

WMU NEWS

by Alice Ann White, WMU Director, RRVBA

Unshakable Pursuit 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)

I know as one of God’s children you are aware that God is in control. But, with our current life change, I think we may forget to trust Him with His control. We know that He is near so therefore we are never alone, even if we are staying home, as suggested. You may think you are ‘alone’, but we know that isn’t so. Never are we alone because God is near! As near as our heart that He lives in!

Did you know that Christian Women’s Job Corp is a part of WMU? (So is Christian Men’s Job Corp.) Did you know that Paris has a CWJC? Donna Kennemer is director and serves well in this position. She has organized an active alumni group (before everything was shut down). They are still having Bible study on line and looking forward to being able to come back together and learn more about God’s word. There is a Board of Directors (which I’m a member) and we met recently. The decision was made to take this time starting now until the Spring semester to look at the curriculum and maybe revamp it. Of course Bible study will always be a vital part of the training. You may not feel you can be involved in this worthwhile organization, but you can pray for the students, teachers and board. Your prayers would be greatly appreciated.

At this time I am still planning to have the scheduled Leadership Team meeting on July 11, 2020, in the Association office at 10:00 AM. Watch the VOV next month to see if we can have the meeting. I miss each one of you and am anxious to get back together.

JOY ON THE JOURNEY WITH "SEASONED" SAINTS

by Gloria Parker, Senior Adults Director, RRVBA

How grateful we are that God is bringing us through this unbelievable coronavirus pandemic or COVID-19 still teaching us to TRUST & OBEY HIM! Do you think that God has gotten our attention? We’ve learned some "new" language like "wash your hands for 20 seconds," "wear a mask," "shelter in place," and "social distancing." It’s been tough staying inside our houses for nearly 3 months to be "safe" for ourselves and others. Not going out to buy groceries, other items, or just walking for exercise outside or inside stores that are cooled or heated has not been fun. Not being able to GO to our church for the 1st time in our lives, but watching services on TV or on -line has been interesting. We've seen and heard some different great messages and music. But it doesn't take the place of worshiping God together with friends and family, does it! Our hearts go out to those who have been sick or lost their jobs, and we pray for them all. It especially hurts our hearts when we know and love some who have been sick with this virus.

We don't know what our next breath may bring, but we are trying to make some good plans for when we can get back together. Senior Adults VBS Host Churches, we're anticipating in nearly 3 months we might be able to have some great times again. So IF you’ve NOT picked up your materials at the Office, please do so Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 2:00 pm and plan with us. We are discovering just how CREATIVE some can be.

We anticipate some 'different rules' at our Nursing and Retirement Homes for our Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers to be able to sing at them. Keep praying with us to know and do God's Very Best!

KEEP LOOKING UP for JESUS' RETURN; PRAY FOR OUR USA & ISRAEL!

BSM NEWS...

Hello from the Baptist Student Ministry!

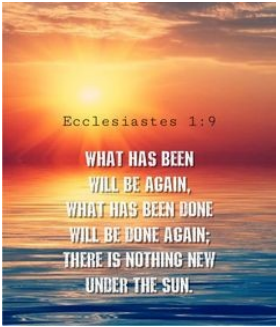
As I write this article today we are in the 8th week of this shutdown and pandemic. This crisis has upended many lives and left many with fears and worries about the future. Many people find themselves unemployed. I am a casualty of the pandemic. The restaurant I managed closed for 7 weeks and when they reopened last week the decision was made to not bring me back. So if you are struggling during this time, I hope you understand that you are not alone in your struggles. It is hard to know how to navigate life right now. The current pandemic is unlike anything most, if not all, of us have experienced in our lifetimes.

I read something online the other day that I wanted to share with you from a man named Pastor Seth L. Leypoldt. He shares encouraging words for such a time. “Never before have we been asked to follow the guidelines to stop an invisible virus from spreading. Never before have we walked into the future with this much uncertainty,” Leypoldt said. “I direct your attention to the quote from Ecclesiastes; ‘There is nothing new under the sun’ (Ecclesiastes 1:9).’ When I say that this has never happened before, God says remember this passage. When I say that this is uncharted territory, God says read Ecclesiastes again. When I say that the future is so uncertain, God says, we’ve done this before.” “God entered into our brokenness through Jesus — Jesus is God in the flesh who entered our broken world to die on the cross to save us from the power and peril of sin and death — through faith in Him hearts can be filled with a supernatural peace, comfort, joy, and hope — for He has promised to never leave us or forsake us and He promised to come again to make all things new,” Banks said. “Our hope is not found in earthly circumstance but in the person of Jesus, put your trust in Him.”

I pray that we can all find peace, comfort, hope and joy in the truth that Jesus is with us through it all and none of this mess had caught Him off guard! I encourage you to reach out to someone for help if you need it. I've not met a Pastor in our Association that wouldn't jump through hoops to help you meet a need or be there for you as a friend. I too, am here for anyone that needs a friend. As Christians we should be there for each other, so I encourage you to reach out to someone you know that might be in need and offer help because many won't ask for help. We are the church! May we be unified.

