

RRVBA/BSM Donations  
Received in January 2019

ATLAS	0
BAGWELL	50.00
BETHEL	79.20
BOUNDS	224.00
BROOKSTON	0
CHICOTA	195.45
CHISUM TRAILS	200.00
CUNNINGHAM	270.00
DIRECT	419.41
DOUBLE R	219.21
EAST DELTA	585.83
EAST PARIS	208.33
EMBERSON	0
FAITH	0
FBC ANNONA	50.00
FBC BLOSSOM	200.00
FBC BOGATA	1,205.13
FBC CLARKSVILLE	100.00
FBC COOPER	346.86
FBC DEPORT	0
FBC DETROIT	0
FBC PARIS	1,963.36
FBC ROXTON	0
FRIENDSHIP	110.00
FULBRIGHT	0
GLORY	250.00
GRAHAM ST.	0
HIS PLACE	0
HOWLAND	95.03
IMMANUEL/WMU	0
LAMAR POINT	390.00
LEESVILLE	1,022.47
MAXEY	300.00
MT. OLIVE	523.00
NOVICE	725.00
PACIO	0
PATTONVILLE	0
PETTY	0
POWDERLY	300.00
PROVIDENCE	102.78
SALEM	300.00
SOUTHSIDE	897.84
SPRINGLAKE	728.08
TRINITY	0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0
TOTAL	12,060.98

BUILDING FUND:  
\$17,793.02

WMU News

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**“Unshakable Pursuit”** Are we taking this motto seriously? We should be pursuing Jesus with every waking minute and encouraging others to be doing the same! You do know He loves you, right? And, He loves those you come in contact with. They may not know this. Maybe you should tell them.

**Outreach:** We are encouraging the collection of items for the Paris and Clarksville Pregnancy Centers. A list was mailed to each church. If you have not seen the list, please call the office. The collection in the bottles will also be accepted. The things need to be returned to the office by Monday, March 11, 2019.

**CIA Day:** March 2, 2019, the children will be gathering at Southside Baptist Church for a fun filled missions learning day. They will be listening to a missionary couple, Carol and Suzie Miller, Rapping Big Daddy Billy, Strong Man Spears, International Students, and Melody Potter as she shares about her mission trips. Be sure the children in your church have an opportunity to attend. Remember, they cannot bring themselves.

**Mission Study:** Save the date of Saturday, April 27, 2019. A very informative study will be at Immanuel Baptist Church, Paris starting at 10:00 AM. Everyone will have a chance to learn about mission work being done with Refugees. Plan to attend!

**Retreat Outreach:** The mission outreach for the Ladies Retreat in September is to collect new blankets for the Native Americans in New Mexico. (You might catch them on sale soon!)  
Please call the office or me if you have questions.

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

We are MARCHING right into Spring - Hallelujah! Our Senior Adults Revival has been rescheduled for April 7-10 with Dr. Rod Masteller preaching. Sunday 7th at 6:00 pm ALL AGES are invited to Love Civic Center to help prepare our hearts. Monday thru Wednesday 10 am - Noon at His Place Fellowship where the Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers will lead the congregation in Praising God as we pray for many Senior Adults to be SAVED. START PRAYING NOW, INVITE EVERYONE to attend this SPECIAL TIME!

SPRING also means TIME CHANGE, getting darker later, which is GOOD NEWS for our Friday Night Out at Denny's folks who don't drive after dark. We are enjoying good food and fellowship 5-7pm. Come see what you're missing!

With so much bad weather, flu and other illnesses this Winter, the RRVOF Hymn Singers were not able to sing at some of the Assisted Living and Retirement Homes as planned. However, we did get to sing longer than usual at Colonial Lodge on Valentine's Day, which was a blessing to all! Join us March 14 as we sing at Brentwood and Stillhouse Retirement Homes.

Check out the over 10 years old Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC Advantage) 5 Orville Drive Suite 400, Bohemia, NY 11716 at 1-855-805-4994, on the web: amac.us/subscription. You will receive timely, insightful information on topics patriotic Americans care about most, such as religious freedom, smaller government, protection of the unborn, strengthening and supporting our military, fiscal responsibility, protecting Social Security, and alternative perspectives on solving America's healthcare crisis -- legitimate conservative news, trusted content, incisive reporting for a nice change!

