

# WMU News

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RRVBA/BSM Donations  
March 23—April 24

Year  
To Date

ATLAS	0	0
BAGWELL	50.00	200.00
BETHEL	115.64	469.64
BOUNDS	198.00	857.55
BROOKSTON	0	0
CHICOTA	151.30	585.48
CHISUM TRAILS	100.00	400.00
CUNNINGHAM	0	540.00
DIRECT	238.41	921.29
DOUBLE R	0	0
EAST DELTA	1,976.32	3,416.78
EAST PARIS	208.33	833.32
EMBERSON	0	0
FAITH	0	847.00
FBC ANNONA	50.00	250.00
FBC BLOSSOM	200.00	600.00
FBC BOGATA	1,057.97	4,382.79
FBC CLARKSVILLE	100.00	400.00
FBC COOPER	628.42	1,323.49
FBC DEPORT	0	0
FBC DETROIT	24.89	154.52
FBC PARIS	1,082.00	4,606.81
FBC ROXTON	0	0
FRIENDSHIP	106.00	612.00
FULBRIGHT	0	0
GLORY	0	0
GRAHAM ST.	0	0
HIS PLACE	2,000.00	4,000.00
HOWLAND	70.38	339.03
IMMANUEL/WMU	0	0
LAMAR POINT	422.00	672.00
LEESVILLE	512.00	1,709.63
MAXEY	150.00	600.00
MT. OLIVE	207.00	1,394.92
NOVICE	590.00	2,397.00
PACIO	161.40	713.04
PATTONVILLE	0	240.00
PETTY	0	50.00
POWDERLY	300.00	1,200.00
PROVIDENCE	88.21	392.30
SALEM	300.00	1,200.00
SOUTHSIDE	640.95	2,647.02
SPRINGLAKE	467.31	1,547.41
TRINITY	0	0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,196.53</b>	<b>40,263.02</b>

**RISE & BUILD FUND:**  
**\$46,463.37**

“By All Means...” Never get your eyes on a difficult obstacle that will hinder your service. The river of the Spirit of God overcomes all obstacles. We just have to allow Him to work!

**Annual Meeting:** The WMU of Texas annual meeting was in Georgetown this year. Nancy Redus, Kristy Falk, Mary Ann Ward and I attended. The theme this year was “Pursue.”

**Missions Study:** The study on Russia was Saturday, April 21, 2018, at Immanuel Baptist Church, Paris. The 38 who attended (including 9 men!) learned about how the Muslims are being reached.

**Outreach:** Our project is to give the Baptist Student Union House a shower of needed items. We are contacting churches with what will be needed. If your church has not been contacted, please call the office.

**Ladies' Retreat:** Our retreat this year will be on September 8, 2018. Tamiko Jones, Executive Director of WMU of Texas, will be the keynote speaker. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend. Watch the VOV for more information.

Thanks for allowing me to serve as Association WMU Director.

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

MAY - SPRINGTIME IN PARIS - How blessed we are with God's colorful fingerpainting all over our landscape of flowers, trees, grass, warmer weather. Be sure to tell HIM how wonderful it is to have a new "spring" in our steps as we can get outside and enjoy HIS beautiful Creation. Honoring our Mothers is a Special time of Remembrance in our churches. I Praise God for my Godly Mother who taught me by her influence to love, praise and serve Jesus those 9 months before I was born and throughout these 80+ years!

We had 29 Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers on April 12 sing at Stillhouse and Heritage Homes. On May 10 we'll sing at Brentwood and Paris Healthcare. We're sure that we get blessed more singing and loving on those precious Residents than they do. We'll be singing again at each Host Church for Senior Adults VBS. Come make a Joyful Noise to the Lord with us.

Our 14th year of Senior Adults VBS "GAME ON!" will be the BEST ONE YET, I'm sure! FBC Bogata - July 30, Leesville - Aug. 6, Springlake - Aug. 13, East Paris - Aug. 20, and FBC Paris - Aug. 27. Start now inviting lost friends to go with you, and pray for their salvation. Liz Curtis Higgs says that most people will go with you wherever you promise them a great meal. And we do have some good food for our tummies, and for our spiritual growth, too.

Our Friday Night Out 6 - 8pm at Denny's is filling a need for some of our Widows, Widowers, Singles Again, and Singles. We enjoy their \$2 - \$6 menu, as well as the variety of foods on the other menus. Every week we've made some new friends, and enjoy getting better acquainted. Prime Timers are hearing about us and checking us out. I'm honored that they've even invited me to speak to their Bereavement Support Group on May 3. I'll appreciate your prayers for me and them.

KEEP PRAYING for the Peace of Jerusalem, our beloved America, our Missionaries, our Military, our President, Vice-President and our other Leaders.

## BSM NEWS

Dear Family,

Things at the BSM are still going well! Our lunches are still steady at about 30-35 students and faculty, and we look to have another great week as we wrap up this semester on Monday. Bible Study has been on a crazy schedule with us meeting different days at various places. This has been in an effort to work around more of the students' schedules so that they can attend the Bible Study. And, the building is coming together piece by piece. The deck has been installed, which means it's decorating time! I plan to get the electronics put back up and get some things up just to make it feel more homey and welcoming to all who use the building.

At this time, I would like to formally announce my resignation from the BSM position. As many of you know I accepted a position as Youth Minister in Honey Grove at Allens Point Baptist Church. In doing so, circumstances developed due to the church being a part of Fannin Baptist Association and not Red River Valley Baptist Association. After much prayer and consultation with family and friends, God has confirmed that he has called me more to Jr. High and High school ministry and that I'm supposed to be in Honey Grove at this time.

