

**RRVBA/BSM Donations
Received in May 2019**

ATLAS	0
BAGWELL	50.00
BETHEL	214.20
BOUNDS	116.25
BROOKSTON	0
CHICOTA	128.41
CHISUM TRAILS	200.00
CUNNINGHAM	0
DIRECT	297.69
DOUBLE R	271.42
EAST DELTA	513.09
EAST PARIS	208.33
EMBERSON	0
FAITH	0
FBC ANNONA	50.00
FBC BLOSSOM	0
FBC BOGATA	1,041.12
FBC CLARKSVILLE	0
FBC COOPER	347.96
FBC DEPORT	0
FBC DETROIT	40.54
FBC PARIS	1,175.08
FBC ROXTON	0
FRIENDSHIP	72.00
FULBRIGHT	0
GLORY	0
GRAHAM ST.	0
HIS PLACE	0
HOWLAND	53.69
IMMANUEL/WMU	0
LAMAR POINT	0
LEESVILLE	0
MAXEY	300.00
MT. OLIVE	274.00
NOVICE	605.00
PACIO	380.40
PATTONVILLE	0
PETTY	0
POWDERLY	0
PROVIDENCE	111.60
SALEM	300.00
SOUTHSIDE	648.66
SPRINGLAKE	955.14
TRINITY	0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0
TOTAL	8,083.16

**BUILDING FUND:
\$11,691.22**

Jesus loves us, so why don't we reach out to Him with "Unshakable Pursuit?" Thanks for your participation in supporting New Hope Center in Paris, our outreach project for May. Because you gave we were able to deliver many beneficial items to be used in their ministry.

Our next Outreach Project is to collect dried beans for the North American Partnership Missions in New Mexico, serving Native Americans. The beans need to be brought to the Association office no later than Thursday, August 15, 2019.

The Leadership Team will be meeting July 6, 2019, 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. If your church does not already have a woman attending this meeting, maybe you would like to come join us. I would love to have at least one woman from every church in the association be present at these quarterly meetings.

September 14, 2019, is the Women's Retreat at Love Civic Center, Paris, TX. Jewels for Jesus will be returning to close out our day with their humor. Ruby and Pearl will have you laughing with their "driving skills." This is an event you ladies will not want to miss.

 TCB Day Camp was great, BUT we have a number of items that were left there including eight towels, one pair swim shorts, one jacket, one pair very small shoes, one ball cap & assorted sunscreen products. Call RRVBA to get them back!

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

JULY 4th sez this year is 1/2 spent; how shall we spend the last 1/2? I just learned about 2 "gold nuggets" I must share! 1. Cardiologist Alexander's scientifically proven "1 and 1/2 Minute Law" that can save our lives, regardless of our age. Waking up suddenly at night for one's physiological needs, we get up from bed in a hurry. But the brain needs greater blood flow, for having rested, it can cause a state of fainting, which can become a stroke. When you wake up suddenly, first lie still for 30 seconds; sit up for 30 more seconds lowering your legs gently; and sit like that for another 30 seconds; stand slowly and then walk to the bathroom. 2. Drinking 1 glass of water at the correct time maximizes the effectiveness of the human body: (a) soon after waking up helps activate internal organs; (b) 30 minutes before meals helps digestion; (c) before showering helps lower blood pressure; and (d) before sleeping avoids stroke or heart attack. And then we remember that great "1 1/2 Minute Law."

We Praise God that many Senior Adults are helping in our churches with Children's VBS. We pray for many children and adults to be saved. Our 15th year of Senior Adult VBS begins July 29 @ FBC Bogata, Aug. 5 @ Southside, Aug. 12 @ Immanuel, Aug. 19 @ His Place Fellowship, and Aug. 26 @ FBC Paris. What JOY and Serendipities that our Lord has allowed us to make such a milestone which has blessed so many! People tell me all year long when I see them all over town how much they enjoy it and can hardly wait for it to start again. Some even suggested that we do it year-round! THANK YOU, LORD that James Barnes and I have been able to attend every session; the Lord willing, this year will be 5 X 15 = 75 Mondays! WOW, God is GOOD! Keep on keeping on sharing the Word of God with everyone to come experience it with us!

The Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers surely miss our beloved Pianist Betty Scaff, who "Graduated to Glory" last month after a tough battle with cancer. God has blessed us with Jim Ferrin who led us when our Director Fred Fangio had shoulder surgery and recuperated. Jim has also been our gifted Pianist when he was needed which is also NOW! We will meet 2nd Thursday, July 11 at Springlake BC at 9:30 am to rehearse then go sing to and with the Residents of Brentwood and Stillhouse Assisted Living Homes.

Friday Night Out at Denny's 5-7pm continues to meet the need for us Widows, Widowers, Singles and Singles Again even as some move to live closer to family. Yet we have newcomers, too. Come enjoy with us!

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, AS WELL AS OUR BELOVED U.S.A.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING RRVBA EVENTS!

- Monday, June 24-Thursday, June 27: *Back to Bethel Bible Camp*, Red River Valley Bible Camp
- Sunday, June 30: *5th Sunday Singing*, 5:00 pm, Springlake Fellowship will follow the singing
- Thursday, July 4: Independence Day (RRVBA office will be closed)
- Saturday, July 6: WMU Team Meeting, 10:00 am, RRVBA
- Tuesday, July 9: Finance Committee meeting, 5:30 pm, RRVBA
- Friday, July 12 & Saturday, July 13: Fannin County Women's Conference, \$25, call 903-583-2210
- Tuesday, July 16: Executive Board meeting, FBC Roxton Meal @ 6:00 pm; Meeting @ 6:45 pm
- Monday, July 29: Senior Adult VBS, FBC Bogata

BSM NEWS...

Hello from the Baptist Student Ministry!

Summer is in full swing so that means there is lots of work to be done. Plans are being made now to meet up with PJC faculty and coaches to raise awareness of the BSM and the benefits of all students plugging in with our ministry. I recently met with a local college student minister from a local church about plugging his kids into our BSM this fall. If your church has college aged people I encourage you to have them plug into the BSM. This ministry is not just for PJC students. My desire is for the BSM to be an extension of each of our churches to assist you with keeping your college aged students engaged with people from their peer group. Many of our churches are lacking in this area, therefore the BSM could be a valuable tool for ministering to this demographic from your congregation. If you'd like for me to reach out to someone personally to invite, give me call or drop me an email or text and I'll be happy to do so.

Our Monday lunches for the fall 2019 semester have been filled by our Association churches and I am so grateful for each of you for stepping up and serving our students. We could not do it without you. If you can't remember what date your church has committed to fill, please call the Association office. If you want to go ahead and book your church to do a lunch during the spring 2020 semester, those dates are beginning to fill up so you need to call me or the office to grab a date that works for you!

At the time of this writing it is the day after our Association's TCB Children's Day Camp. Let me tell you, if your child missed this camp, they missed a great time. We had 115 children from 10 different churches attend as well as youth and adult volunteers. Our theme was "Disciple Me" where we focused on teaching the kids what it meant to be a disciple of Christ. This year we added live music as well as a puppet show each day. We also had 5 huge water slides and a bounce house with cotton candy and snow cones for the kids to enjoy. The kids had a great time and we had 18 decisions to follow Jesus. Each of those children will be counseled by their pastors to make certain they fully understand what they are doing. This camp is an annual event held by the Association for the benefit of all of the Association churches. The cost for a child to attend this three day event this year was only \$65. We do this every year during the 3rd week of June so mark your calendars for 2020.

I hope everyone is having a safe and fun summer!

Pray up! Preach out! Plug in!

Mike Clark 903-905-1336 mikeclark42@yahoo.com

PASTORS & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

RRVBA Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 16 @ *FBC Roxton*
Meal @ 6:00 pm; Meeting @ 6:45 pm
Come and hear what's going on in the
Red River Valley Baptist Association!

A REMINDER: There will be NO
Secretaries/Support Staff lunch in July!



Calling all Senior Adults: Are you ready to go
on an adventure "In the Wild" to have
amazing encounters with Jesus?!

Come and attend each session of Senior
Adult VBS to enjoy the fellowship, the fun,
and the food—lunch is provided by each
Host Church!

Monday, July 29 at FBC Bogata
Monday, August 5 at Southside
Monday, August 12 at Immanuel
Monday, August 19 at His Place
Monday, August 26 at FBC Paris

Call Gloria Parker, Senior Adults Director, at
903-737-0650 for more information.

