

WMU News

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RRVBA/BSM Donations MAR 23-APRIL 20	2016 To Date	
ATLAS	0	0
BAGWELL	50.00	200.00
BETHEL	136.12	334.40
BOUNDS	508.60	1,045.46
BROOKSTON	0	0
CHICOTA	131.62	549.90
CHISUM TRAIL	100.00	300.00
COLLEGE AVE.	0	0
CUNNINGHAM	0	0
DIRECT	258.41	1,045.22
DOUBLE R	180.00	520.00
EAST DELTA	764.32	2,383.24
EAST PARIS	541.67	2,166.68
EMBERSON	80.00	320.00
FAITH	0	852.00
FBC ANNONA	83.90	351.86
FBC BLOSSOM	200.00	800.00
FBC BOGATA	1,075.27	3,421.73
FBC CLARKSVILLE	100.00	400.00
FBC COOPER	0	779.53
FBC DEPORT	0	0
FBC DETROIT	33.11	136.42
FBC PARIS	945.68	5,065.40
FBC ROXTON	0	0
FRIENDSHIP	76.00	316.00
FULBRIGHT	0	0
GLORY	111.88	381.08
GRAHAM ST.	0	0
HOWLAND	73.52	236.99
IMMANUEL/WMU	513.45	3,741.31
LAKEWAY	0	0
LAMAR POINT	485.00	685.00
LANE'S CHAPEL	0	0
LEESVILLE	1,449.00	3,798.15
MAXEY	150.00	450.00
MT. OLIVE	578.00	1,055.00
NOVICE	416.20	1,640.90
PACIO	118.98	458.24
PATTONVILLE	0	0
PETTY	0	184.18
POWDERLY	0	600.00
PROVIDENCE	143.72	605.65
SALEM	300.00	1,200.00
SOUTHSIDE	646.10	2,082.46
SPRINGLAKE	347.63	1,129.83
TRINITY	0	0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0	0
TOTAL	10,598.18	39,227.63

**RISE & BUILD FUND:
\$94,188.25**

"Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One Who is leading" Oswald Chambers. For us to surrender, sacrifice and serve, we have to know this Leader.

Leadership Team meeting was on April 4, 2016, with a very good attendance. This group meets quarterly to make plans and evaluate the activities. It would be good to have a key women from each church on this team. The more planning, the more churches that will be involved.

Four women from our Association attended the WMU of Texas Annual Meeting and Missions Celebration at Austin Baptist Church in Austin on April 8 and 9, 2016. The theme was Gathering Stones, Joshua 4:21b "What do these stones mean?" We had an opportunity to meet Proof, the missionary dog, who ministers in Graffiti 2 Community Missions in New York City. Oh, he did bring Andrew Mann along who directs the work and pastors Graffiti 2 Baptist Church.

In May our outreach project is to collect NEW shoes, socks and/or money for Buckner Children's Home in Dallas. This will be for international missions because the shoes will go all over the world where needed. Please encourage your church to participate.

Thanks for allowing me to serve the Association as WMU Director.

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

May 1 "Surrendered to Serve" (Phil. 3:10-11) is SENIOR ADULT DAY in our RRVBA churches. May God bless ALL Senior Saints as we honor Him. The longer we serve HIM the sweeter HE grows. Happy Mother's Day to ALL RRVBA Mothers.

The RRV Old Fashioned Hymn Singers—28 strong—were blessed to sing at The Home Place and Stillhouse in April. Come with us May 12 at 9:30 am at Springlake BC when we will go sing at 2 more Retirement or Nursing Homes. We just may be in those "Audiences" someday. Eleven RRVOF Hymn Singers + 1 guest joined hundreds of other Senior Singers at the Norvell Slater Hymn Sing at DBU. They came from several states, even some from China. Flowers were given to the oldest man of 98 yrs. and the oldest woman of 104 yrs. Ask us about the more than 100 members of the Silver Serenaders of TX who sang at the Pre-Concert so beautifully. They sang "If we never needed the Lord before, we sure do need Him NOW" and "Dry Bones" with GREAT animation, and ended with glorious "God Bless America!" Plan to go with us next April 21, 2017—you will be blessed!

Nine of our Senior Saints along with many others heard GO TELL Revival Crusade Women's Rally Speaker Lisa Harper. Read two of her articles in March HOME LIFE magazine where she said, "Breathe in God's peace and exhale anxiety." I need that daily! Also read in my favorite magazine in March's MATURE LIVING about 10 of the multiple benefits and uses of coconut oil, including: fights inflammation, boosts immunity, maintains bone structure, treats Alzheimer's disease, burns fat, natural skin moisturizer, homemade toothpaste, coconut oil pulling, insect repellent, and cutting board cleaner. In April's ML learn many benefits and uses of lemons, including: fights inflammation, aids in digestion and detoxification, rejuvenates skin, helps with weight loss, boosts energy and mood, helps fight viral infections, provides an excellent source of potassium, teeth whitener, hand cleaner, and natural disinfectant. For more info on these natural products go to Dr. Josh Axe at draxe.com. Don't miss "Posey's Secret Recipe Cookies" on page 37—a wonderful story!

