

RRVBA/BSM Donations August 22-September 25	Year to Date
ATLAS	0 600.00
BAGWELL	50.00 450.00
BETHEL	104.20 995.24
BOUNDS	188.55 1,811.95
BROOKSTON	0 0
CHICOTA	125.64 1,174.41
CHISUM TRAILS	100.00 800.00
COLLEGE AVE.	0 0
CUNNINGHAM	0 900.00
DIRECT	0 1,743.55
DOUBLE R	0 0
EAST DELTA	358.99 4,552.09
EAST PARIS	0 2,666.68
EMBERSON	0 160.00
FAITH	167.00 1,848.57
FBC ANNONA	92.43 946.15
FBC BLOSSOM	200.00 1,200.00
FBC BOGATA	1,103.84 10,066.77
FBC CLARKSVILLE	100.00 900.00
FBC COOPER	100.00 1,017.83
FBC DEPORT	0 0
FBC DETROIT	41.07 294.04
FBC PARIS	795.30 9,791.95
FBC ROXTON	0 0
FRIENDSHIP	70.00 1,222.00
FULBRIGHT	0 0
GLORY	0 439.45
GRAHAM ST.	0 0
HIS PLACE	0 3,000.00
HOWLAND	56.58 701.61
IMMANUEL/WMU	0 11,465.28
LAKEWAY	0 0
LAMAR POINT	0 1,192.00
LANE'S CHAPEL	0 0
LEESVILLE	398.00 5,298.00
MAXEY	150.00 1,200.00
MT. OLIVE	258.00 2,140.00
NOVICE	500.00 4,341.91
PACIO	145.71 1,513.60
PATTONVILLE	0 240.00
PETTY	0 1,326.80
POWDERLY	300.00 2,700.00
PROVIDENCE	112.69 1,347.59
SALEM	300.00 2,700.00
SOUTHSIDE	676.86 4,865.65
SPRINGLAKE	323.61 3,431.40
TRINITY	0 0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0 0
TOTAL	6,818.47 91,174.52

RISE & BUILD FUND:
\$105,953.77

'By all means' we should follow Peter's example. As long as he kept his focus on the face of Christ, he did the unheard of. Yet, when he took his eyes off Him, he sank like a rock. If you are sinking, could it be you are looking in the wrong direction?

The Association WMU Leadership Team will be meeting in the Association office on Saturday, October 14, at 10 AM. If you are the woman's leader in your church, or you are just interested, please come join us. As I've said, it is my desire to have representation from every church in our Association! Feel free to call me or the office for more details.

I urge you to attend the Association Missions Conference beginning Sunday night, November 5 and continuing through Wednesday, November 8, 2017. Your church will receive more information and I'll have details in the next *Voice of the Valley*.

Operation Christmas Child collection at the Relay site at First Baptist Church in Bogata will be November 13th through Monday the 19th. The Deatons will be waiting to receive your boxes and pray with you Monday through Saturday 10 AM till 4 PM. Sunday 2:00 – 4:00 PM and Monday morning 8-Noon only.

Save the date for the children in your church: Saturday, March 3, 2017. CIA Day is being planned!

The Ladies Retreat was great! We had about 265 people in attendance. They brought 177 gently used coats and 61 new blankets to be shared with the Native Americans in New Mexico who Doug Shelley works with. Mr. and Mrs. Shelley came to the retreat to share about their work and to pick up the items. Mr. Shelley also picked up the beans and rice that had been collected this summer. You brought 869 pounds of rice and 967 pounds of beans for a total of 1,836 pounds. There will be food on tables this winter that might not have been if you had not brought! Thanks for your generosity.

Plans are already under way for the next retreat to be on September 8, 2018, at the Love Civic Center. Mark your calendar!

Come be a part of God's work in Association WMU.

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


October - FALL - where has the year gone? The horrendous floods in South Texas, Florida and so much more, the devastating wildfires in the West and Northwest have surely helped us develop a deeper prayer life for all of those affected all over the world! Do you think God might be using these phenomenons, as some have called them, to get our attention to look UP to Him and be saved or get serious about how we His children need to be telling our neighbors and the world about JESUS, Who can give or take away in an instant? Do they see that we LOVE each other and them, too?

I hope that our Host Churches for SA-VBS have already shown their DVD "In Our Hands - The Battle for Jerusalem" the Six-Day War, and invited neighbors and other churches to view it with them more than once even. What a great testimony of God working with His Chosen People then and while people's hearts are more tender during these days of turmoil.