Red River Valley Baptist Association

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

July Birthdays

3	Steve Gunter, education	Immanuel
5	Dennis Pearson, music	Pacio
7	DeAnne Turner, spouse	FBC Paris
7	Carolyn Fletcher, clerk	Direct
8	Connie Miles, children	Novice
11	Kay Kennedy, clerk	Bethel
22	David Harbison, spouse	East Paris
22	Cindy McLeod, music	Chisum Trails
23	Mary Jones, spouse	Powderly
23	Linda Dickey, spouse	FBC Deport
25	Lori Kelley, spouse	Direct
27	Fred Blessingame, spouse	Maxey
28	Annie Ausburn, secretary	Providence

July Wedding Anniversaries

2	Charles & Nelda Beville, 59 yrs	Novice
2	Rocky & Kay Burrow, 43 yrs	Chicota
4	Homer & Angela Frachiseur, 28 yrs	East Paris
18	Ken & Jenene Cannon, 39 yrs	FBC Paris
20	Jim & Becky Semple, 46 yrs	Howland
26	Bobby & Cindy Ray	Leesville
27	Michael & Karen Julian, 57 yrs	East Paris

July Church Anniversaries

1	Norma Kelley, treasurer/clerk, 9 yrs	Glory
1	Tim Chatman, worship/youth, 1 yr	FBC Paris
10	Fred Fangio, music, 6 yrs	Springlake
17	Jackie Spencer, pastor, 3 yrs	Pattonville
19	Mark Gossett, pastor, 21 yrs	FBC Clarksville
24	Anne French, secretary, 3 yrs	His Place



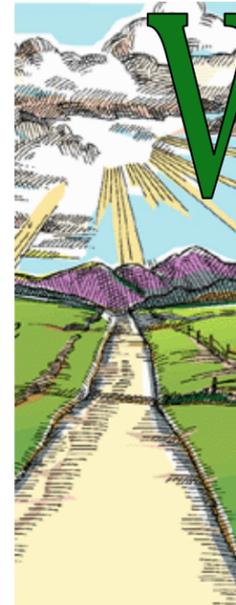
The Association
office will be
CLOSED
for Independence
Day!

**LEESVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH SEEKING
YOUTH MINISTER**

Permanent, temporary (intern), or part-time
Contact Leesville @ 903-674-5782, or
pastor@leesvillebaptistchurch.com or
questions@leesvillebc.org

**FULL-TIME STUDENT/WORSHIP PASTOR
POSITION AVAILABLE @ FBC COOPER**

Job description is available at redriverbaptist.com



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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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Freedom Isn't Free!

Thursday, July 4th, will mark the 243rd anniversary of our national Day of Independence. I am greatly concerned the longer we go as a country the less we understand and appreciate our freedom. Our founding fathers understood that with freedom comes responsibility. Whether it was the War for Independence, the War of 1812, the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Viet Nam, the conflict we are in now or the ones I did not name, freedom is never free. There is always a cost and there is always a price to be paid to obtain and to maintain being free. For two and a half centuries the men and women of this country have cherished and valued freedom so much they were willing to put all on the line, even willing to make the ultimate sacrifice so we can enjoy the rights and privileges we have as Americans.

As we gather as families, with friends or as houses of worship we celebrate the great blessings God has given us through our freedoms. We have the freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of worship, the freedom to be free. The old hymn writer wrote and we sing "Count Your Many Blessings" and see what God has done. On July 4th, 2019, may we take a moment and count our many freedoms and count them one by one and remember what God has given and our nation has sacrificed for so we might be free! It is my prayer we as a nation never take our freedom for granted.

When I think of our national freedom I am reminded of our spiritual freedom as well. Jesus said when He sets us free we are free indeed. As ministers we often say salvation is free, but is it really? It is a gift from God that we freely receive from the Heavenly Father. Our eternal freedom did come with a price and a sacrifice. It cost Almighty God His only begotten Son as Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice by dying on a cruel cross so we might be set free from the bondage, condemnation and consequences of our sin! Again I say ... may we never forget freedom isn't free!

Tuesday evening July 16th is our next Executive Board meeting at FBC Roxton. We need all of our pastors and executive board members that possibly can to be at this meeting. It is summer and that means vacations, family outings or reunions, etc. The association's business and ministry goes on even in the summer and we want your participation as our committees and ministries share their reports and as decisions are made for our churches!

God's best, Bro. Mike