

WMU News

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| RRVBA/BSM Donations August 28-September 24 | Year To Date | |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| ATLAS | 0 | 0 |
| BAGWELL | 50.00 | 500.00 |
| BETHEL | 112.00 | 1,233.72 |
| BOUNDS | 208.75 | 2,122.90 |
| BROOKSTON | 0 | 0 |
| CHICOTA | 191.46 | 1,536.75 |
| CHISUM TRAILS | 100.00 | 1,000.00 |
| CUNNINGHAM | 0 | 1,350.00 |
| DIRECT | 796.32 | 2,815.55 |
| DOUBLE R | 273.12 | 1,733.65 |
| EAST DELTA | 499.26 | 6,458.46 |
| EAST PARIS | 208.33 | 2,083.30 |
| EMBERSON | 0 | 0 |
| FAITH | 0 | 1,154.00 |
| FBC ANNONA | 50.00 | 550.00 |
| FBC BLOSSOM | 200.00 | 1,800.00 |
| FBC BOGATA | 1,134.77 | 10,941.01 |
| FBC CLARKSVILLE | 100.00 | 1,000.00 |
| FBC COOPER | 333.23 | 3,565.56 |
| FBC DEPORT | 0 | 0 |
| FBC DETROIT | 40.03 | 527.19 |
| FBC PARIS | 1,304.67 | 11,048.17 |
| FBC ROXTON | 0 | 0 |
| FRIENDSHIP | 224.00 | 1,638.00 |
| FULBRIGHT | 0 | 0 |
| GLORY | 0 | 0 |
| GRAHAM ST. | 0 | 0 |
| HIS PLACE | 2,000.00 | 6,000.00 |
| HOWLAND | 61.20 | 756.72 |
| IMMANUEL/WMU | 0 | 10,225.00 |
| LAMAR POINT | 382.00 | 1,482.00 |
| LEESVILLE | 783.08 | 5,448.67 |
| MAXEY | 150.00 | 1,500.00 |
| MT. OLIVE | 832.00 | 4,627.92 |
| NOVICE | 532.00 | 5,463.00 |
| PACIO | 142.98 | 1,609.04 |
| PATTONVILLE | 0 | 0 |
| PETTY | 75.00 | 275.00 |
| POWDERLY | 300.00 | 3,000.00 |
| PROVIDENCE | 105.09 | 1,031.50 |
| SALEM | 300.00 | 3,000.00 |
| SOUTHSIDE | 749.04 | 7,011.43 |
| SPRINGLAKE | 434.55 | 4,256.68 |
| TRINITY | 0 | 0 |
| YOUNG'S CHAPEL | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 12,672.88 | 108,745.22 |

**RISE & BUILD FUND:
\$34,461.92**

“Unshakable Pursuit” Watchword: “My dear friends, stand firm and don’t be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile” (1 Cor. 15:58 CEV)

Annual Meeting is always an exciting time for the Association to come together and visit, share information and just fellowship with each other.

On Saturday October 6, 2018, the **WMU Leadership team** met in the BSM building. Mike Clark, BSM Director met with us and shared some of his plans to reach more college students. We had a very good attendance even with several of the regulars absent. God is blessing this group.

Operation Christmas Child is here. FBC Bogata is going to be a Central Drop Off Center again this year. I know the Deatons look forward to your bringing your boxes and visiting with you. Times and dates: starts Monday November 12 through Saturday November 17 from 8 AM until 4 PM; Sunday November 18, 2:00 PM till 4:00 PM. Then last day to bring boxes will be Monday, November 19, 8:00 AM till noon. Encourage your church to participate.

I trust your church is already making plans for **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** in December. We don’t want to forget Jesus on His birthday!

“Unshakable Pursuit”—We want to stand firm and not be shaken by what might come along to try to distract us from serving our Lord!

