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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

May Birthdays

1	Ross Eason, spouse	Leesville
2	Denise Harbison, secretary	East Paris
11	Velva Dean Aubrey, pastor's wife	Trinity
14	Denise Vaughan, pastor's wife	East Delta
14	Bobby Ray, spouse	Leesville
15	Shauna Mercaldo, children	Immanuel
15	Becky Semple, spouse	Howland
22	Billy Norris, pastor	Southside
22	Savannah Hubbard, pastor's wife	Providence
24	Bill Dickey, pastor	Salem
27	Carol VanDeaver, pastor's wife	Bethel
30	Brandon Bell, pastor	Fulbright

May Wedding Anniversaries

9	Tim & Deann Reger, 40 yrs	Mt. Olive
17	Jeff & Amy Duvall, 24 yrs	FBC Bogata
19	Tim & Krystal Mills, 3 yrs	FBC Bogata
20	James & Kay Kennedy	Bethel
21	Tommy & DeAnne Turner, 38 yrs	FBC Paris
23	Neil & Jan Barnes, 41 yrs	Providence
23	Tony & Leslie Cunningham, 34 yrs	Friendship
24	Jason & Cara Besteman, 13 yrs	His Place
30	Billy & Melisa Norris, 23 yrs	Southside
30	Neal & Jana Seaborn, 35 yrs	Leesville

May Church Anniversaries

1	Darlene Shouse, secretary, 3 yrs	Mt. Olive
1	Angela Cunningham, children, 2 yrs	FBC Paris
2	Mavis Miller, secretary, 10 yrs	Springlake
6	Tim Mills, youth, 2 yrs	FBC Bogata
15	Mike Jones, pastor, 10 yrs	Powderly
20	Steve Gunter, education, 19 yrs	Immanuel



Remember your Mother ...

Sunday, May 9, 2021

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Minister @ Leesville Baptist Church: Intern or part-time. Call 903-674-5782, or email the Pastor at nwseaborn@leesvillebc.org

Music/Youth Leader @ Novice Baptist Church: Contact Pastor Duane Falk at 903-732-7711 or pastor@nbcparistx.org.

Youth Minister & Music Director positions available @ **FBC Deport.** Call Pastor Michael Flatt at 903-703-9347.

Pianist & Youth Minister needed at **Pattonville Baptist Church.** Contact Pastor Jackie Spencer at 903-715-5445 or brojackspencer@yahoo.com.

Voice of the Valley

The Mission is the Message

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Stay Vigilant

Have you noticed how easy it is to get comfortable with a situation? For instance, I see people acting like we are back to normal and Covid-19 is a thing of the past, yet cases are beginning to increase with the variants of the virus across the country. Many are not wearing mask or keeping their distance despite the warning from health officials. We have become comfortable because we have the vaccine and the cases are decreasing in our area. We need to stay vigilant.

I use the Covid-19 virus as an example of how we can become comfortable and complacent in our spiritual lives as well. There is an old nemesis lurking nearby, waiting for that moment of weakness in a Christian's life to strike and cause the witness to be tarnished. Peter writes, "*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*" 1 Peter 5:8 (NKJV) The Proverbs tell us, "*A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself.*" Proverbs 22:3 (NKJV)

We stay vigilant and prudent by trusting in the Holy Spirit to guide our words, thoughts and actions or reactions. Reading the Word of God to feed our souls with those things that are pure, holy and lovely will bolster our resolve to walk with Christ, and prayer is our direct line to our Father who loves us, holding us securely in His hands. We have the mighty God who is by our side and on our side to carry us through this life and into the next with Him.

Let's be aware of, but not be distracted by, the roar of our enemy. Instead let us rest and rejoice in the Lord's presence and obey His will.

Blessings to you,

Bro. Guille

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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Secretaries & Support Staff Lunch

Thursday, May 6, 11:30 am,
RRVBA office

Bring your lunch -
we'll fellowship and plan for the rest of the
year! Drinks & a devotional will be provided.

¡Hola!
Everyone is invited
to attend the
WMU Mission Study on
MEXICO CITY!
Saturday, May 15 10:00 am, @ Springlake
Come and hear how God is working in Mexico City through our Southern Baptist missionaries. You will also have the opportunity to sample some delicious Mexican food!
Call the RRVBA at 903-785-2890 for more information.
Nursery provided!

In honor of **MEMORIAL DAY** our
office will be closed on
Monday, May 31.



Congratulations on

50 years of marriage or more!

Bill & Linda Kay Diekzy (Salem)

50 years on May 18

Bobby & Shelby Kennedy (Cunningham)

62 years on May 30

WMU NEWS by Alice Ann White, WMU Director, RRVBA

We are encouraged this year to be **Relentless** in our serve for our Lord. It has been hard during the pandemic, but we are finally getting to have meetings again. The Retreat Planning Team met in March and the Leadership Team met in April. We started our postponed Outreach projects again. Our scripture verse theme (Hebrews 10: 39) "But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved" is our encouragement to keep on keeping on!

Outreach Project: Our current project is to collect money for the Paris and Clarksville Pregnancy Centers. I trust your church knows this and is promoting this worthy cause. The last day to turn your collection into the Association office is **Thursday, April 29, 2021**.

