

RRVBA/BSM Donations  
Received in March 2019

ATLAS	0
BAGWELL	50.00
BETHEL	128.20
BOUNDS	187.20
BROOKSTON	0
CHICOTA	125.18
CHISUM TRAILS	0
CUNNINGHAM	0
DIRECT	302.39
DOUBLE R	347.96
EAST DELTA	460.69
EAST PARIS	208.33
EMBERSON	0
FAITH	0
FBC ANNONA	50.00
FBC BLOSSOM	200.00
FBC BOGATA	1,086.83
FBC CLARKSVILLE	100.00
FBC COOPER	316.77
FBC DEPORT	0
FBC DETROIT	72.07
FBC PARIS	1,174.51
FBC ROXTON	0
FRIENDSHIP	68.00
FULBRIGHT	0
GLORY	0
GRAHAM ST.	0
HIS PLACE	0
HOWLAND	57.45
IMMANUEL/WMU	0
LAMAR POINT	0
LEESVILLE	268.44
MAXEY	150.00
MT. OLIVE	180.00
NOVICE	385.50
PACIO	169.17
PATTONVILLE	0
PETTY	137.34
POWDERLY	300.00
PROVIDENCE	94.48
SALEM	300.00
SOUTHSIDE	701.32
SPRINGLAKE	439.68
TRINITY	0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0
TOTAL	7,924.17

BUILDING FUND:  
\$17,652.57

WMU News

Alice Ann White  
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Is there anything in your life that needs to be removed in order for you to experience “Unshakable Pursuit”? We are commanded to pursue God and carry out His will in our lives every day. Are we obeying Him??

**Annual Meeting:** The WMU of Texas annual meeting was at the First Baptist Church of Woodway, Texas, April 5 & 6, 2019. Four of us were privileged to attend. As always the workshops were challenging and inspiring. We attended a Refugee Simulation which was very moving.

**Missions Study:** Speaking of refugees, that is what our Mission Study is focusing on this year. Those attending will learn more about what life is like for those *forced* to leave their homes and countries. Immanuel Baptist Church, Paris, is the location for this study on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary (please note change in meeting area!). This meeting is for men and women. You are encouraged to attend and bring someone with you.

**Outreach:** I almost want to say you outdid yourselves with the Pregnancy Center collection. From the 18 churches that participated, there was a total of 538 items and \$3,687.57 brought. Thank you for giving!! Now we turn our attention to **New Hope Center** in Paris. A list of needed items has been compiled. If your church doesn't have something to bring, please contact the Association office and Nancy will help you to know what is needed. I'm looking forward to seeing how God is going to bless this effort!

**Ladies Retreat:** The association ladies retreat is Saturday, September 14, 2019. The program is planned and the team is praying for God to have control and bless. Please be in prayer for what God would have you do concerning this event. Those who have come in the past were greatly blessed. Watch my article for more details!!

**WMU Missions Project: NEW HOPE CENTER** For the month of May we'll be collecting items for New Hope. Call the office @ 903-785-2890 for more information!

JOY ON THE JOURNEY WITH "SEASONED" SAINTS

by Gloria Parker, Senior Adults Director

MAY brings warmer weather and longer days = Great for Seniors enjoying Friday Night Out at Denny's 5-7 pm. You just might hear some of Maxine's Questions: "Why isn't #11 pronounced onety one? If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen are defrocked, then are electricians delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked and dry cleaners depressed? If FED EX and UPS merge, would it be FED UP?" Come on, try us, you just might really like our FUN NIGHT OUT as much as we do!

HALLELUJAH, our SENIOR ADULT REVIVAL begins 6 pm Sunday night May 19 at Love Civic Center. Monday 20th through Wednesday 22nd mornings 10:30 am at His Place Fellowship with Dr. Rod Masteller preaching, Dr. Gary Newman leading music, and our RRVOF Hymn Singers will be the Choir. Pray and invite everyone, because many Seniors are not yet saved!

