Feb 8: Pastors & Wives Banquet at Magel's

BSM NEWS...

Happy New Year from the Baptist Student Ministry!

We are excited to announce the Paris Junior College Baptist Student Ministry will be taking a mission team to Beach Reach 2020 on South Padre Island during Spring Break, March 7-14, 2020. What is Beach Reach? *"Beach Reach South Padre began in 1980 with 20 students who had a vision to reach their peers during Spring Break. It has progressively developed into the extensive ministry that it is today. Now during Spring Break, hundreds of Christian college students join together to verbally share the gospel of Jesus with those they encounter as they seek to meet their physical needs for food and transportation."*



We will be doing several different activities on this mission project. Primarily, we will be sharing the gospel through and during our Free Breakfast, Sunscreen Distribution, Midnight Breakfast, as well as Beach and Street Witnessing during the day and evening. In years past, we were able to share the gospel with over 10,000 students and saw so many people come to know Jesus as their Savior, in just one week!

As you know, The Baptist Student Ministry is not a separate organization, but rather a part of the greater ministry and mission of the Red River Valley Baptist Association. So, we are asking for the support of our local Association Churches. The BEST way to support us is to PLEASE start PRAYING NOW! Prayer is the strongest weapon against the fiery darts of the enemy. Another way your Church can support us is to participate in our "Envelope Fundraiser." Each church will soon be receiving envelopes labeled 1-20. Each number represents a donation amount to be placed inside the envelope. If every envelope with the amount labeled is filled, you are able to send one student to Beach Reach! If anyone is lead to give more than what is marked on the envelope, that donation is more than welcome as well.

Please PRAYERFULLY help us send every student who the Lord has called to go. If you have any questions please contact me or Kent Kirby, our Beach Reach coordinator, at 903-491-6155. Feel free to share this information with others so they can also be a blessing to the BSM. With your support, you will be giving hundreds of college students an opportunity to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Pray up! Preach out! Plug in!

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Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2020
Double R Cowboy Church
485 FM 1159 (off Hwy 82 loop)
in Clarksville, TX
Meal @ 6:00 pm
Meeting @ 6:45 pm

This meeting is open to ALL, but only
Pastors & Executive Board members are
eligible to vote. Come and hear what is
planned for the new year!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Minister - Permanent, temporary
(intern), or part-time. Contact *Leesville Baptist Church* @ 903-674-5782, or pastor Neal Seaborn at nwseaborn@leesvillebc.org

FBC Blossom is looking for a **Part-Time Youth Minister**. Call 903-982-5212 or Pastor Mike Shupp at 903-491-5103.

Volunteer Youth Minister is needed at Aspire Ministry. Contact Tim Sullivan at *East Paris* 903-784-3258 or tim@eastparis.org

Springlake is accepting resumes for **Pastor**. Mail to Pulpit Committee, 3500 Clarksville, Paris TX 75460.

Worship Leader is needed at *FBC Bogata*. Contact church at fbcbogata@gmail.com or 903-632-5218.

Music/Youth Leader needed at *Novice Baptist Church*. Contact Pastor Duane Falk at 903-732-7711.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays

2	Nelda Beville, treasurer	RRVBA
2	Jason Besteman, spouse	His Place
5	Lori Smith, youth	FBC Annona
8	Jenene Cannon, spouse	FBC Paris
10	Margaret Melton, children	Springlake
14	Deann Reger, pastor's wife	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
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, 39 yrs	FBCClarksville
7	Danny & Sherry Moody, 42 yrs	East Paris
17	James & Cindy McLeod, 39 yrs	Chisum Trails
24	Mike & Mary Jones, 51 yrs	Powderly
24	Eddy & Donna Kropp, 50 yrs	Embersen

January Church Anniversaries

1	Neal Seaborn, pastor, 3 yrs	Leesville
1	Michelle Risinger, children, 1 yr	Mt. Olive
2	Angie Sulsar, secretary, 2 yrs	Southside
6	Mike Shupp, pastor, 12 yrs	FBC Blossom
8	Justin Thompson, assoc pastor, 3 yrs	His Place
23	Tommy Turner, pastor, 9 yrs	FBC Paris
24	Duane Falk, pastor, 4 yrs	Novice
28	Justin Wideman, pastor, 1 yr	Direct
29	Lisa Hughes, minister's asst, 6 yrs	East Paris
29	Jan Monroe, music, 3 yrs	Bounds

REMINDER: There will be NO Secretaries/Support Staff Lunch in January. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 6, 2020.

Direct Baptist Church has a full-size copier to give away. Contact Justin Wideman @ 903-517-0216 for more information.

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



The RRVBA office will be closed on
MONDAY, JANUARY 20,
for Martin Luther King Day.

Voice of the Valley

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Spiritual Fitness for a New Year

Have you made any New Year's resolutions? So many try to make and keep resolutions for the New Year and typically fail to follow through. Some join a gym, others go on a diet, yet others commit to stopping a bad habit or begin a positive something in their lives. We hear a lot about getting physically fit, but not much about getting spiritually fit. Psalms 119:1-16 give us a good foundation for staying spiritually fit while waiting for Christ's coming or our home going. Following are some thoughts to consider.

Begin by understanding the blessings of God on your life and give thanks to the Father for His goodness. Keep walking in His ways; keeping His commandments and seeking Him with all your heart. Then comply with the authority of God's Word by obeying it diligently and giving Him praise for it. Seek and sense God's presence with you in all situations and circumstances. He is always near and promised to never leave you.

The Psalmist sums it up with these thoughts - seek God on a regular basis, not sporadically. Store His truth in your heart - His Word in our heart leaves no room for trash in the mind. Share Him with others unashamedly. Celebrate what He is doing in and through your life. Spend time meditating on His principles to bring you closer to Him. Finally, satisfy yourself in Him and His goodness.

On a different note, Jo Ann and I have visited 24 of the 47 churches in RRVBA. At each one we have been blessed richly by the pastor and congregation. To all pastors and churches of RRVBA, I pray God brings you a blessed and wonderful New Year.

Bro. Guille

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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