Mission Study: Last year's Mission Study was on Mexico City. Because of Covid we did not get to have the meeting. The planning team thought the study was so good that they are using it this year. The meeting will be **Saturday, May 15 @ 10:00 am at Springlake**. Please be sure your church knows about this study and encourage people to come. This is for both men and women. We all need to know more about what our Missionaries are accomplishing and the difficulties they face. Come be a part. Samples of Mexican food and a nursery will be provided.

Next Outreach Project: Our next outreach opportunity that we are promoting will be the Children Advocacy Center in Paris. Your church will receive a list of needed items. Begin praying what God would have you give for this worthwhile endeavor.

Ladies Retreat: Mark your calendars and save the date of **Saturday, September 18, 2021** At the Love Civic Center ladies will gather to worship, learn, pray, fellowship, and of course, eat! Watch the Voice of the Valley for more details. You do not want to miss this!

Remember God is on His throne and in control! Do not lose heart, faith, or sight of this fact! Be **Relentless**!

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

Please be in prayer for our sweet sister Gloria. She took a tumble on Easter and is dealing with some health issues because of it. Look for her next article in the June issue of **Voice of the Valley**.

Be in prayer for our pastors (and wives)!



Bro. Deanie & Shirlee Lambert
FBC Annona



Bro. Michael Flatt
FBC Deport



Bro. Eugene & Jo Ann Adams
Pacio



WMU Missions Project: Children's Advocacy Center of Paris

You can help local children in crisis with the following items:

- **NEW twin size children's bedding**
- **NEW Bed in a Bag (comforter & sheets) for girls, boys, or teenagers**
- **NEW Jeans for boys & girls sizes 3T through Adult**

Financial donations are also welcome to help cover the cost of other needs. Make checks payable to **Children's Advocacy Center**.

Please bring all items/donations to the RRVBA office by **Wednesday, June 30, 2021**.

Contact **Michaella Bumgarner**, WMU Missions Project Coordinator, at 903-732-5922 for more information.

MARCH 2021 DONATIONS TOTAL: \$9,774.22 *Thank you for your continued support of RRVBA Missions & Ministry!*

Bagwell	50.00	East Paris	500.00	FBC Detroit	27.79	Novice	436.50	Springlake	809.07
Bounds	276.50	FBC Annona	50.00	FBC Paris	1,830.46	Pacio	574.68		
Chicota	98.26	FBC Blossom	200.00	Friendship	136.94	Powderly	600.00		
Chisum Trails	200.00	FBC Bogota	1,202.61	Leesville	165.53	Providence	142.29		
Direct	670.33	FBC Clarksville	100.00	Maxey	150.00	Salem	100.00		
East Delta	340.33	FBC Cooper	202.29	Mt. Olive	246.00	Southside	664.64		

BSM NEWS...

Hello from the Baptist Student Ministry!

As of this writing we are only three weeks away from the end of the Spring semester. The entire 2020-2021 school year has been a challenge but we are excited to see what the fall semester has in store. With Covid cases on the decline, vaccine availability increasing across all age groups, the mask mandates being lifted and businesses opening back up to 100% the decision has been made to resume our BSM Monday free lunches for the students and faculty for the fall 2021 semester! I have spoken to my contact at PJC and they are optimistic that the fall semester should be back to pre-pandemic routines, or at least very close to normal.

I still have a few openings for church volunteers to serve lunches. Here is what I have scheduled so far with open dates:

If your church can fill any of these open dates, please reach out to me or Nancy and let us know. As always, if a conflict arises with the dates you commit to, all you have to do is let me know. I can usually make one phone call and switch dates with another church very easily. I appreciate each church that is willing to help me with serving lunches. I could not do it without you!

I have big plans to drive attendance to our bible studies in the fall. I will also be meeting with the BSM Director at Texas A&M Commerce on April 27 to get ideas and seek new ways to reach students. I will be explaining more details of my plans in our summer newsletters! EVER FORWARD!!

Pray up! Preach out! Plug in!

Mike Clark

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You are invited to **CWJC GRADUATION**

Friday, May 14 @ 6:30 pm
FBC Paris in the Fellowship Hall

Call Donna Kennemer, CWJC-Paris Site Director,



PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME IS BACK!

Every **Thursday** morning at **9:00 am** in the **RRVBA** office, pastor's are invited to come & have a cup of coffee as they join together in prayer & fellowship!



RRVBA VBS WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021 @ SPRINGLAKE, 6:00 PM

All VBS workers are encouraged to attend the Associational VBS workshop to become familiar with the **Concrete & Cranes** theme and to pick up lots of creative ideas. There will be loads of door prizes and giveaways! Call Margaret Melton, RRVBA VBS Director, at 903-784-5185 for more information.



UPCOMING EVENTS... (All events are subject to change and/or cancellation due to Covid-19!)

Thursday, April 29: Mission project donations for Pregnancy Centers due to RRVBA

Thursday, May 6: Secretaries/Support Staff lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA office

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

Sunday, May 9: **Mother's Day**

Friday, May 14: CWJC Graduation, 6:30 pm, **FBC Paris** Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 15: WMU Mission Study on Mexico City, 10:00 am, **Springlake**

Monday, May 31: **MEMORIAL DAY** (RRVBA office will be closed)

JUNE 22-24 (tentative dates): Children's Day Camp for kids entering K-6th grade

JUNE 27: Back to Bethel Camp Meeting Kick-off with Dr. Jerry Vines; 6:00 pm, Love Civic Center

JUNE 28-JULY 1: Back to Bethel Camp Meeting at the RRV Bible Camp