The RRVOF Hymn Singers will meet May 9 at Springlake BC at 9:30 am to rehearse then go sing for the Lord to Residents of Pine Tree Ranch and Springlake Assisted Living Homes. Our Beloved Director Fred Fangio's arm is healed, but he has decided to use his strong tenor voice to sing with the men. He asked Jim Ferrin to continue to direct us as he did while Fred was recuperating, so they just swapped places! Welcome, Guys! We are so blessed, and there's always room for more!

Our 15th year of Senior Adult VBS begins July 29 at FBC Bogata, Aug. 5 at Southside, Aug. 12 at Immanuel, Aug. 19 at His Place Fellowship, and Aug. 26 at FBC Paris. Pray, Invite, and Attend every Monday for Great Blessings! Leaders will meet May 7 at 10AM in RRVBA office to get started.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING RRVBA EVENTS!

Saturday, April 27: *WMU Missions Study on Refugees, 10:00 am, Immanuel (in the Sanctuary)*

Sunday, April 28: *Fish Fry Fundraiser, 12:30 pm (after joint service with Palestine BC), Providence*

Monday, April 29: **BSM Lunch—Friendship**

Monday, April 29: *Suicide Intervention Training Conference, 6:00-8:30 pm, Chisum Trails*

Thursday, May 2: *Secretaries/Support Staff lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA*

Thursday, May 2: *VBS Workshop, 6:00 pm, Springlake*

Saturday, May 4: *BSM Yard Sale*

Monday, May 6: **BSM Lunch—Mt. Olive**

Sunday, May 12: *Mother's Day*

Monday, May 13: **BSM Lunch—Direct**

Sunday, May 19-Sunday, May 26: *Associational Emphasis Week*

Sunday, May 19: *Senior Adult Revival Kickoff, 6:00 pm, Love Civic Center*

Monday, May 20: *Senior Adult Revival, 10:30 am, His Place Fellowship*

Tuesday, May 21: *Senior Adult Revival, 10:30 am, His Place Fellowship*

Wednesday, May 22: *Senior Adult Revival, 10:30 am, His Place Fellowship*

Monday, May 27: **MEMORIAL DAY** (RRVBA office will be closed)

Hosted by Providence Baptist Church for Palestine Baptist Church  
Joint Worship Service @ 10:30 am with Bro. Harold Washington  
Followed by Fish Fry @ 12:30. Adults: \$10, Kids (under 12) \$5

**Fundraiser**  
SUNDAY  
APRIL 28



BSM NEWS...

Hello from the Baptist Student Ministry!

Wow! I can't believe how quickly this semester is flying by us! As we approach the end of the semester and the beginning of summer, there are a few things to report.

As you probably figured out, our **BSM Yard Sale** was rained out last month and we have rescheduled it for **Saturday May 4th**. Hopefully, the April showers will indeed bring May flowers and also some pretty weather for a successful yard sale!

On April 8 we had a student athlete outreach at the BSM where I invited student athletes to come hang out at the BSM and watch the NCAA Championship and eat pizza. We had 9 new student athletes attend and a great time was had by all (even though Texas Tech lost). Several of the guys expressed they were going to start attending our bible study and one even friend requested me on Facebook. Pray that they will plug in and that God will work in their lives!


On **May 6th** I am planning to have our first **International Student Outreach** where each international student will be invited to come and share with others about their home country and get to know other local students. I plan to feed them very well! One of the students from Africa that I have befriended is helping me plan the event. Pray that we can pull off a great event and reach these foreign students.

If you want to plug in and help with any of these events, please give me call!

Pray up! Preach out! Plug in!

Mike Clark, BSM Director  
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 \* Secretaries/Support Staff Lunch \*  
 \* Thursday, May 2 \*  
 \* 11:30 am \*  
 \* Bring your lunch and we'll provide \*  
 \* drinks and a devotion. \*  
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ASSOCIATIONAL  
VBS WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, MAY 2

6:00 PM

SPRINGLAKE

Includes training in all areas for all age levels  
along with Snacks & Doorprizes!

