

WMU NEWS

by Alice Ann White, WMU Director, RRVBA

Relentless is the WMU theme for this year. Our scripture verse is: "But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved" Hebrews 10: 39. Relentless says to me, don't give up!

Outreach project: Operation Christmas Child is on the move. The Central Drop-off Center at First Baptist Church in Bogata will collect filled boxes starting Monday, November 16, at 10 AM and continue through Monday, November 23. The hours are Monday through Friday 10 AM until 4 PM. Saturday 10 AM -12 PM. Sunday 2-4 PM. The last day, Monday 23rd you can bring your boxes from 9 AM until 12 PM. If you have not planned to pack boxes or your church has not planned to, please pray about this all-important project, and follow God's leadership. For more information you can go to samaritanspurse.com for a list of approved items to put in a shoebox, or you can call the Association office.

CWJC is sponsoring a workshop at Immanuel Baptist Church, November 15, 2020, at 3:30 PM. The workshop, "Women are Mean!" will be led by Tracy Lynn Dougherty. This is free and open to the public. Ladies, please come.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is to be taken in December. Really, it can be taken all year, but the emphasis is in December. Please lead out in this endeavor and encourage your church to participate.

WMU Leadership Team met on Saturday, October 3 at the Association office. We had a good turn out and enjoyed hearing Kelly Henley share how WMU helped her in her Christian walk.

Annual Meeting will be different this year, as several things have been in 2020. We must learn to be flexible, especially in God's work right now. When we do meet you will receive some "goodies" from WMU in your bag along with the pamphlets from different organizations.

Retreat 2021!! We have set the date of the Ladies Retreat as September 18, 2021 at the Love Civic Center, Paris. Start making plans to attend now! Much more to come on what is planned.

JOY ON THE JOURNEY WITH "SEASONED" SAINTS

by Gloria Parker, Senior Adults Director, RRVBA

November, 2020 - What a memorable time in our lives, would you agree? "Retirement is a time of rethinking and transition and reordering of life. Retirement is a great time to learn about rehearsal theology, if one has never understood it before. It is a time for retrospection, for looking back across the hills and valleys of one's own existence and noting where the Almighty God has intervened in one's path, lifting a burden here and introducing a surprise there...We need to trace our journey - write our own autobiography as it were - and realize how wonderful the God of the Covenant has been...Rehearsal theology - God has been with us here and here and here. That is for retirement, isn't it? And more. In retirement we have more time to be with Him. To practice the Presence. To experience the indwelling Spirit. To be in touch with God...

"I read a beautiful little story somewhere about a boy and an old man sitting on a dock in the late afternoon fishing. They talked about many things - why sunsets are red, why the rain falls, why the seasons change, what life is like. Finally the boy looked up at the old man and asked, 'Does anybody ever see God?' 'Son,' said the old man, looking across the blue waters, 'it's getting so I hardly see anything else.' That's it, isn't it? That's the way retirement ought to be." **Rehearsal Theology** by John Killinger re: Malachi 3:6-18

Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers, "I'll Tell the World that I'm a Christian!" by Raymond L. Fox is still one of our favorites: "I'll tell the world that I'm a Christian - I'm not ashamed His name to bear. I'll tell the world that I'm a Christian - I'll take Him with me anywhere. I'll tell the world how Jesus saved me, And how He gave me a life brand new; And I know that if you trust Him That all He gave me He'll give to you. I'll tell the world that He's my Savior, No other one could love me so; My life, my all is His forever, And where He leads me I will go. (2) I'll tell the world that He is coming - It may be near or far away; But we must live as if His coming Would be tomorrow or today. For when He comes and life is over, For those who love Him there's more to be. Eyes have never seen the wonders That He's preparing for you and me. O tell the world that you're a Christian, Be not ashamed His name to bear; O tell the world that you're a Christian, And take Him with you everywhere." re: Romans 1:16.

KEEP LOOKING UP FOR JESUS' RETURN. PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM AND OUR BELOVED AMERICA - (PSALM 122:6)

SEPTEMBER 2020 Donations: \$9,882.26 Thank you for your continuing support of RRVBA missions & ministry!!

