

RRVBA/BSM Donations August 28-September 24	Year To Date
ATLAS	0 0
BAGWELL	50.00 450.00
BETHEL	147.28 1,121.72
BOUNDS	183.10 1,914.15
BROOKSTON	0 0
CHICOTA	145.18 1,345.29
CHISUM TRAILS	100.00 900.00
CUNNINGHAM	810.00 1,350.00
DIRECT	0 2,019.23
DOUBLE R	272.96 1,460.53
EAST DELTA	420.54 5,959.20
EAST PARIS	208.33 1,874.97
EMBERSON	0 0
FAITH	0 1,154.00
FBC ANNONA	50.00 500.00
FBC BLOSSOM	200.00 1,600.00
FBC BOGATA	1,047.82 9,806.24
FBC CLARKSVILLE	100.00 900.00
FBC COOPER	330.71 3,232.33
FBC DEPORT	0 0
FBC DETROIT	25.18 487.16
FBC PARIS	914.23 9,743.50
FBC ROXTON	0 0
FRIENDSHIP	100.00 1,414.00
FULBRIGHT	0 0
GLORY	0 0
GRAHAM ST.	0 0
HIS PLACE	0 4,000.00
HOWLAND	80.70 695.52
IMMANUEL/WMU	75.00 10,225.00
LAMAR POINT	0 1,100.00
LEESVILLE	375.09 4,665.59
MAXEY	150.00 1,350.00
MT. OLIVE	196.00 3,795.92
NOVICE	449.00 4,931.00
PACIO	138.18 1,466.06
PATTONVILLE	0 0
PETTY	0 200.00
POWDERLY	300.00 2,700.00
PROVIDENCE	102.11 926.41
SALEM	300.00 2,700.00
SOUTHSIDE	646.77 6,262.39
SPRINGLAKE	345.12 3,822.13
TRINITY	0 0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0 0
TOTAL	8,263.30 96,072.34

**RISE & BUILD FUND:
\$35,037.00**

“Unshakable Pursuit” “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) This scripture verse is so true (just like all the Bible). We need to stand firm and keep working for our Savior until He comes and gets us!

The **Ladies Retreat** was a huge success. There were over 200 there, from 26 RRVBA churches, to celebrate Joy in our lives. Just some of the objects brought for the Native Americans in New Mexico were: 176 Stuffed Animals; 73 sweat garments; 14 children's coats, 58 adult coats, and several miscellaneous items. Also money was given to Doug Shelley, Mission Service Corp volunteer that came to collect the things.

Mr. Shelley also picked up the 1,006 pounds of beans (and a little rice) that were brought. Thanks for participating in this project. There will be food on tables that might not have been, if you had not brought!

The next **Outreach project** is Operation Christmas Child. I hope your church is making preparation to pack shoe boxes for this endeavor. First Baptist Church Bogata will be a Central Drop off Center again this year.

The **Association WMU Leadership Team** will meet Saturday, October 6, 2018, at the association office at 10:00 for annual planning. Lunch will be served. I encourage each church to have a lady to come and join us. This way your church will not miss out on being a part of God's wonderful work.

World Day of Prayer is being planned for Monday November 5, 2018, at Springlake Baptist Church at 6:30 PM. We will join people around the world in prayer for needs.

Thanks to everyone involved in RRVBA WMU! God is working.

BSM LUNCH: Oct. 1-FBC Bogata; Oct. 8-Salem; Oct. 15-Chicota; Oct. 22-Leesville; Oct. 29-FBC Paris

JOY ON THE JOURNEY with 'SEASONED SAINTS' by Gloria Parker, Senior Adult Director

OCTOBER - Beautiful colors, smells and coolness of FALL - THANK YOU, LORD for giving us changing Seasons every year! And TIME is part of these changes with darkness earlier. So, IMMEDIATELY "Friday Night Out at Denny's 6-8 pm" will just back up 1 hour to **5-7 pm** until Daylight returns longer in March, 2019. We've enjoyed eating together and "doing whatever" so much, we don't want it to end! Come see how good it is to NOT be home alone on Friday nights.

We've prayed a long time about having a SENIOR ADULTS REVIVAL and God answered: Oct. 22-24 (**Monday - Wednesday**) at **10 am** with Dr. Rod Masteller preaching, Wade White leading music, and RRVOF Hymn Singers will be the Choir. Pray and invite lost family and friends NOW and bring them! Services set for **His Place**.