Pray up! Preach out! Plug in!

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LET’S DO CHURCH - A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY!

Here is what we know about how our churches are handling worship now & in the near future.

ATLAS: *closed*

BAGWELL: *online*

BETHEL: *drive in worship; possible reopen 5/17*

BOUNDS: *reopened 5/3*

BROOKSTON: *reopened*

CHICOTA: *reopen 5/31*

CHISUM TRAIL: *online & drive in worship*

CUNNINGHAM: *reopened 5/3*

DIRECT: *online & drive in worship; reopen 6/7*

DOUBLE R: *drive in worship*

EAST DELTA: *reopened 5/10*

EAST PARIS: *Live stream Sundays @ 9:00 am; daily video @ 5:00 pm; eastparis.org & facebook.com/eastparis; reopen 6/7*

EMBERSON: *drive in worship*

FAITH: *reopened 4/26*

FBC ANNONA: *reopened 5/3*

FBC BLOSSOM: *Facebook live streaming Sunday School @ 10:00 am & Sunday Service @ 11:00 am; reopen 5/24*

FBC BOGATA: *YouTube @ 10:30 am Sundays or fcbogata.online.church, also @ 9:00 am on 101.9 FM*

FBC CLARKSVILLE: *online*

FBC COOPER: *online; reopen 6/7*

FBC DEPORT: *online*

FBC DETROIT: *online & drive in worship; reopen May*

FBC PARIS: *Live streaming fbcparis.com; Suddenlink chan- nel 16 & facebook.com/fbcparis; reopen 6/21*

FBC ROXTON: *reopened 5/10*

FRIENDSHIP: *online & drive in worship 5/10*

FULBRIGHT: *unknown*

GLORY: *reopened 5/10*

GRAHAM STREET: *reopened 4/7*

HIS PLACE: *online; reopen June*

HOWLAND: *YouTube; reopen 6/7*

IMMANUEL: *Drive-in Service or Facebook live streaming Sunday @ 10:45 am or vimeo.com/ibcparis; reopen 5/31*

LAMAR POINT: *reopened 5/3*

LANE’S CHAPEL: *reopened 5/3*

LEESVILLE: *reopened 5/17*

MAXEY: *reopened 5/3*

MT. OLIVE: *online*

NOVICE: *@ Facebook; www.nbcparistx.org; reopen 6/7*

PACIO: *drive in worship*

PATTONVILLE: *reopened 5/17*

PETTY: *closed*

POWDERLY: *reopened 5/17*

PROVIDENCE: *reopened 5/3*

SALEM: *reopened 5/17*

SOUTHSIDE: *Facebook live stream Sunday @ 11:00 am & 6:00 pm; Wednesday @ 7:00 pm*

SPRINGLAKE: *reopened 5/10*

TRINITY: *online; reopen 6/7*



What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly before your God.

Micah 6:8



April 2020 Donations: \$10,605.78

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT OF RRVBA MISSIONS & MINISTRY!

<i>Bagwell</i>	50.00	<i>East Paris</i>	208.33	<i>Friendship</i>	390.00	<i>Pacio</i>	644.50		
<i>Bethel</i>	48.40	<i>FBC Annona</i>	50.00	<i>His Place</i>	2,000.00	<i>Providence</i>	71.73		
<i>Bounds</i>	223.45	<i>FBC Bogata</i>	933.91	<i>Howland</i>	43.50	<i>Salem</i>	100.00		
<i>Chicota</i>	151.99	<i>FBC Clarksville</i>	100.00	<i>Lamar Point</i>	462.90	<i>Southside</i>	615.36		
<i>Chisum Trail</i>	200.00	<i>FBC Cooper</i>	164.14	<i>Maxey</i>	300.00	<i>Springlake</i>	845.05		
<i>Double R</i>	908.64	<i>FBC Detroit</i>	48.42	<i>Mt. Olive</i>	207.00				
<i>East Delta</i>	411.90	<i>FBC Paris</i>	985.56	<i>Novice</i>	441.00				