Thanks for letting me be your Red River Valley Baptist Association Senior Adults Coordinator for another year. Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and Keep Looking Up; Jesus the Prince of Peace is coming back soon!

WEDNESDAY MISSIONS MEETINGS

After serving 28 years with the International Mission Board in West Africa and South Asia, Duane & Kristy Falk have a lot to share.



They are starting monthly Missions Meetings to give other churches the opportunity to learn about the countries they served in, their work there, and stories of how God gave them opportunities to share the gospel.

Each session will cover a different country and will be held on a Wednesday night at 7:00 pm at *Novice Baptist Church* where Bro. Duane is the new pastor.

They'll begin on Wednesday, April 27, with the second meeting set for Wednesday, May 25. This is a great event for anyone with a heart for missions, especially children & youth groups. Call 903-785-3952 for more information.

**MAY WMU MISSIONS PROJECT:
Shoes (and Socks) for Orphan Souls**

We'll be collecting NEW shoes (and socks!) for Buckner Children's Home in Dallas to be given out all around the world! Set up a collection center at your church then bring shoes & socks to the RRVBA office by Tuesday, May 31. This is an EASY way to be a blessing to a child! All sizes (infant to teenager) are needed. For more information, call the RRVBA at 903-785-2890.

Dear RRVBA Churches,
WORDS cannot express our gratitude for all the gifts we received from each of you. Your outpouring of generosity is indescribable! Thank you so much for being a part of God's ministry here at PPCC. Blessings, Roger & Vickie, Board & Staff [Paris Pregnancy Care Center]

NEWS FROM THE BSM. . .

Dear Family,

God is good and continues to bless. So many of you lately have been asking about my wife and her health and the family. It is with much praise in my heart for God that I can report to you that my wife is back to about 80% health and my whole family has benefited from our change in diet and lifestyle. There are still a few things we are trying to figure out but compared to where we were a year and a half ago things are really great. I appreciate everyone's concern and prayer for my family. I would ask that you continue to pray as we seek guidance on a few things that we are still working out.

Since Beach Reach students have been faithful to invite classmates to Bible study and activities. We've had several new faces at Bible study and a faithful crowd to help pass out donuts and coffee on campus on Tuesday mornings. Since I started using my new tracking software for Monday lunches I have tracked that we have served over 200 different students lunch. Also, God has used me to be a part of leading 5 students to Christ during the year. To God be the glory great things He hath done.

Upcoming activities that you can be praying about and considering in helping with:

1. The Go Tell Crusade
2. Kid's camp in June
3. The South Dakota mission trip to Whitewood, SD. We are partnering with Black Hills Baptist Church, taking the idea of the June kids camp and implementing it there. We need about 30 people to help run the camp. If we have more than 30 people sign up we will find other ministry opportunities to be done.
4. Oct. 2-5 we will be having a collegiate revival. We will be targeting College age students and high school seniors. The 4 weeks prior to the revival we are planning on having an on campus event to promote the revival.

If you are interested in the South Dakota trip or helping with the collegiate revival please contact me.

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. AMEN.

Jude 1:24-25

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



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Birthdays and Anniversaries

May Birthdays

2nd	Denise Harbison, secretary	East Paris
8th	Matt Byrd, worship	FBC Paris
9th	Louis Holmes, pastor	FBC Roxton
9th	Neali Landers, secretary	FBC Cooper
11th	Velva Dean Aubrey, spouse	Trinity
14th	Denise Vaughan, spouse	East Delta
15th	Shauna Mercaldo, children	Immanuel
15th	Becky Semple, spouse	Howland
17th	Ken Cannon, assoc. pastor	FBC Paris
22nd	Billy Norris, pastor	Southside
27th	Carol VanDeaver, spouse	Bethel

May Wedding Anniversaries

9th	Tim & DeAnn Reger, 35 yrs	Mt. Olive
16th	Casey & Meleaha DeLay, 7 yrs	Immanuel
17th	Jeff & Amy Duvall, 19 yrs	FBC Bogata
19th	Eric & Rene Moore, 9 yrs	Immanuel
21st	Tommy & DeAnne Turner, 33 yrs	FBC Paris
23rd	Neil & Jan Barnes, 36 yrs	Providence
27th	Charles & Ann Upchurch, 60 yrs	Salem
30th	Billy & Melisa Norris, 18 yrs	Southside
30th	Mark & Rachel Young, 18 yrs	East Paris

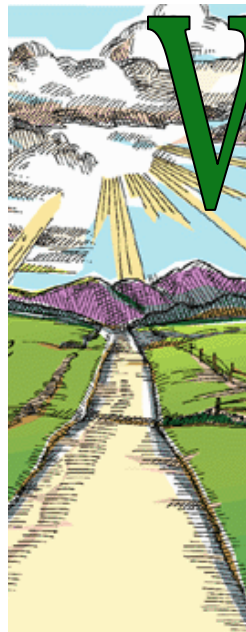
May Church Anniversaries

2nd	Mavis Miller, secretary	Springlake
3rd	Debbie Davis, children, 7 yrs	Mt. Olive
7th	Ryan Clark, worship, 4 yrs	East Paris
15th	Mike Jones, pastor, 5 yrs	Powderly
20th	Steve Gunter, youth, 14 yrs	Immanuel
20th	Travis Jackson, media/pr, 14 yrs	FBC Paris
21st	Jocquetta Weems, secretary, 27 yrs	FBC Blossom

Ladies' Prayer Rally "We believe..."
Monday, April 25, 6:30 pm
New Hope Baptist Church
Let us come together and pray!