JOY ON THE JOURNEY with ‘SEASONED SAINTS’ by Gloria Parker

NOVEMBER - We "Seasoned" Saints are THANKFUL for many things, among them that God still uses us in His Service until our work on earth is done and He has "our place" ready, then He calls us Home! God has promised that He will never leave us, that He's coming back for us His Bride/His Church, and HE KEEPS HIS PROMISES! HE is the original PROMISE KEEPER!

We pray every year for some Senior Adults to be saved, and we will continue to pray. God has shown us that the Senior Adults Revival scheduled for October 22-24 at His Place is to be rescheduled for the Spring. PRAY with us and watch the Voice of the Valley for the date and details.

The Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers will rehearse at Springlake BC at 9:30 am November 8, then sing at Brentwood and Pine Tree Ranch.

How disappointed Bro. Mike, Bro. Leonard, Bro. Guille and I are that so few Senior Adults signed up to attend Lake Lavon's "50+ Day of Celebration" on Tuesday, Oct. 30. We who attended were really blessed!

What a treasure to be one of so many attending the Paris Pregnancy Care Center Annual Fund Raiser at Love Civic Center Oct. 11th. Speaker Steve Arterburn did an excellent job of sharing his story and encouraging all young people to not get caught up in the EVIL of abortion = killing babies! You can also see him on Channel 16 NRBT. The music was thrilling, clever skit, and food was delicious. How thankful we are for our very own Paris Pregnancy Care Center and for Vickie and Roger Powell's dedication to Our Father.

If you play an instrument like ukulele, guitar, dulcimer, banjo, harmonica, accordion, or you whistle real good and would enjoy sharing your talent with others, please call me (903-737-0650) about beginning a group.

God continues to bless Friday Night Out at Denny's 5-7 pm (changed time when it got dark earlier, and will change back to 6-8 pm in Spring) where we eat in their Banquet Room from their varied menus with NO alcohol, enjoy old and new friends, play dominoes, "Chicken Foot" or other games, laugh, sing, or whatever we want to do FUN. We also share news of the different churches. East Paris BC is giving a GIFT TO ALL RRVBA SENIOR ADULTS on FRIDAY, DEC. 14 - A FREE IVAN PARKER CONCERT at 7:30 pm. Don't miss it!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Nov 1: Secretaries/Support Staff lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA (Soup and drinks provided—bring dessert, cornbread, crackers...)

Nov 4: Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall back one hour)

Nov 4: FBC Paris Homecoming

Nov 5: BSM Lunch—Direct

Nov 5: World Day of Prayer, 6:30 pm, Springlake

Nov 6: ELECTION DAY—don't forget to vote!

Nov 10: Thrival Conference, 10:00 am, location TBD

Nov 11: VETERAN'S DAY

Nov 12: BSM Lunch—Immanuel

Nov 12-19: Operation Christmas Child boxes due at pick-up locations (see WMU article for FBC Bogata times)

Nov 16: CWJC Graduation, 6:30 pm, The Attic (FBC Paris)

Nov 16: 3rd Annual Michael Self Youth Blow-Out with Justin Todd Herod, 6:30 pm, Chisum Trails Cowboy Church

Nov 21-22: Thanksgiving (RRVBA office will be closed)

Nov 26: BSM Lunch—His Place



Back in September Bro. Guille Seigler carried **5,000 pounds** of used literature, etc., to Love Packages (formerly Edwin Hodges Ministry) in Alabama. Love Packages needs your old Sunday School literature, songbooks, etc., and **especially Bibles** to send overseas to pastors, missionaries, and others. Take your donations to Springlake Baptist Church.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Every church is encouraged to participate in OCC as the last quarter WMU missions project. Get supplies and more information online at

samaritanspurse.org/occ.

Boxes are due at pick-up locations during the week of November 12-19. FBC Bogata and Calvary Chapel in Paris are the local collection points.



World Day of Prayer

Join with others around the globe as we pray and fellowship together!

Monday, November 5 at 6:30 pm

Springlake Baptist Church

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Nursery provided

BSM NEWS ...