That being said, the BSM has been so good to me! I've learned so much about ministry and about myself. It was an honor to be able to complete the building so that the next person to take on this task can focus mainly on the ministry aspect and effectively reach the students on campus. I've truly done the best job I could with everything I've been asked to do, and I pray that you all are pleased with the work that I was able to accomplish in my short time with the BSM. With only a couple weeks left on the job I plan to do everything in my power to help find/equip the next guy or gal. I'm not going far so I will be around to assist in any way I can. I'm simply relinquishing the title of BSM Director. If I can ever do anything, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you so much for your prayers and constant encouragement throughout my time here, and please keep me in your prayers as I strive to continue to follow God's plan for my life. I will remain praying for the BSM and the members of RRVBA.

In Christ,

Josh Kirby, BSM Director

**Come to the Red River Valley Baptist Association VBS CLINIC!!**

Thursday, May 3, 6:00 pm, Springlake BC

Snacks, fellowship, door prizes and Breakout Sessions for Directors, all Age Groups, Missions, Crafts, along with a Worship & Music experience.

Call Margaret Melton for more information at 903-784-5185



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

THURSDAY, May 3: *NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER*

THURSDAY, May 3: *Secretaries/Support Staff Lunch*, 11:30 am, RRVBA

THURSDAY, May 3: *VBS Clinic*, 6:00 pm, Springlake BC

SUNDAY, May 6—WEDNESDAY, May 9: *"Things to Come" Prophecy Conference* with Dr. D.L. Moody, Maxey BC, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm on Sunday, 7:00 pm Mon—Wed

SUNDAY, May 13: *Mother's Day*

MONDAY, May 30: *MEMORIAL DAY* (RRVBA office will be closed)

## Red River Valley Baptist Association

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

#### May Birthdays

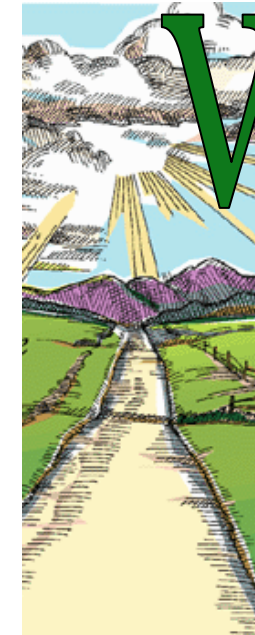
1	Ross Easton spouse	Leesville
2	Denise Harbison, secretary	East Paris
11	Velva Dean Aubrey, spouse	Trinity
14	Denise Vaughan, spouse	East Delta
14	Bobby Ray, spouse	Leesville
15	Shauna Mercaldo, children	Immanuel
15	Becky Semple, spouse	Howland
17	Ken Cannon, assoc pastor	FBC Paris
22	Billy Norris, pastor	Southside
27	Carol VanDeaver, spouse	Bethel
30	Brandon Bell, pastor	Fulbright

#### May Wedding Anniversaries

9	Tim & Deann Reger, 37 yrs	Mt. Olive
19	Eric & Rene Moore, 11 yrs	Immanuel
20	James & Kay Kennedy	Bethel
21	Tommy & DeAnne Turner, 35 yrs	FBC Paris
23	Neil & Jan Barnes, 38 yrs	Providence
23	Tony & Leslie Cunningham, 31 yrs	Friendship
30	Billy & Melisa Norris, 20 yrs	Southside
30	Bobby & Shelby Kennedy, 59 yrs	Cunningham
30	Neal & Jana Seaborn, 32 yrs	Leesville

#### May Church Anniversaries

2	Mavis Miller, secretary, 7 yrs	Springlake
15	Mike Jones, pastor, 7 yrs	Powderly
15	Kent Kirby, youth, 2 yrs	Bethel
20	Steve Gunter, education, 16 yrs	Immanuel



# Voice of the Valley

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### Secretaries/Support Staff Lunch

Thursday, May 3  
11:30 am—1:00 pm, RRVBA office  
Bring your lunch—drinks provided.  
Come and fellowship!

### Prophecy Conference with Dr. D. L. Moody

May 6th—9th  
Maxey Baptist Church  
Sunday at 11 am & 7 pm  
Mon-Wed at 7 pm  
All are invited to attend!



We will be closed Monday, May 28th  
in honor of Memorial Day.



### 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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### An Encouraging Word!

One of my favorite TV shows in the 1980's was a program called the "A Team". It was a comedy that dealt with a very diverse group of military misfits who rescued normal everyday people from impossible situations. They were able to accomplish the most unusual task by working together. Their leader, Hannibal Smith, played by George Peppard, had a favorite phrase when the "Mission Impossible" was completed: "I love it when a plan comes together!"

In many ways I see associational missions in the same light. We are a group of misfits (sinners who have been redeemed by the love of Christ because of who He is rather than because of who we are)! He has given us an impossible task ... to win the world, to make sure every nation hears the gospel. Christ even gives us the plan for how to do it. *"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."* (Matthew 28:19-20) As Southern Baptists we join our hearts and our hands to do this very thing. One of the foundation stones of Southern Baptist life is the Association.

Your Red River Valley Baptist Association is only as strong and successful as our cooperation. This association, along with all other associations in North America, will celebrate Associational Emphasis Week May 20 - 27. This is a week when each of our churches is asked to set aside time to pray for, become better educated about, and to consider a special offering for, and to become more involved in the ministry of this local association. Remember ... we can do more together than we can do by ourselves!

Bro. Mike



ASSOCIATIONAL EMPHASIS WEEK

MAY 20-27, 2018

