

WMU News

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RRVBA/BSM Donations August 23-September 20	2016 To Date	
ATLAS	0	0
BAGWELL	50.00	450.00
BETHEL	109.24	842.58
BOUNDS	132.60	1,793.98
BROOKSTON	0	0
CHICOTA	131.74	1,287.57
CHISUM TRAIL	100.00	800.00
COLLEGE AVE.	0	0
CUNNINGHAM	0	720.00
DIRECT	213.00	2,160.37
DOUBLE R	0	680.00
EAST DELTA	520.20	4,972.99
EAST PARIS	541.67	4,875.03
EMBERSON	80.00	720.00
FAITH	1,013.00	2,236.00
FBC ANNONA	86.69	795.25
FBC BLOSSOM	0	1,600.00
FBC BOGATA	1,079.99	9,316.18
FBC CLARKSVILLE	100.00	900.00
FBC COOPER	225.37	1,759.74
FBC DEPORT	0	0
FBC DETROIT	35.71	314.28
FBC PARIS	936.26	10,415.86
FBC ROXTON	0	0
FRIENDSHIP	0	874.00
FULBRIGHT	0	0
GLORY	0	598.00
GRAHAM ST.	0	0
HIS PLACE	0	1,000.00
HOWLAND	78.00	695.01
IMMANUEL/WMU	546.62	7,369.80
LAKEWAY	0	0
LAMAR POINT	0	1,125.00
LANE'S CHAPEL	0	0
LEESVILLE	0	6,518.15
MAXEY	150.00	1,200.00
MT. OLIVE	229.00	2,197.00
NOVICE	485.00	3,929.70
PACIO	143.12	1,033.20
PATTONVILLE	0	0
PETTY	0	720.36
POWDERLY	0	2,100.00
PROVIDENCE	163.99	1,450.65
SALEM	300.00	2,700.00
SOUTHSIDE	687.14	5,354.31
SPRINGLAKE	317.33	2,923.72
TRINITY	0	0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0	0
TOTAL	8,455.67	88,528.73

RISE & BUILD FUND:
\$97,463.96

“By all means.” In a church plant in New York City, they are trying to find fresh and creative ways to reach their very diverse community. This is good. We can change the methods but the message remains the same!

Oh my, we have so much positive working in Association WMU! I am so thankful for all the participation from those serving the Lord through His organization.

We had over 150 attend the Ladies' Retreat on Saturday the 10th. Everyone who attended was blessed in different ways by something that was planned. We are looking forward to seeing what God has planned for the retreat in 2017!

You took my challenge in collecting beans and rice for the ministry in New Mexico. Last year our total was 869 pounds. This year Doug Shelley, Mission Service Corp volunteer with the Native American Partnership Missions, came to pick up the 1,044 pounds that 13 churches brought to the Association office. His pick-up bed was FULL. Thank you!

The next event WMU has planned for you is an opportunity to attend the World Day of Prayer on November 7, 2016, at Springlake Baptist Church. We will start at 6:30 PM. Both men and women are encouraged to attend. This is the day before election, and I think we would all agree we need to be much in prayer for the outcome and our next president.

The Association WMU Leadership Team will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 8, 2016, at the office. Remember we are serving lunch.

It is such fun serving My Lord through this association. I certainly could not accomplish anything without the wonderful assistance I have! Thanks to all who participate!

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

October=Fall=cooler weather, some rain, and gorgeous leaves changing colors— Praise God! We are also praising HIM for a glorious 12th year of Sr. Adults VBS, *Submerged-Finding Truth Below the Surface—Jesus Sees, Knows, & Saves* (Psalms 139:23-24). Novice BC set the bar really high for this year being their first time to attend and host with new Pastor, wife, and 117 attending from 18 churches, and \$356.11 offering. Springlake BC: 138 from 18 churches and \$509.88. Immanuel BC: 150 from 21 churches and \$371.54 + \$10 check addressed to S. Dakota Missions. Southside BC: 120 from 24 churches and \$366.60. Paris FBC: 124 from 23 churches and \$410. Total offering to S. Dakota Missions Trip: \$2,014.13 + \$10 check. Hallelujah! We love honoring our Flags, Bible, Missionaries, Pastors, Veterans, 1st Timers, and residents from nursing homes, etc.

Our Red River Valley Old-Fashioned Hymn Singers sang with everyone in each VBS congregation rather than in the choir lofts, making a much larger choir directed by Fred Fangio and pianist Betty Scaff. We all enjoyed it so much, we'll probably do that again! We always welcome new singers, so put on your calendar the 2nd Thursday of each month. On Oct. 13 we'll rehearse at Springlake BC at 9:30 am then go sing at Stillhouse & Brentwood Nursing Homes.

2017 VBS, our not “lucky” but “Blessed” 13th year, sounds out of this world: *Galactic Starveyors—Searching the Visible, Discovering the Invisible* (Col. 1:15-16). Bogata FBC will host us on July 31, and August 28th will be at Paris FBC. Because Bounds BC is a small church family, they will assist Chicota BC on August 7th. If your church family is smaller and would like to do the same, let me know ASAP. We have August 14 and 21 available for YOU!