<i>Bagwell</i>	50.00	<i>East Delta</i>	528.40	<i>FBC Paris</i>	1,224.22	<i>Novice</i>	440.00		
<i>Bounds</i>	226.22	<i>East Paris</i>	208.33	<i>Friendship</i>	68.00	<i>Powderly</i>	300.00		
<i>Chicota</i>	147.78	<i>FBC Annona</i>	50.00	<i>Howland</i>	209.70	<i>Providence</i>	165.39		
<i>Chisum Trails</i>	200.00	<i>FBC Bogata</i>	1,213.83	<i>Immanuel WMU</i>	75.00	<i>Salem</i>	200.00		
<i>Cunningham</i>	240.00	<i>FBC Clarksville</i>	100.00	<i>Leesville</i>	318.91	<i>Southside</i>	632.06		
<i>Direct</i>	467.13	<i>FBC Cooper</i>	143.46	<i>Maxey</i>	300.00	<i>Springlake</i>	975.62		
<i>Double R</i>	1,013.47	<i>FBC Detroit</i>	67.74	<i>Mt. Olive</i>	317.00				

COMING EVENTS

(All events are subject to change/cancellation!)

October 31: *Lamar Point* Fall Festival

Nov. 1st: Daylight Saving Time Ends (Fall back one hour)

Nov. 2nd: World Day of Prayer, 6:30 pm, *Springlake*

Nov. 3rd: **ELECTION DAY**

Nov. 5th: Secretaries/Support Staff lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA

Nov. 9th-10th: SBTC Annual Meeting, Hyde Park BC, Austin

Nov. 15th: CWJC Free Workshop, 3:30 pm, *Immanuel*

Nov. 16th-17th: Texas Baptists Annual Meeting (online)

Nov. 25th-26th: RRVBA office closed for THANKSGIVING

Nov. 29th—Dec. 6th: Week of Prayer for International Missions (Lottie Moon)

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



RRVBA will be closed
November 25-26

Drop off your Operation Christmas Child boxes at *FBC BOGATA* on the following dates:

Monday, Nov. 16 - Friday, Nov. 20: 10 am—4 pm

Saturday, Nov. 21: 10 am—Noon

Sunday, Nov. 22: 2—4 pm

Monday, Nov. 23: 9 am—Noon



Set your clock back 1 hour on
Saturday, October 31, before you go to bed!

BSM NEWS...

Hello from the Baptist Student Ministry!

This month I'd like to ask the churches to pray for the BSM and for the students of PJC. Covid-19 has presented a list of challenges to overcome. The main challenge is the fact that 60% of all students enrolled at PJC are doing online classes, meaning there are much fewer students on campus to reach. The college is also doing virtual classrooms on Zoom or other equivalent technology instead of face to face classes. Plus, overall enrollment is down from a year ago. This presents a great challenge to reach new students. So pray that the Lord would open up doors to reach more kids.

Also pray for the students that are attending every Monday night. Pray that they would be faithful to attend and also faithful to invite others and share Jesus with them.

Also pray for me as I attempt to lead the BSM. Many of you are probably not aware that I lost my full time job back in March when Covid began, and I struggled to find employment for 4 months. I finally was able to find work, and they are working me 6 days a week (60 hours). During this time I also accepted a temporary pastorate at Springlake Baptist Church. To say that my boat is loaded would be an understatement. I am tired and wearing down and need your prayers for strength and wisdom.

If you have college aged students (they don't have to be enrolled at PJC), or even seniors in high school in your family or in your church that plan to attend PJC next fall, please encourage them to attend the BSM. We meet every Monday at 7:00 pm where I serve pizza and sodas every week, and afterwards we have a short Bible study and devotional time. I want the BSM to be an extension of every church to help minister to these often neglected churchgoers. We are located at 911 23rd Street SE, just across the street from PJC.

Pray up! Preach out! Plug in!