Tuesday, Oct. 30th Lake Lavon Camp at Princeton, TX is having "50+ Day of Celebration" 9:30 am to 3:30 pm with Great Worship, Singing, Entertainment, All You Can Eat BBQ Lunch, Tours of the Camp all for ONLY \$10. IF you can't pay that, just let me know and our Budget will cover it for you. Bro. Mike Fortenberry is working on getting transportation for all who sign up, so call RRVBA office 903-785-2890 or me 903-737-0650 as soon as you can.

Thursday, Oct. 11th at 6:30 pm Steve Arterburn will be Guest Speaker for Paris Pregnancy Care Center at Love Civic Center. He is a wonderful speaker, and I'm looking forward to hearing him in person instead of on TV or radio. His testimony will bless you, so call PPCC to reserve your seat and be blessed!

If YOU play an instrument like ukulele, guitar, banjo, harmonica, accordion, or another and would like to "Strike Up the Band," please call me about beginning a group. We have lots of talented Senior Adults.

SA-VBS 2019 still has open 4th week Aug. 19 with July 29 @ FBC Bogata, Aug. 5 @ Southside, Aug. 12 @ Immanuel, and Aug. 26 @ Paris FBC.

KEEP LOOKING UP - JESUS IS COMING BACK SOON - ARE YOU READY?

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Sept. 28-30: Celebration of 150th Anniversary, Providence Baptist Church
- Sept. 30: Celebration of 140th Anniversary, Mt. Olive Baptist Church
- Oct. 4: Secretaries/Support Staff lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA
- Oct. 6: Women's Retreat, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, Direct
- Oct. 6: WMU Leadership Team, 10:00 am, RRVBA
- Oct. 7-10: Revival with Dr. Tom Eliff, Leesville
- Oct. 7-10: Revival with Larry Maynard & Ron Barter on Sunday, various speakers and singers Mon-Wed, Chicota
- Oct. 8: Pastor's Lunch with Dr. Tom Eliff, Leesville
- Oct. 11: Paris Pregnancy Care Center Annual Banquet, Love Civic Center
- Oct. 14-17: Revival with Paul & Vanessa Cherry, Springlake
- Oct. 15: Pastor's Lunch with Paul Cherry speaking on REAP Revivals, Noon, Magel's
- Oct. 16: RRVBA Annual Meeting, 5:00 pm, FBC Cooper
- Oct. 21: Homecoming—130 Years, Pacio
- Oct. 22-24: Associational Senior Adult Revival with Dr. Rod Masteller and Wade White, **10:00 am**, His Place
- Oct. 27: Fall Festival, Salem, 5:00 pm

Celebrate 140 Years with Mt. Olive Baptist Church!

Special service and music will be followed by a Fellowship meal on **Sunday, September 30.** Call 903-785-7953 for more information.



Join with *Providence Baptist Church* as they celebrate their *150th Anniversary* on September 28-30, 2018. Services will be held at 7:00 pm on Friday, Sept. 28 and Saturday, Sept. 29 with a dessert fellowship following each service. Sunday morning service is at 11:00 am with a dinner following. **Please RSVP for Sunday dinner at 903-785-4780.**

Come to Salem Baptist Church in Boxelder on Saturday, October 27 for a Fall Festival starting at 5:00 pm. There will be games and treats for the kids (wear your costume!) and a hot dog, chili, soup & cornbread supper for all. Call Jan Cornell at 903-715-1981 for more information.



BSM NEWS ...

It's October and the school year is well underway. The BSM has had many encouraging things happen over the last month. For our first Monday lunch we were able to go on campus and hand out sack lunches to the students. We handed out 225 lunches that day and got to meet many students. We have seen our Monday night discipleship group grow from 1 student to 7 students in just a few short weeks. We are planning several outreach activities over the month of October to engage the campus dorm students as well as the international students. Please pray for us as we seek to introduce the love of Jesus to this generation. I read an article this week that addressed several keys to reaching college students. I thought I would share some of them to exhort our Association churches to seek to reach this generation of young people.


1. **Whatever you do, don't shy away from depth.** Students are not dumb; nor are the college professors filling their minds five days a week. These students are being challenged with deep questions, and simplistic answers not only fail to persuade them, but actually make them more skeptical of Christianity. So take them deep, and do it often.