“Seasoned” Saints, PRAY for our beloved USA and the Peace of Jerusalem, and Keep Looking Up!
JESUS, THE PRINCE OF PEACE, IS COMING BACK SOON— Be Ready!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, Sept. 25– Wednesday, Sept. 28: WAKE THE WALKING DEAD College Revival, Speaker: *Don Dowdy*
Music: *Eat Sleep Breathe*, other Guest Speakers, Paris Jr. High, 7:00 pm
- Sunday, Oct. 2: National Life Chain, Register @ 1:30, Ramseur BC, Chain scheduled from 2:00 pm until 3:30 pm
- Sunday, Oct. 2-Wednesday, Oct. 5: REVIVAL at Emberson Baptist Church with Mike Fortenberry
- Sunday, Oct. 2-Wednesday, Oct. 5: REVIVAL at FBC Blossom with Randy & Debbie Fair
- Sunday, Oct. 2-Wednesday, Oct. 5: REVIVAL at Chicota Baptist Church with various speakers
- Tuesday, Oct. 4: Mission Team Meeting, Noon, RRVBA
- Thursday, Oct. 6: Secretaries/Support Staff Lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA
- Saturday, Oct. 8: WMU Leadership Team Meeting and Lunch, 11:00 pm, RRVBA
- Tuesday, Oct. 11: Finance Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, RRVBA
- Thursday, Oct. 13: Paris Pregnancy Care Center Banquet, Love Civic Center Call (903) 784-1555 for more information.
- Tuesday, Oct. 18: ANNUAL MEETING, Booths open at 4:00 pm, Meal at 5:00 pm, Meeting at 6:00 pm, FBC Paris
- Sunday, Oct. 30: Fifth Sunday
- Monday, Oct. 31: Halloween
- Thursday, Nov. 3: Secretaries/Support Staff Lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA
- Monday, Nov. 7: World Day of Prayer, 6:30 pm, Springlake
- Tuesday, Nov. 8: ELECTION DAY *Don't forget to vote!!*

NEWS FROM THE BSM. . .

Dear Family,

First of all I would really like to say thank you again to everyone who has been praying for my family's health over the last couple of years. I'd like to give you an update and let you know how things are going. After two years of working hard on being healthy my wife and 2 of my children in particular (we have all had our battles but the three of them have had the worst symptoms) have continued to battle with certain issues. Our family completely changed our diet and lifestyle in order to heal but there was still something holding us back. We decided to have our home tested for toxic mold. You can imagine our disappointment when the test results came back positive, but there was also great relief in knowing that this could be the final hurdle (and boy is it a big one)! We have moved out of our home and essentially left everything behind. Crystal's mom and step dad have been kind enough to allow my large family to invade their tiny space. We have just started the process of talking with insurance and finding out how to remediate the mold and what to do with our stuff as most of it will not be usable by my family due to the susceptibility of getting sick from any residual mold that might not be removable. God has given us peace and reminded us that stuff is just stuff. We have been out of our house for nearly a month now and it is incredibly encouraging to see my kids feeling better, behaving better and symptoms of illness slowly dissipating. We know God is our provider and more than anything are looking forward to being 100% healthy again. Thank you for your continued prayers as we continue our journey.

Many of you know that the gentleman who owns the old movie theatre across from PJC has offered to donate that building to us. His heart's desire is to see us do ministry from there. Please be in prayer for the donor that God would remove all the obstacles from his path in order to be able to present that to the association. The new building would open up so many doors of ministry opportunity for both the BSM and the Association. God is good and his timing is always perfect.

Our school year has started and in the midst of Satan trying to be a distraction, God is going to do something big. There have been so many challenges to start this school year, but I know it's because we are working to fulfill God's will. Our Collegiate Conclave of “Wake the Walking Dead” begins Sunday Sept 25 and runs through Wed. The 28th. We are working toward getting as many college students there as possible as well as upperclassmen from the local high schools. Prayer warriors and qualified counselors are welcomed and encouraged to be there. It will be at the Paris Jr. High Auditorium starting at 7pm.

“And Jesus answered them, ‘Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” Mark 11:22-24 ESV. May God help us through prayer and faith overcome all our hurdles!

Living God, Loving Life, Scott Powell 903-246-1364

Secretaries & Support Staff Lunch

Thursday, October 6, 11:30am —1:00pm
Bring cornbread, crackers, and desserts —
drinks AND SOUP are provided.

COME TO REVIVAL: October 2-5!

EMBERSON BAPTIST CHURCH
with Mike Fortenberry and the Michael Family
Sunday at 6:00 pm;
Mon-Wed at 7:00 pm; meal on Wed at 5:30 pm

FBC BLOSSOM
with Randy & Debbie Fair
Sunday at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm
Mon-Wed at 7:00 pm

CHICOTA BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm: Duane Falk
Monday, 7:00 pm: Gary Everett
Tuesday, 7:00 pm: Marion Coon
Wednesday, 7:00 pm: Mike Adams

FALL FESTIVAL AT BOUNDS BC
for Children AND Adults
Saturday, October 15, 11:00 am until ???
Food, games, bounce house, and
lots of fun!!