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

FBC Clarksville needs a Part-Time or Full-Time Youth Minister. Send resumes to Dawn Snell at PO Box 401, Clarksville TX 75426 or by e-mail to dawn@simivida.com or call Sammy Beene at 713-898-0462 or Dawn Snell at 817-944-8600.



Voice of the Valley

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Servant of All

In the Gospel of John chapter 13 we have a wonderful account/example of the Lord Jesus Christ portraying servant leadership. As Christ gathered in the upper room with the disciples no one came to wash their feet...not a servant, not a slave. After walking on those dusty dirty roads their feet would have definitely needed attention. In spite of this not one follower came to Christ and served Him by cleaning His feet! What happened next is all but unthinkable. Jesus rises up, takes off His outer garment, picks up the towel, the basin of water and one by one washes the feet of His followers. One would betray Him, one would deny Him, nine would desert Him and only faithful John would follow after Him to His unlawful trial. Jesus then makes a most penetrating statement: "You don't understand what I'm doing, but you will. If I am willing to serve you, then I want you to follow my example and serve one another!"

Is that who we are? Is that what we do? Is our life, ministry, and church all about serving Christ and others or is it about our desire for others to serve us?

Our association recently lost three people who had a servant's heart...Rev. Floyd Woodard, retired pastor and church planter, John James, a deacon at Petty Baptist Church, and Alice Adkins, musician at Southside Baptist Church. Please remember their families and their churches for they will be sorely missed.

Be much in prayer for our pastorless churches: Leesville, Direct, Glory, and Providence. Also, please continue to pray about our possible gift of a new (to us!) building. The building is involved in estate issues which we hope will be solved in the near future!

I want to personally invite every pastor, staff member, church member, and associational church to an upcoming event which has the potential to change the destiny of our churches, our families, and our nation. Thursday, May 5th, Dr. Fred Luter will be at Southside Baptist Church at 7:00 pm. Dr. Luter was the first African-American president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is well known as one of our finest preachers and pulpiteers. Dr. Luter will be preaching as a part of the Go Tell 2016 Crusade Prayer Rally. He will challenge us to pray for our nation, our upcoming election, our convention, churches, families, and for the crusade that lost souls might be saved and Christians might be revived. James 5:16 says, "...the fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Bro. Mike Fortenberry, DOM

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

- SUNDAY, APRIL 24: *Go Tell Counselor Training*, Immanuel, 12:45 pm and Maxey, 5:00 pm
- SUNDAY-WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24-27: *Revival*, Bounds Baptist Church
- MONDAY, APRIL 25: *Ladies' Prayer Rally* "We Believe...", New Hope Baptist Church, 6:30 pm
- THURSDAY, APRIL 28: *RRVBA Vacation Bible School Training*, Springlake, 6:00—8:30 pm
- TUESDAY, MAY 3: *Go Tell Choir Rehearsal*, Immanuel, 6:30 pm
- THURSDAY, MAY 5: *Secretaries/Support Staff lunch*, RRVBA, 11:30 am
- THURSDAY, MAY 5: *Go Tell Prayer Rally with Dr. Fred Luter*, Southside, 7:00 pm
- TUESDAY, MAY 10: *Go Tell Choir Rehearsal*, Immanuel, 6:30 pm
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 11: *Go Tell Youth Rally*, North Lamar auditorium, 6:30 pm
- SATURDAY, MAY 14: *Emberson Youth Fundraiser*, Caviness Comm. Center, 5:00 pm
- SUNDAY-WEDNESDAY, MAY 15-18: *Go Tell Crusade w/Rick Gage*, Paris HS stadium, 7:00 pm
- MONDAY, MAY 30: *Memorial Day* (RRVBA office closed)

GO TELL PRAYER RALLY
with Dr. Fred Luter
 Thursday, May 5, 7:00 pm at Southside.
 Come for a blessing!

Secretaries & Support Staff Lunch
 Thursday, May 5 from 11:30 —1:00.
 Bring your lunch—drinks are provided.

Bounds Baptist Church invites you to Revival with Ken Cannon preaching. Services begin Sunday night, April 24 at 5:00 pm and continue Monday-Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Emberson Baptist Church youth will hold a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, May 14, 5:00 pm at Caviness Community Center VFD on FM 1499 at CR 32500.
 Good food and live Gospel Music!!

Vacation Bible School Training
 Thursday, April 28
 6:00—8:30 pm
 Springlake Baptist Church
 Call Margaret Melton at 903-784-5185