The last several weeks at the BSM have been great! Our free student lunch attendance continues to grow and God is blessing people through this ministry.

On October 11 the college hosted a Student Organization Fair on campus to raise awareness of the many clubs available for the students. I set up a table and handed out BSM promotional flyers and also demonstrated some slight-of-hand illusions that impressed the students and allowed me to share the gospel with around 100 students and hand out gospel tracts. The cool part was I had several of our BSM students there with me to help!

On Halloween night we will be setting up a booth at Noyes Stadium to have games, candy and 1,000 gospel tracts geared toward both children and adults to hand out to attendees.

Our most recent bible study had 16 in attendance including international students from Belgium, Africa and Venezuela! We are growing and God is blessing and we are reaching the world!

Won't you come alongside us and be a part of this incredible ministry that can reach the world! 2 Timothy 1:7 says, *“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.”* We need to remember that God did not create us to be shy or to worry. He created us to be strong and powerful to be able to fulfill His plans for us.

Pray up-Preach out-Plug in,
Mike Clark, BSM Director 903-905-1336 mikeclark42@yahoo.com

Red River Valley Baptist Association

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

November Birthdays

| | | |
|----|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Lisa Hughes, min asst | East Paris |
| 3 | Martha Lucas, admin asst | FBC Cooper |
| 3 | Matt Russell, spouse | Immanuel |
| 4 | Jake Vaughn, pastor | East Delta |
| 4 | Jo Blessingame, secretary | Maxey |
| 6 | Brena Burgan, children | Leesville |
| 8 | Mike Clark, pastor | Maxey |
| 8 | Homer Frachiseur, missions | East Paris |
| 12 | Kathy Bush, spouse | Bagwell |
| 13 | Paula Hutson, sec/treasurer | FBC Bogata |
| 13 | Skip Perkins, pastor | Bounds |
| 15 | Mike Shupp, pastor | FBC Blossom |
| 16 | Melody Potter, spouse | FBC Roxton |
| 17 | Larry Roberts | Direct |
| 18 | Deborah Bolton, spouse | FBC Cooper |
| 18 | Norma Kelley, treasurer | Glory |
| 19 | Mike Fortenberry, DOM | RRVBA |
| 19 | Theodus Kelley, spouse | Gloy |
| 20 | Bonnie Eason, women's min | Leesville |
| 21 | Tim Holladay, spouse | Mt. Olive |
| 26 | Eddy Kropp, spouse | Emberson |
| 29 | Phil Spann, youth | Southside |
| 29 | Janet Sullivan, spouse | East Paris |
| 30 | W.C. McGregor, spouse | FBC Annona |

November Wedding Anniversaries

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|----|------------------------------|------------|
| 8 | Glenn & Peggy Stewart, 43yrs | FBC Annona |
| 8 | Danny & Linda White, 38 yrs | Mt. Olive |
| 20 | Jerry & Paula Hutson, 34 yrs | FBC Bogata |

November Church Anniversaries

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|----|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Deborah Kennemer, secretary, 22 yrs | East Delta |
| 8 | Brad Crosswhite, pastor, 20 yrs | Lamar Point |
| 13 | Tim Sullivan, assoc. pastor, 7yrs | East Paris |
| 25 | Mike Clark, pastor, 6 yrs | Maxey |
| 30 | Eric Moore, pastor, 8 yrs | Immanuel |



Homecoming at FBC Paris

Sunday, November 4

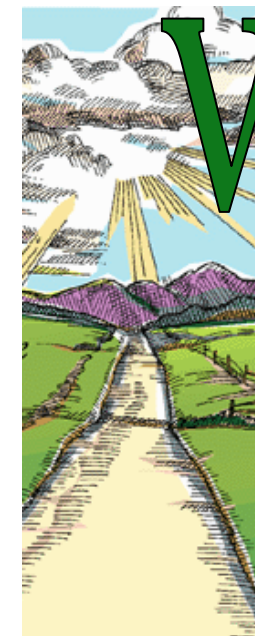
Breakfast—9:30 am Worship—10:45 am

Tours— 1:00 pm Closing Celebration—2:00 pm

All former members are invited, and former choir members— come sing in the choir again!

