

WMU News

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RRVBA/BSM Donations May 21-June 21	Year to Date
ATLAS	0 600.00
BAGWELL	50.00 300.00
BETHEL	145.88 694.16
BOUNDS	120.56 1,266.80
BROOKSTON	0 0
CHICOTA	104.67 733.54
CHISUM TRAILS	100.00 500.00
COLLEGE AVE.	0 0
CUNNINGHAM	0 360.00
DIRECT	243.34 1,372.08
DOUBLE R	0 680.00
EAST DELTA	452.00 3,104.46
EAST PARIS	125.00 2,416.68
EMBERSON	0 160.00
FAITH	157.57 1,173.57
FBC ANNONA	85.53 646.99
FBC BLOSSOM	200.00 1,000.00
FBC BOGATA	1,011.20 6,474.86
FBC CLARKSVILLE	100.00 600.00
FBC COOPER	300.15 1,047.83
FBC DEPORT	0 0
FBC DETROIT	80.66 220.20
FBC PARIS	981.02 6,869.04
FBC ROXTON	0 0
FRIENDSHIP	186.00 836.00
FULBRIGHT	0 0
GLORY	0 274.40
GRAHAM ST.	0 0
HIS PLACE	0 1,000.00
HOWLAND	80.73 461.61
IMMANUEL/WMU	0 11,365.28
LAKEWAY	0 0
LAMAR POINT	0 810.00
LANE'S CHAPEL	0 0
LEESVILLE	1,446.00 3,971.00
MAXEY	150.00 750.00
MT. OLIVE	473.00 1,399.00
NOVICE	619.46 2,945.91
PACIO	118.14 1,057.98
PATTONVILLE	0 240.00
PETTY	0 681.18
POWDERLY	0 1,200.00
PROVIDENCE	118.58 940.40
SALEM	300.00 1,800.00
SOUTHSIDE	576.91 3,042.53
SPRINGLAKE	326.47 2,084.04
TRINITY	0 0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0 0
TOTAL	8,652.87 64,399.54

**RISE & BUILD FUND:
\$104,143.61**

Recently our Youth Pastor, David Logan, said in a sermon "The only thing worse than being lost is being lost and no one looking for you!" Are we as God's children practicing "By All Means" to reach those lost?

Items for Christian Women's Job Corp are coming in. We have quite a few churches that have committed to participate. I'll give a completed report next month. Our next **outreach project** is to collect beans and rice for the North American Partnership Missions in New Mexico, serving Native Americans.

The Leadership Team will be meeting July 8, 2017, at 10 AM. Lunch will be served, following the meeting. If you are part of this team, please plan to attend. We will be making future plans for Association WMU.

September 9, 2017, is the Women's Retreat at Love Civic Center, Paris, TX. Along with Gency Fortenberry bringing our Bible study, Teresa Harmening will be leading us in worship with her music talent. This is an event you will not want to miss. Don't forget to save any 'gently used' coats you may have for our outreach project. Also, we will collect new blankets. These things will go to the same place as the beans and rice.

Thanks for your participation in Association WMU!

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

JULY - and the first half of 2017 is already History - Wow, Time really does march on! Do you remember our schedule for the 13th YEAR OF SENIOR ADULTS VBS? Welllll, please allow me to refresh your memory. 2017 Host Churches: July 31 - Southside; August 7 - Chicota assisted by Bounds; August 14 - Novice; August 21 - Immanuel; August 28 - Paris FBC. Registration: 9:30 am with coffee, juice, fruit, muffin, something sugar free. 10:00 am SA-VBS Begins with Prayer & Welcome by Pastor or Senior Adults Leader, including Information & Directions; Pledges to Flags & Bible held by former Military & Missionaries, with songs for each. 10:20 am: Mission Study & Offering. 10:50 am - Stretch & Restroom Break. 11:00 am: Bible Study. 11:30 am: Announcements, Door Prizes, & 12:00 NOON LUNCH!

The Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers have been invited to lead all the music with everyone singing at SA-VBS this year, so get "tuned up" and ready to make those joyful noises unto the Lord! We will be thrilled to recruit some more singers to rehearse with us the 2nd Thursday of each month at 9:30 am at Springlake BC, then go sing for our Lord and Residents of usually two different Retirement or Assisted Living Homes. On July 13th we'll sing at Heritage House and another location TBA.

A couple of "Thoughts to Remember from REMINISCE, the Magazine That Brings Back the Good Times, June/July 2008: "A smile is a curve that can straighten out a lot of things"...and..."Pick your friends, but not to pieces."

Keep Looking UP, "Seasoned" Saints - JESUS THE PRINCE OF PEACE IS COMING BACK SOON and WE MUST BE READY!

NEWS FROM THE BSM. . .