Senior Adults VBS 2018 theme is "Game On!" July 30 and August 6 are yet to be filled, but Host Church for Aug. 13 is Springlake BC, Aug. 20 is East Paris BC, and Aug. 27 is Paris FBC. Our 14th year will be another great one! Have you seen any of our "Special Surprise Guests" since SA-VBS - "Rappin' Bro. Billy", "Elvis", "Willie", "Bubba", or "Joke Tellin' Bro. James"? If you do, give 'em a High 5, and a Big ol' "HEY" from us all! We were also blessed by Trent Rose's Senior Choir of 7 Ladies "Serving Our Savior" from FBC Durant, OK.

The Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers will rehearse on Oct. 12 at 9:30 AM at Springlake BC, and go sing at Heritage and Legend Assisted Living Homes. Come sing with us and be a Blessing to others.

PRAY for the Peace of Jerusalem & Keep Looking UP - JESUS THE PRINCE OF PEACE IS COMING BACK SOON - ARE YOU READY?



WMU QUARTERLY MISSIONS PROJECT: *Operation Christmas Child*
Start collecting items for your OCC shoebox! Go to samaritanspurse.org for a list of suggested items and hints on how to pack your box. Collection at the Relay site at First Baptist Church in Bogata will be November 13th through Monday the 19th. They will be waiting to receive your boxes and pray with you Monday through Saturday 10 AM till 4 PM. Sunday 2:00 – 4:00 PM and Monday morning 8-Noon only. Help change a child's life!

SAVE THE DATE!

The 16th Annual Paris Pregnancy Care Center Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 19 at Love Civic Center. Special Guest Speaker is Lisa Robertson of Duck Dynasty. Music provided by Dustin May and Ashley Hilliard. For ticket information call PPCC at 903-784-1555.

LIFE CHAIN—Sunday, October 1
This is a peaceful, prayerful, silent, non-confrontational public witness to Paris on where we stand in regard to abortion. Event starts at 2:00 pm and finishes at 3:30 pm. Parking and check in at First Assembly of God (3475 Lamar Avenue). Chain will form on Lamar just west of Loop 286. Who will take a stand and not be ashamed to be a champion for these babies?

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

- October 1: Life Chain—public witness against abortion
- October 1: Revival @ Emberson with Brad Michael speaking and music by the Michael Family
- October 4-29: Judgement House @ Bethel Baptist Church every Wednesday & Sunday thru Oct.
- October 5: Secretaries/Support Staff lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA
- October 14: WMU Leadership Team meeting, 10:00 am, RRVBA
- October 17: 125th RRVBA ANNUAL MEETING, Immanuel BC, Booths Open: 5:00—6:45 pm; Meal: 5:30 pm; Worship/Meeting: 6:45 pm
- October 19: Paris Pregnancy Care Center 16th Annual Banquet with Lisa Robertson from Duck Dynasty, Love Civic Center

PLEASE PRAY FOR...


RRVBA Personnel Committee as they pray to choose the right person to fill the BSM Director position

Our associational churches without pastors: FBC Deport, FBC Bogata, Providence

Your Association as we begin renovating the BSM house and the RRVBA office

Hurricane victims and ongoing relief efforts by local churches, Texas Baptist Men, and others

Our country, the President, Congress and other leadership that they might work together for the good of the nation (II Chronicles 7:14)



JUDGEMENT HOUSE at Bethel Baptist Church is a walk through drama that presents the truth of peoples' choices vs. the consequences of those decisions both in this life and the next. It is designed for everyone 10 and up.

Appointments are available starting Wed., Oct 4 at 6:00 pm and continuing every Wed & Sunday (4:00 pm) through October. This is a free event.

Contact Jody VanDeaver at 903-272-5145 or by email at jvandeaver@hotmail.com to schedule your tour or [facebook.com/bethelbaptistclardy](https://www.facebook.com/bethelbaptistclardy) and click on Book Now.

SECRETARIES/SUPPORT STAFF LUNCH
Thursday, October 5, 11:30 am
Bring your lunch & we'll provide drinks and a devotional. This is for ALL secretaries and support staff, paid or volunteer!

RRVBA CHURCHES: Please remember to get your Annual Church Profile (ACP) and the Church Directory update information to the RRVBA office **NO LATER THAN Monday, October 9.** Much of this information is used in preparation for our Annual Meeting which is on Tuesday, October 17 at Immanuel Baptist Church. **ALSO: Don't forget to elect your messengers!**

WMU LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING
Saturday, October 14
10:00 am, RRVBA
Lunch will be provided, so please RSVP to Alice Ann White at 903-715-6355
All Women's Ministry/WMU directors are invited to attend!