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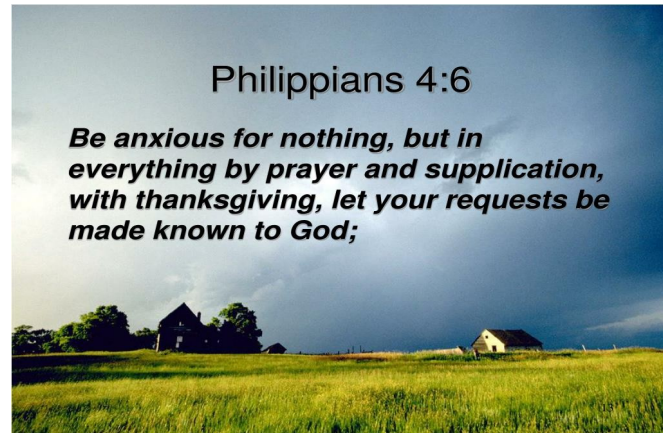
Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Birthdays		
1	Tim Parker, pastor	Howland
4	Tim Sullivan, assoc pastor	East Paris
5	Marsha Crosswhite, pastor's wife	Lamar Point
7	Chuey Potter, pastor	FBC Roxton
10	Kay Burrow, pastor's wife	Chicota
10	Curtis Adams, treasurer	Maxey
14	Richard Mercaldo, spouse	Immanuel
18	Lindsay Glossup, spouse	East Delta
18	Tim Mills, youth	FBC Bogata
19	Jeremy Glossup, media	East Delta
20	Donna Kropp, clerk	Emberson
21	Cheryl Reed, pastor's wife	Emberson
21	Bobbie Preston, clerk	Howland
24	Marlena Gunter, spouse	Immanuel
24	Jody VanDeaver, pastor	Bethel
25	Michelle Risinger, children	Mt. Olive
30	Michaela Bumgarner, music	Bounds
30	Shirley Anderson, clerk	FBC Bogata
30	Leslie Cunningham, secretary	Friendship
30	Johnny Ausburn, spouse	Providence
June Wedding Anniversaries		
2	Jody & Carol VanDeaver, 19 yrs	Bethel
5	Mark & Brenda Fendley, 39 yrs	Mt. Olive
12	Brent & Deborah Bolton, 33 yrs	FBC Cooper
14	Johnny & Renee Wright, 45 yrs	FBC Paris
14	Matt & Lori Russell, 17 yrs	Immanuel
15	Steve & Marlena Gunter, 29 yrs	Immanuel
18	Greg & Angela Cunningham, 15 yrs	FBC Paris
22	Phil & Carla Spann, 35 yrs	Southside
29	Skip & Julie Perkins, 29 yrs	Bounds
June Church Anniversaries		
23	Kye Rieff, pastor, 1 yr	Double R



Philippians 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;



Happy Anniversary- 50 years or more!

L.C. & Jerry Nell Stout (Faith)

64 years on June 8

Dean & Donna Houchins (East Delta)

51 years on June 14

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

Part-Time Youth Minister @ FBC Blossom—Call 903-982-5212 or Pastor Mike Shupp at 903-491-5103.

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

Pastor @ Springlake Mail resume to Pulpit Committee, 3500 Clarksville, Paris TX 75460.

Worship Leader @ FBC Bogata Call 903-632-5218 or email fbcbogata@gmail.com.

Music/Youth Leader @ Novice Contact Pastor Duane Falk at 903-732-7711.

Voice of the Valley

The Mission is the Message

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AN OLD JOURNEY - A NEW PATH

This is a difficult time for pastors and churches with the social distancing and stay-at-home order. So many want to get back together and worship as a family of faith inside the church house. Leadership of churches are getting suggestions and pressure from those who want to wait until this crisis is mitigated, while others are anxious to get back to normal. I so appreciate the wisdom and caution the pastors and leaders are using to make the difficult decision of when to open in-house worship.

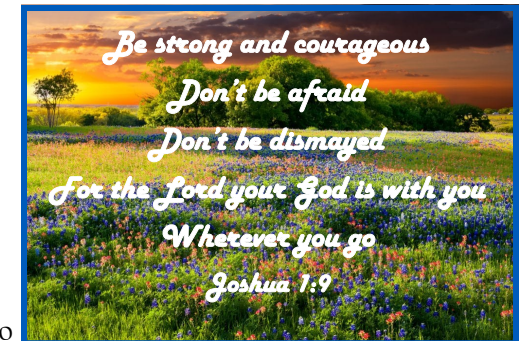
The pastors have been very creative and innovative in using technology to get the Gospel out to their people and the world. They are reaching more people outside the walls than they were inside. I hope and pray they will continue to incorporate this technology in the days ahead when we can reconvene in corporate worship.

We are on a new journey in church life thanks to this pestilence. I believe there will be a new appreciation for the Bible, fellowship and worship in the days ahead. There may be a slow start up in attendance, out of caution, when we begin to meet again and that is to be expected. There may be some ups and downs as we restart, but the Lord is with us to guide and direct our path. We must stay the course, follow His lead and depend on His strength to accomplish His work.

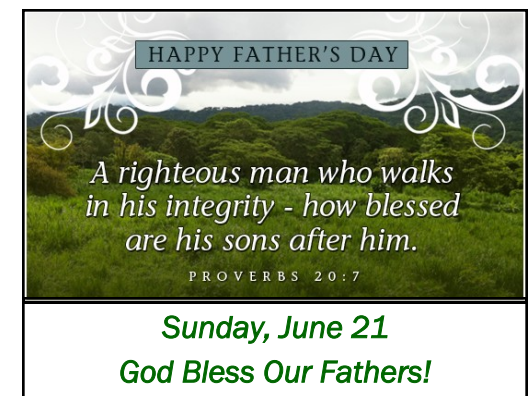
To all 45 pastors and congregations in the Red River Valley Baptist Association: be strong and of good courage, you are not alone in this. You, your families, and your churches are being lifted in prayer.

The blessings of Christ to you all.

Bro. Guille



Sunday, June 14
SHOW YOUR COLORS!



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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