Red River Valley Baptist Association

Regular Office Hours:
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Birthdays and Anniversaries

October Birthdays

1st	Mike Redus, pastor	Salem
2nd	Jan Barnes, spouse	Providence
4th	Misti Clark, spouse	Maxey
6th	Nancy Redus, admin. asst.	RRVBA
6th	Rene Moore, spouse	Immanuel
7th	Heather Law, spouse	FBC Paris
12th	Debbie Janeway, secretary	Leesville
13th	Jimmie Woodard, pastor	FBC Annona
16th	Rachel Young, spouse	East Paris
17th	Carla Spann, spouse	Southside
18th	Deborah Bolton, spouse	FBC Cooper
20th	Johnny Wright, spouse	FBC Paris
25th	Karen Julian, spouse	East Paris
28th	Mark Gossett, pastor	FBC Clarksville
28th	Jim Semple, music	Howland
29th	Brent Bolton, education	FBC Cooper

October Wedding Anniversaries

11th	Mike & Nancy Redus, 47 yrs	Salem
11th	Gary & Sharon Lynch, 29 yrs	FBC Clarksville
17th	Gary & Cheryl Reed, 35 yrs	Emberson
23rd	Brad & Marsha Crosswhite, 17 yrs	Lamar Point

October Church Anniversaries

1st	Gail Smith, secretary, 9 yrs	Brookston
11th	Jody VanDeaver, pastor, 7 yrs	Bethel
14th	Charles Ralson, music, 9 yrs	FBC Blossom
21st	Mike Redus, pastor, 4 yrs	Salem

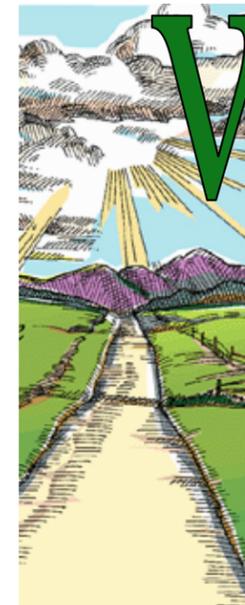
UNBORN LIVES MATTER

What will YOU do to stop abortion?

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

October 2 is the 29th annual National Life Chain Sunday, and it's expected that more than a million people will take part in this peaceful pro-life street witness in more than 230 cities across Canada and 1,600 cities across the United States.

You can take a stand right here in Paris! Registration is at 1:30 pm at Ramseur Baptist Church. The chain begins at 2:00 pm and goes until 3:30 pm. Call Jim Norris at 903-966-2817 or 469-231-1688 for more information.



Voice of the Valley

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The dream of every pastor and the vision of every church should be to have every member actively involved in attendance and ministry. Ephesians 2:10 lets us know God created us for service within the church and ministry to the world. As Christ's ambassadors we have been entrusted with the blessing of representing His Kingdom. Kingdom work is for every believer. There is no small and insignificant job or ministry, only Kingdom business. Kingdom business is done by all ages, sizes, colors, etc.

I believe our pastors and church leaders sin if we do not challenge all of our people to become involved in ministry and missions, meeting needs at home and abroad! I believe the Holy Spirit empowers and uses us in the church to develop the spiritual potential of God's people and God's church. Jeremiah 1:5 reveals Jeremiah's call to the ministry of a prophet. I wonder what would have happened if someone had given Jeremiah the impression he could "opt out" of ministry. If they had, we might not have had the ministry and writing of the "weeping prophet." I wonder if someone has given the impression to our association churches that they can "opt out" of association life, ministry and financial commitment, and the work that we can do together would not be hindered thinking we can do more by ourselves! Just food for thought!

Our Annual Meeting 2016 is only a few weeks away. I look forward to our churches and ministry/mission representatives coming together to fellowship, sing praises, hear the preaching of God's Word and the reports of the various ministries and agencies. This year's meeting will be held at First Baptist Church, Paris. The date of the meeting is Tuesday, October 18, and the annual sermon will be delivered by Dr. Tommy Turner. I so appreciate all the hard work so many put in to each annual meeting. Thank you to our staff, the host church, the worship leaders, and ministry partners for all the hours they spend making the annual fellowship a success.

I want to encourage every association church to turn in your annual report to Nancy at the Association office no later than October 10. I also want to say how important it is for every church to have their full slate of messengers in attendance. Pastor, churches, this is God's association, but it is also yours! It will only be as effective and strong as it's members participation. I plan to be there for the booths, the meal, the worship, and the business...what about you?

Bro. Mike Fortenberry, DOM

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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RRVBA 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 18, FBC Paris

Booths open at 5:00 pm

Meal served at 6:00 pm

Meeting begins at 6:45 pm

Churches: Remember to elect your messengers prior to Annual Meeting, and please make sure the Association office has their names by OCTOBER 10!