KEEP LOOKING UP, BE READY - JESUS, THE PRINCE OF PEACE IS COMING  
BACK SOON FOR US - HIS CHURCH - HIS BRIDE!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Monday, Feb 25: BSM Lunch—*Salem*  
Saturday, March 2: CIA (Children in Action) Day for kids K-6th; registration starts 8:45 am; *Southside*  
Sunday, March 3-Sunday, March 10: Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions  
Monday, March 4: BSM Lunch—*Chicota*  
Thursday, March 7: Secretaries/Support Staff lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA  
Sunday, March 10: Daylight Savings Time begins (Spring forward one hour!)  
Monday, March 11: BSM Lunch—*Leesville*  
Monday, March 11: WMU Missions Project Baby items/bottles of change for Pregnancy Center due in RRVBA office  
Monday, March 25: BSM Lunch—*FBC Paris*  
Saturday, March 30: BSM YARD SALE



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
for North American Missions  
March 3-10, 2019



Don't be late for church!!  
Set your clocks  
AHEAD one hour on  
Saturday night, March 9!

CWJC (Christian Women's Job Corps) is in need of items for their clothes closet. If you have new or gently worn clothing appropriate for the work place, please call Donna Kennemer at 903-517-6089.



BSM NEWS ...

Hello from the Baptist Student Ministries!  
Spring is in the air and we are full swing in the spring semester at PJC. This semester we are averaging 50 students at our free lunch each week, which is up from last semester, and we have had several new students start attending our bible study on Monday night.  
By now each church should have received a letter in the mail with a flash drive featuring a video about the BSM. I hope each pastor has shown the video to their congregations to help us get the word out about how the BSM hopes to come alongside our Association churches to minister to their college-aged members. I want to stress that the BSM is not just for college students, but rather any person aged 18-24.  
We are also preparing for our annual BSM yard sale on Saturday, March 30. If you have any items you would like to donate please contact me and we can make arrangements to pick up or unload at the BSM.  
I am looking at some weekend mission trip opportunities now and look forward to seeing what the Lord has in store!  
If you'd like to plug in to the BSM, don't hesitate to reach out!

Pray up! Preach out! Plug in!  
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PART-TIME MUSIC LEADER

needed at FBC Cooper to lead Blended Service with a Praise Team. Job description available at [cooperfbc.com](http://cooperfbc.com). To submit a resume or for more information, contact FBC Cooper by email at [fbccooper@gmail.com](mailto:fbccooper@gmail.com) or call the church office at 903-395-2274. Mail resumes to: Pastor, FBC Cooper, 500 East Dallas Ave., Cooper TX 75432.

WMU Missions Project.

Paris/Clarksville Pregnancy Care Centers

Collect some of the items listed below, OR come by the RRVBA office, pick up some baby bottles and collect change, OR do both!!

PPCC is in need of:

*Baby lotion; Baby oil; Baby shampoo; Baby wash; Baby wipes; and diaper ointment.*

Please bring all items/change collected to RRVBA office by Monday, March 11 so we can tally all donations and deliver them!

Checks can be made out to PPCC.



BSM YARD SALE  
SATURDAY, MARCH 30

If you have items to donate or need more information, please call Mike Clark, BSM Director, at 903-905-1336.

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*Birthdays and Anniversaries*

March Birthdays

1	Gency Fortenberry, spouse	RRVBA
1	Melisa Norris, spouse	Southside
1	Diane Storey, secretary	FBC Clarksville
2	Wesley Walker, spouse	East Delta
2	Cindy Ray, clerk	Leesville
3	Mark Fendley, spouse	Mt. Olive
3	Buddy Melton, spouse	Springlake
3	Sarah Walker, children	East Delta
4	Jo Ann Adams, spouse	Pacio
8	Jerry Nell Stout, spouse	Faith
12	Lynda Gossett, spouse	FBC Clarksville
12	Lance Westbrook, youth	Mt. Olive
14	Bobby Bumgarner, spouse	Bounds
18	Ronal Kennemer, spouse	East Delta
18	Pat Norwood, treasurer	Cunningham
19	Betty Sisson, admin asst	East Paris
22	Kevin Burgan, spouse	Leesville
23	Bobbie Preston, clerk	Howland
24	L.C. Stout, pastor	Faith
26	Renee Wright, secretary	FBC Paris
28	Bryan Alvis, children	FBC Paris
30	Denise Braddy, spouse	FBC Cooper