**SUICIDE INTERVENTION TRAINING**

This free training is for Anyone responsible  
for Children, Youth, or Young Adults

Speaker: Dr. Tim Reger, MABC, D,Min, LPC

Monday, April 29 from 6:00-8:30 pm

Chisum Trails Cowboy Church

3575 FM 2648, Powderly (3.5 miles east of  
Camp Maxey) For more information  
call James McLeod 903-249-2701



The RRVBA  
office will be  
closed on  
Monday, May 27  
in observance of  
Memorial Day.

**Red River Valley Baptist Association**

**Regular Office Hours:** Monday—Thursday, 8 am to 2 pm

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***Birthdays and Anniversaries***

<u>May Birthdays</u>		
1	Ross Eason, 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
24	Bill Dickey, pastor	FBC Deport
27	Carol VanDeaver, spouse	Bethel
30	Brandon Bell, pastor	Fullbright

<u>May Wedding Anniversaries</u>		
9	Tim & Deann Reger, 38 yrs	Mt. Olive
11	Ronnie & Darlynn Morrison, 17 yrs	FBC Paris
18	Bill & Linda Kay Dickey, 48 yrs	FBC Deport
19	Eric & Rene Moore, 12 yrs	Immanuel
20	James & Kay Kennedy	Bethel
21	Tommy & DeAnne Turner, 36 yrs	FBC Paris
23	Neil & Jan Barnes, 39 yrs	Providence
24	Tony & Leslie Cunningham, 32 yrs	Friendship
30	Billy & Melisa Norris, 21 yrs	Southside
30	Bobby & Shelby Kennedy, 60 yrs	Cunningham
30	Neal & Jana Seaborn, 33 yrs	Leesville

<u>May Church Anniversaries</u>		
1	Darlene Shouse, secretary, 1 yr	Mt. Olive
2	Mavis Miller, secretary, 8 yrs	Springlake
15	Mike Jones, pastor, 8 yrs	Powderly
15	Kent Kirby, youth, 3 yrs	Bethel
20	Steve Gunter, education, 17 yrs	Immanuel



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

Job description is 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.



**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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# Voice of the Valley

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I Am A Southern Baptist!

For years May has been designated as Association recognition month. This year there is an emphasis scheduled for the fall for even greater recognition of the value of our Baptist Associations. The Association has always been the life blood of the National Convention. The local association churches coming together to jointly do missions and ministry has been the backbone of who we are as a denomination. I did not grow up as a Southern Baptist but God led me into becoming one when I became a local church pastor in 1979. I was drawn to leave all that I had known in church life and to embrace a convention style church cooperation because the focus of the SBC was “we can do more together, than we can do by ourselves!”

I am so blessed and thankful for these past 4 years as your Director of Missions. I am thankful because it has given me insight into why active association participation is so needed and so very important! The reality that less than 50% of our associational churches are really engaged/involved in what we are doing together still frustrates me. Please hear my heart ... you are not here to serve the association, the association is here to serve you the churches! We provide office support when needed such as copier services, printing your bulletins or revival fliers. We have workshops to develop Bible Teachers, or to train Children’s Ministry volunteers. We also help with interim pastors or supply preachers as your church or minister has a need. We do an association Day Camp for Children, an annual Mission trip to South Dakota that all the churches can take part in. A group of our churches participate in various WMU ministry activities like CIA Day (children in action day), a Women’s Retreat, various mission emphasis, etc.

Whether it is Senior Adult VBS, The Old Fashion Hymn Singers, REAP Revivals, or the upcoming SENIOR ADULT REVIVAL with Rod Masteller and Gary Newman, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and May 20-22 at 10:30am, it’s all about Him and what we can do together! I am thankful for all that is happening but I can only imagine what could be done if all of our churches were doing it together!

I hope Easter blesses you and your family and your church and that all of us are reminded of our call to join Jesus in the ‘fields that are white unto harvest!’

He Is Risen,  
 Bro. Mike

**Senior Adult Revival!**

The Red River Valley Baptist Association will host a Sr. Adult Revival with Evangelist Dr. Rod Masteller and Music Evangelist, Gary Newman.

The revival starts **Sun, May 19, at 6:00 pm at the Civic Center** & will continue Mon, Tues & Wed, May 20, 21 & 22 at 10:30 am. The morning services will be held at His Place Fellowship!