Dear Family,

God continues to move and show His faithfulness. We have learned so much over the last few years about ourselves and about our Jesus who desires to lead us and guide us. It has been amazing. As many of you know our family took a trip to Colorado to scout out the area where we would be living when move to plant the church. Loveland, CO, is a beautiful area just to the east of the mountains and right outside Rocky Mountain National Park. The population is growing and businesses are going up like crazy. There is a huge influx of people to the area and that is where our next hurdle comes in.

The cost of living is about 3.5 times higher than it is here. So, yes, that means a nice house that we could afford here would run around \$100,000; there it would cost \$350,000 or more, and you get a lot less yard! Parking our RV up there is not a real valid option either as it would cost nearly \$1,000 a month just to park the RV. We are totally dependent on God right now for all of this and we wait with eager anticipation to see what He will do. We have a little bit of time but need things to begin happening within the next couple of weeks, which leads me to our house. . .

We had a meeting about our house with some of the decision makers. Crystal and I were encouraged after the meeting and are looking forward to getting moving with our home. If things go as anticipated, we could have the house rebuilt and on the market by the middle of August. We are in the process of getting quotes from contractors and trying to line all that up. We know that this is where God has called us to be and serve so we know that He will work all things together!

Our plans for the time we have left here in Paris are to get our house together and raise funds! We need financial support to get this church going and to help us survive! If you would like us to come to your church and share about the vision of our church plant we would love to do that. The website for our church plant is www.reachloveland.com. You can learn about the lead pastor, Billy Stevens, and his family as well as the vision God has given us and our goals and needs. Donations can be made online as well. We love you guys and look forward to being able to return to Paris with wonderful updates of changed lives through the Gospel! Call me at 903-246-1364 to set up a time to come to your church.

Please be in prayer for the association as they begin the process of finding a new BSM Director. I know God has a young man out there that can do things better than I. Pray for wisdom and direction as the committees work together to get things going!

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

South Dakota Mission Trip: July 28- August 5

Come and help with some "hands on" mission work as we provide a Children's Day Camp at Black Hills Baptist Church. Call Scott Powell at 903-246-1364 for more information or to sign up.



GOD AND COUNTRY CELEBRATION @ FBC Clarksville on Sunday, July 2nd

Free Food—Free Fireworks—Free Fun!
Come eat at 7:30 and stay for the Patriotic Program and then the fireworks show at dusk!



WMU QUARTERLY MISSIONS PROJECT: *Beans & Rice*

We will collect bags of rice and dried beans for North American Partnership Missions who work with Native Americans in New Mexico.

[For those of you who plan to attend the Ladies' Retreat on Sept. 9, we will be collecting 'gently' used coats and jackets and NEW blankets at that time for this same ministry!]



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 18 at Springlake
Meal at 6:00 pm; Meeting at 6:45 pm
 We will be discussing a number of items of interest to ALL associational churches, so please plan to attend!

Galactic Starveyors VBS @ Novice
 June 25 @ 6pm: Water slide & Hamburger supper
 June 26-28 @ 9am-Noon: VBS
 June 28 @ 6pm: Hotdog supper and Closing

SECRETARIES/SUPPORT STAFF LUNCH
Thursday, July 6, 11:30 am-1:00 pm
 Bring your lunch—we'll provide something to drink and a devotional. This is for ALL secretaries and support staff, paid or volunteer!

June 26-29, 2017 "Back to Bethel" Camp Meeting @ Red River Valley Bible Camp
 Dr. Jerry Vines will preach on Monday & Tuesday along with Steve Brumbelow, Malcom Ellis, and Larry Jordan. Music provided by the Mackey Willis Family and the Camp Meeting Quartet.
 Come for supper every night from 5:00—6:15, with the Evening Services starting at 6:45. Morning Services are at 10:00 am starting Tuesday. Child care is available (age 5 & under).
Come and be blessed!!

Red River Valley Baptist Association

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

<u>July Birthdays</u>		
3rd	Steve Gunter, education	Immanuel
3rd	Gary Price, pastor	Direct
7th	DeAnne Turner, spouse	FBC Paris
7th	Carolyn Fletcher, clerk	Direct
9th	Robert Weems, spouse	FBC Blossom
9th	Mary Pullins, clerk	Springlake
18th	Sherry Moore, spouse	Direct
18th	Kathryn Alvis, spouse	FBC Paris
20th	Travis Jackson, media/PR	FBC Paris
21st	Krista Clark, spouse	East Paris
22nd	David Harbison, spouse	East Paris
22nd	Cindy McLeod, music	Chisum Trails
23rd	Mary Jones, spouse	Powderly
27th	Fred Blessingame, spouse	Maxey