March Wedding Anniversaries

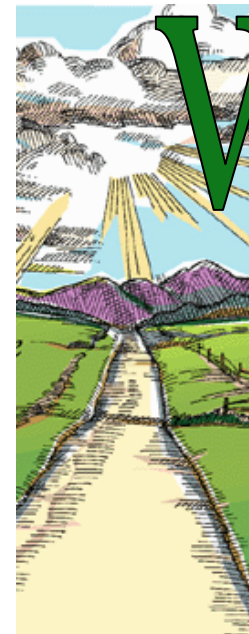
2	Mike & Gency Fortenberry, 45 yrs	RRVBA
2	Tim & Janet Sullivan, 45 yrs	East Paris
3	Justin & Stephanie Wideman, 12 yrs	Direct
5	Larry & Mary Nell Roberts, 53 yrs	Direct
8	Jeremy & Lindsey Glossup, 11 yrs	East Delta
9	Wesley & Martha Lucas, 28 yrs	FBC Cooper
9	Jake & Denise Vaughn, 35 yrs	East Delta
14	Brandon & Kris Bell, 9 yrs	Fullbright
16	Buddy & Margaret Melton, 51 yrs	Springlake
28	Charles & Nancy Ralson, 8 yrs	FBC Blossom

March Church Anniversaries

1	Gary Lynch, music, 8 yrs	FBC Clarksville
1	Renee Wright, secretary, 7 yrs	FBC Paris
3	Michaela Bumgarner, music, 6 yrs	Bounds
3	Sheri Wharton, secretary, 6 yrs	Bounds
4	Chuey Potter, pastor, 1 yr	FBC Roxton
5	Eugene Adams, pastor, 34 yrs	Pacio
15	Debbie Hindman, treasurer, 22 yrs	FBC Roxton
15	Homer Frachiseur, missions, 4 yrs	East Paris
21	Jo Ann Adams, secretary, 9 yrs	Pacio
24	Tim Reger, pastor, 12 yrs	Mt. Olive

Secretaries/Support Staff Lunch

Thursday, March 7 @ 11:30 am, RRVBA  
Bring your lunch - we will provide drinks and a short devotion. Come and fellowship!



# Voice of the Valley

The monthly publication of the Red River Valley Baptist Association

Volume 15, Issue 3 (March 2019)

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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In light of the recent reports in the *Houston Chronicle* I feel a need to speak to the issue of church conduct when it comes to the issues of impropriety. The article listed hundreds of alleged or reported instances of misconduct or improper handling of staff or church misconduct. Sexual abuse not only violates our nation's laws but the laws of God as well. Any time any person is asked or encouraged to do anything sexually that is not morally appropriate and Biblically approved then it must be called what it is ... SIN. The 10 commandments were not just suggestions by God—they are Commands from God. The law was given so mankind might know what is right and what is wrong, what is acceptable and what is unacceptable in attitudes and actions. If you obey the law it brings blessings, but if you break the law it brings consequences.

Our state conventions are committed to help our churches to confront and address any type of ministerial misconduct and to offer help and support for any who have been wronged. The Texas Baptist Convention offers access to the Texas Baptist Counseling Services under the leadership of Dr. Katie Swafford. This ministry has a network of 220 counselors around the state. They may be reached at [counselingservices@texasbaptist.org](mailto:counselingservices@texasbaptist.org) or by calling 214-887-5488. The SBTC is also available to help churches who may have questions or needs. As churches and as staff members we are accountable to legally, morally and ethically acknowledge, report and handle any and all reported improprieties.

There are two upcoming events I hope and pray all of our churches will be involved in. On April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a Children's Ministry workshop. This is for ministers, lay volunteers, VBS Directors etc. The training is valuable for anyone who is willing to work with children in our churches. Please watch for details in the *Voice of The Valley*. We are also planning a Senior Adult Revival April 7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>. Sunday night will be held at the Love Civic Center at 6:00 p.m. while Monday – Wednesday will be held at His Place Fellowship at 10:30 a.m. Make plans now to be a part of both of these wonderful spiritual opportunities!

Continue to pray for the Association Personnel Committee as they search for and seek the Lord in a new Director of Missions.

Bro. Mike



**Come one, Come all to CIA Day 2019**

**Featuring Strongman Spears,  
Big Daddy Billy, and Lots More!**

**Saturday, March 2 @ Southside**

**Registration begins at 8:45 am**

**Get your kids (K-6th) signed up today!**

**Call RRVBA (903-785-2890) for more information!**

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