PART-TIME MUSIC LEADER POSITION OPEN

at FBC Cooper. Information and job description available at cooperfbc.com.



Voice of the Valley

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“Let’s Rise Up and Build!” Nehemiah 2:18

Our annual meeting was a great success and well attended considering the weather. Thank you to Pastor Johnny Witherspoon and FBC, Cooper for a job well done in hosting the meal and meeting! A special word of thanks goes to their Praise team for a wonderful job leading the Praise and Worship.

I also want to recognize the fine job done by our Moderator, Mark Gossett, Treasurer Nelda Beville, association Clerk, Nancy Redus, and the others who spent many hours preparing the printed reports and materials. We appreciate all who gave reports in a timely and informative way so our churches know what the association is doing.

I want to re-emphasize something I said in my DOM report ... “We can do more together than we can do alone”. It was my honor to give the annual sermon for the 4th time during my almost 40 years of membership in the association. I spoke because I am burdened about the future of our churches, our association and our nation.

Many of our churches are running around 50 or less and a number of them are having attendance in the 20’s or less. Some are really struggling to maintain attendance, workers, and resources (money). Some minister in areas where prospects are dwindling or neighborhoods are in transition. To address these issues I want to encourage you with three opportunities: a Senior Adult Revival in the spring of 2019, REAP revivals (especially designed for small churches) with Evangelist Paul Cherry in the summer, and a revitalization training opportunity as early as November 10, 2018. (Please read James McCloud’s article below).

As we join our hearts and hands in the work of the association let us learn from Nehemiah. Let us assess the situation, talk with our leaders, and make up our mind as churches to get involved in the work. There is a spiritual war going on and our nation’s future is in the balance (or should I say ballot). There is much work to be done and a great warning to be given. Let us do it together to the glory of God and the good of the RRVBA!

Bro. Mike, DOM

THRIVAL CONFERENCE

Churches are closing at a rate of 5,200 - 10,000 a year in America. Close to 60 million people in the U.S. are unaffiliated with a religious group. So many lost people, yet the church continues to lose ground as it remains largely disengaged from the very world in which God has placed it to be salt and light. The numbers are staggering. Since 1999, baptisms have continued to decline exponentially. The most conservative numbers indicate that 65% of churches in America are either plateaued or in decline. Individual churches have largely acquiesced to failure regarding the Great Commission because their people have chosen to reject the Great Commandment.

Pastors and church leaders, you are invited to join us for a 4-hour Thrival Conference specifically designed to help you challenge and overcome mission drift and mediocrity. Inertia engenders low-ceiling survival rather than experiencing significant *thrival* - an adventure in excellence with God! The presenter is a pastor and Ph.D. candidate who is doing extensive research in the areas of church revitalization, biblical servant leadership, and reaching Generation Z. As we look at what it takes to *revisit, rethink, and reengage*, you will walk away with the tools and connection to assistance to begin the process of turning your church around.

The conference is on Saturday, November 10, at 10:00 am, location TBD. Call James McLeod at 903-249-2701 for more information.

Secretaries & Support Staff Lunch
 Thursday, November 1 @ 11:30
 It’s Taco Soup day - so bring corn-bread, crackers, or a dessert. Come and fellowship and also help plan the Christmas party set for December 6!

3rd Annual Michael Self YOUTH BLOW-OUT
 Featuring Justin Todd Herod (2017 Christian Cowboy Artist of the Year!)
 Friday, November 16, 6:30 - 10:00 pm
 Chisum Trails Cowboy Church
 Call James McLeod at 903-249-2701 for more information.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
 RRVBA will be closed November 21-22.

Your Vote Counts VOTE

Early Voting began October 22 - Election Day is NOVEMBER 6. Don’t forget to VOTE!

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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