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

<u>November Birthdays</u>		
3	Matt Russell, spouse	Immanuel
4	Jake Vaughn, pastor	East Delta
4	Jo Blassingame, secretary	Maxey
6	Brena Burgan, children/youth	Leesville
8	Mike Clark, interim pastor/BSM	Springlake
12	Kathy Bush, pastor's wife	Bagwell
13	Paula Hutson, secretary/treasurer	FBC Bogata
13	Skip Perkins, pastor	Bounds
15	Mike Shupp, pastor	FBC Blossom
16	Melody Potter, pastor's wife	FBC Roxton
18	Norma Kelley, treasurer/clerk	Glory
19	Mike Fortenberry, pastor	His Place
19	Thedus Kelley, spouse	Glory
20	Bonnie Eason, women's ministry	Leesville
26	Eddy Kropp, spouse	Emberson
29	Phil Spann, youth	Southside
29	Janet Sullivan, spouse	East Paris


<u>November Wedding Anniversaries</u>		
8	Glenn & Peggy Stewart, 45 yrs	FBC Annona
8	Danny & Linda White, 40 yrs	Mt. Olive
20	Jerry & Paula Hutson, 36 yrs	FBC Bogata

<u>November Church Anniversaries</u>		
1	Debora Kennemer, secretary, 24 yrs	East Delta
13	Tim Sullivan, associate pastor, 9 yrs	East Paris



November 29th-December 6th
Week of Prayer for
International Missions
(Lottie Moon Offering)

2020 Goal: \$175 Million



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
 Monday, November 2, 2020 @ 6:30 pm
 Springlake Baptist Church

All men and women are encouraged to come and pray for our nation and our world!

[This event will also be live-streamed on the Springlake Baptist Church Facebook page.]

Voice of the Valley

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BE THANKFUL

I know you are as tired as I am of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is still affecting us in so many ways that it is exhausting. We are learning a new normal for our personal lives and out in the public. I still forget at times to get my mask before entering a store or church and have to trudge back to the car to get it. Well, at least I get my steps in for the day.

We can be doom and gloom over this or take Paul's view in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "*In everything give thanks. . .*" Give thanks for the health you enjoy at this time. Give thanks for your family and friends; give thanks for the blessings God as provided you - and they are many! The list could go on endlessly, but the greatest thankfulness is reserved for Jesus. He has forgiven our sins and given us eternal life through His sacrifice. Now that's something to be thankful for.

This Thanksgiving when you sit down with family and friends to indulge in a feast that could feed a small third world country, be thankful for what the Lord has provided in every area of your life.

I pray you have a happy and joyful Thanksgiving this year.
 Take time to share the joy of Christ with others.

Blessings to you all.

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Because of Covid-19, the RRVBA 128th Annual Meeting scheduled for October 20 was cancelled. At this meeting the 2021 budget, the report from the Nominating Committee, and the Time, Place & Preacher for the 2021 meeting would have been voted on by the elected messengers from each RRVBA church. To deal with these unusual circumstances the Executive Officers are working on procedures to ensure that the necessary information goes out to the churches so that a vote may be taken on these items, and we can take care of business as we go into 2021. Hopefully, we will be able to hold the Annual Meeting next year with everyone in attendance!

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, November 5 @ 11:30 am

We will provide *taco soup, drinks, and a devotional.*
 Please bring cornbread, crackers, or dessert.



Also, bring some ideas for our Christmas Party on Dec. 3!



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORPS-PARIS

invites all area women to a series of FREE workshops!

#1 - WOMEN ARE MEAN

featuring Tracy Lynn Dougherty, motivational speaker & life coach

Sunday, November 15, 3:30 pm

Immanuel Baptist Church

1771 Bonham Street, Paris

Call Donna Kennemer, CWJC Site Director, at 903-517-6089 for more information

Lamar Point Baptist Church *Fall Festival*

Saturday, October 31 from
 2:00—6:00 pm @ 4780 FM 1499
 (Caviness/Emberson VFD building)

There will be games & prizes, candy, hotdogs, corndogs, & lots of fun!

This event is free but donations are gladly accepted!
 Call Paige at 903-495-2887 for more information.