MISSIONS CONFERENCE: November 5-8
Mark your calendar and make plans to attend and hear foreign, home, and local missionaries share their testimonies. More information in next month's *Voice of the Valley!*

Red River Valley Baptist Association

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

October Birthdays

1st	Mike Redus, pastor	Salem
2nd	Jan Barnes, spouse	Providence
2nd	Julie Perkins, spouse	Bounds
2nd	Justin King, youth	East Paris
4th	Misti Clark, spouse	Maxey
6th	Nancy Redus, admin asst	RRVBA
6th	Rene Moore, spouse	Immanuel
12th	Debbie Janeway, secretary	Leesville
12th	Kris Bell, spouse	Fulbright
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
29th	Charles Beville, spouse	RRVBA

October Wedding Anniversaries

11th	Mike & Nancy Redus, 48 yrs	Salem
11th	Gary & Sharon Lynch, 30 yrs	FBC Clarksville
17th	Gary & Cheryl Reed, 36 yrs	Emberson
23rd	Brad & Marsha Crosswhite, 18 yrs	Lamar Point

October Church Anniversaries

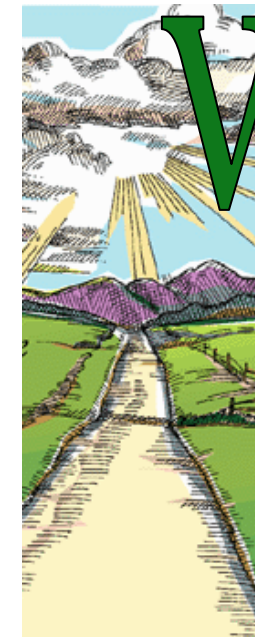
1st	Gale Smith, secretary, 10 yrs	Brookston
1st	Skip Perkins, pastor, 1 yr	Bounds
1st	Jody VanDeaver, pastor, 8 yrs	Bethel
1st	Lori Russell, secretary, 1 yr	Immanuel
1st	Charles Ralson, music, 10 yrs	FBC Blossom
21st	Mike Redus, pastor, 5 yrs	Salem

REVIVAL

Emberson Baptist Church: Brad Michael will be the Revival Speaker and music will be provided by the Michael Family. Services begin on Sunday, **October 1** at 6:00 pm and continue Monday thru Wednesday (Oct. 2-4) at 7:00 pm.

HELP WANTED!

Hwy 82 Baptist Church needs a Piano Player. Call Jerry Clements at 903-249-0037.
SPRINGLAKE BAPTIST CHURCH is looking for a Nursery Worker. Call the church at 903-785-1859.
IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH needs Nursery Workers. Call Shauna Mercaldo at 713-377-2889.



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125th Annual Meeting
Tuesday, October 17
Immanuel Baptist Church

Booths: 5:00-6:45 pm

Meal: 5:30 pm

Worship Service / Meeting: 6:45 pm

Gathering Together Again!

I am excited about our upcoming Annual Meeting at Immanuel Baptist Church in Paris. The annual meeting is Tuesday night October 17th. Thank you to all who work so hard to make the annual meeting a great event and time of celebration. A special thank you to Nancy Redus and those who help her gather, print and put together our annual Book of Reports, church letters information, proposed budget report and the recommendation from our Nomination and other committees. Also, a special thank you to Immanuel, the church staff, worship leaders, and volunteers who work many hours to help the meeting to be successful fellowship.

We will hear a variety of reports, share testimonies of what God is doing, worship the Lord through message and music, enjoy fellowship with our old friends and make new friends as we break bread together. There are a good number of our Baptist schools and entities who plan to attend and have a booth. Our Mission Committee will give an important report concerning our upcoming Association Missions Conference, November 5 - 8th, 2017. The Personnel Committee also hopes to have a BSM Director nomination to bring to the messengers.

In other news the Executive Board voted unanimously to move forward with the renovation and update of our present Association Office and BSM facilities and grounds. Discussions are underway to get the work done as soon as possible.

I pray every church pastor and all church messengers will make attending this year's annual meeting a priority. Tuesday, October 17th the booths will be open at 5:00 p.m. The meal will be served from 5:30 -6:30 and the annual meeting will begin at 6:45.

God's Best,
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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