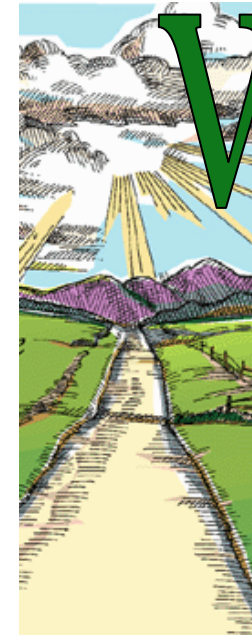
<u>July Wedding Anniversaries</u>		
1st	Bill & Debbie Janeway	Leesville
2nd	Charles & Nelda Beville, 58 yrs	Novice
2nd	Rocky & Kay Burrow, 41 yrs	Chicot
4th	Homer & Angela Frachiseur, 26 yrs	East Paris
10th	Bryan & Kathryn Alvis, 24 yrs	FBC Paris
18th	Ken & Jenene Cannon, 37 yrs	FBC Paris
20th	Jim & Becky Semple, 44 yrs	Howland
26th	Bobby & Cindy Ray	Leesville
27th	Michael & Karen Julian, 55 yrs	East Paris

<u>July Church Anniversaries</u>		
1st	Norma Kelley, treasurer/clerk, 7yrs	Glory
1st	Mallory Holladay, children, 1 yr	Mt. Olive
10th	Fred Fangio, music, 4 yrs	Springlake
17th	Jackie Spencer, pastor, 1 yr	Pattonville
19th	Mark Gossett, pastor, 19 yrs	FBC Clarksville
31st	Jonathan Moore, worship, 1 yr	FBC Paris

NOVICE BAPTIST CHURCH is the location for Life Line Screening on Tuesday, July 25. **Pre-registration is required!** Call 1-888-653-6450 to register for your appointment and get information on costs and preventive screenings available.

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

WMU Leadership Team Meeting
 Saturday, July 8 at 10:00 am - Lunch will be provided!



Voice of the Valley

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Happy July 4th Independence Day ... Happy July 4th!!

I sit here this morning thinking about the shooting of Louisiana Rep. Steve Scalise and others. It is a reminder as we approach the July 4th holiday that freedom is never free. Our country is living the reality of Paul's description of the last days ... they will be "perilous times". Deuteronomy 28 speaks of the blessings God promises to those who keep His statutes and commandments and the curses that come upon those who do not. I encourage you to read the chapter and see if our nation is paying the price for forsaking the commands of God, commands like "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" or "love your neighbor as you love yourself" and the wisdom of Exodus chapter 20 and the 10 Commandments. The first 4 deal with man's inner action with God and the last 6 deal with man and the way he treats his fellowman. Our founding fathers and every person who has paid the ultimate price of giving their life for our freedom and this nations' good deserves our thanks. On July 4th I hope we will all take a moment to think about the freedom and blessings we have, say a prayer of gratitude with an attitude of appreciation and a cry of safety for all who defend us and their families! Christ died a violent death on a cruel cross to insure our salvation and to set the captives free from the bondage and burden of sin! Again I say freedom is never free. Our salvation cost Almighty God the suffering and sacrifice of HIS only begotten Son.

Several of our association churches have completed their Vacation Bible Schools with reports of great success. We look forward to receiving each churches' VBS report so we can share your good news as well. In addition to VBS we have association churches that have taken part in the Overnight Children's Camp at Robbers Cave. The TCB Day Camp at the Red River Valley Bible Camp was a great success with about 143 campers and 58 workers and several boys and girls being saved! If you have picture or video footage of any of these or other associational activities please forward a copy to the association office to be a part of a DVD presented at the annual meeting!

Our association and area Southern Baptist churches are very honored to have Dr. Jerry Vines, former pastor of FBC, Jacksonville, Florida, and past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, in our area on June 26—27. Dr. Vines will be preaching at the "Back To Bethel Bible Conference" held each year at the Red River Valley Bible Camp. He will preach Monday and Tuesday night during the evening service which begins at 6:45 pm. There will be a Dutch Treat luncheon at Magels on Tuesday, June 27 at noon. Dr. Vines will speak followed by a Q & A session. Door prizes including Dr. Vines latest book will be given away during the meeting. Pre-registration to attend the lunch meeting is required due to limited seating. You may sign up to attend the luncheon by calling the Association Office at 903-785-2890. For more information call me at 903-782-6759.

He is coming,
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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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun, June 25-Wed, June 28: VBS at Novice; 6pm Sunday; 9am-Noon Mon-Wed; 6pm Wed
- Mon, June 26-Thurs, June 29; Back to Bethel Camp Meeting at RRV Bible Camp
- Tues, July 4: INDEPENDENCE DAY (RRVBA office will be closed)
- Thurs, July 6: Secretaries/Support Staff lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA
- Sat, July 8: WMU Leadership Team, 10:00 am, RRVBA (Lunch will be served!)
- Tues, July 11: Finance Committee meeting, 5:30 pm, RRVBA
- Tues, July 18: Executive Board meeting, Springlake Meal @ 6:00; Meeting @ 6:45
- Mon, July 31: Senior Adult VBS, 9:00 am, Southside