2. **Preach the gospel.** The beauty of the gospel, as well as its outrageous claims, intrigues most students. It engages both believer and unbeliever. It exposes the root idolatry that drives our behavior and reveals God's radical agenda for the world that calls for a dramatic response. The gospel "secret" is that everything we want to see in students, things like "radical generosity" and "audacious faith," are produced not by telling them what they must do for God, but by exalting in what God has done for us.

3. **Love on display is often the most effective apologetic.** Jesus said so himself. We are to love one another. We often think we can convince unbelievers by showing that our smart guys are smarter than their smart guys. True cynics are more often convinced, however, by the beauty of Christ's character in us than by meticulous logic. We see in the bible that "the church found favor with the people" and "the Lord added to their numbers daily" when the church "shared all things in common" and there was "no need among them". Serving is the church's greatest persuasive power.

You can read the entire article at <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/9-keys-to-reaching-college-students/>

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




Secretaries & Support Staff Lunch
Thursday, October 4 @ 11:30
Bring your lunch-drinks provided.
Come and fellowship!

REMINDER: Names of Elected Messengers and other information (new staff, memorials, etc.) for the Annual Meeting **MUST** be in the RRVBA office no later than **Wednesday, Oct. 3!**

PASTORS & CHURCH LEADERS
You have **three** opportunities to meet with outstanding men of God for lunch this month!
Monday, Oct. 8—Free Lunch with Dr. Tom Eliff at Leesville. Call Leesville at 903-674-5782 to RSVP.
Monday, Oct. 15—Free Lunch with Paul Cherry about REAP Revivals, Noon at Magel's. Call RRVBA to sign up at 903-785-2890.
Monday, Oct. 22—Free Lunch for SBTC Pastors with Dr. Rod Masteller, Noon at Magel's. Call Renee Wright at FBC Paris to sign up at 903-785-6431.

let's do lunch



Church Homecoming
Pacio Baptist Church Celebrates 130 years on Sunday, October 21 with a special service and Dinner after the Morning Service.

Red River Valley Baptist Association

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

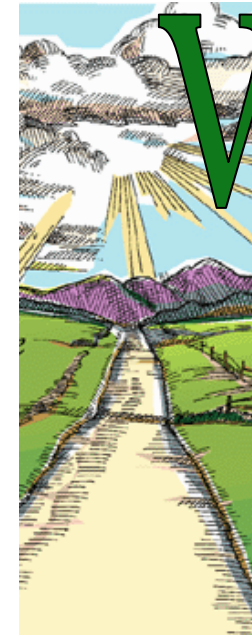
<u>October Birthdays</u>		
1	Mike Redus, pastor	Salem
1	Jana Seaborn, spouse	Leesville
2	Jan Barnes, spouse	Providence
2	Julie Perkins, spouse	Bounds
4	Misti Clark, spouse	Maxey
6	Nancy Redus, admin asst	RRVBA
6	Rene' Moore, spouse	Immanuel
12	Debbie Janeway, secretary	Leesville
12	Kris Bell, spouse	Fulbright
12	David Williams, pastor	Friendship
15	Shelby Kennedy, secretary	Cunningham
17	Carla Spann, spouse	Southside
20	Johnny Wright, spouse	FBC Paris
24	Justin Thompson, youth	His Place
25	Karen Julian, spouse	East Paris
28	Mark Gossett, pastor	FBC Clarksville
28	Jim Semple, music	Howland
29	Brent Bolton, education	FBC Cooper
29	Charles Beville, spouse	RRVBA

<u>October Wedding Anniversaries</u>		
11	Mike & Nancy Redus, 49 yrs	Salem
11	Gary & Sharon Lynch, 31 yrs	FBC Clarksville
17	Gary & Cheryl Reed, 37 yrs	Emberson
23	Brad & Marsha Crosswhite, 19 yrs	Lamar Point

<u>October Church Anniversaries</u>		
1	Gale Smith, secretary, 11 yrs	Brookston
1	Karl Bush, pastor, 11 yr	Bagwell
1	Skip Perkins, pastor, 2 yrs	Bounds
1	Jody VanDeaver, pastor, 9 yrs	Bethel
1	Shane Oats, assoc pastor, 4 yrs	Bethel
1	Melinda Oats, children, 6 yrs	Bethel
1	Kay Kennedy, clerk, 4 yrs	Bethel
11	Lori Russell, secretary, 2 yrs	Immanuel
14	Charles Ralson, music, 11 yrs	FBC Blossom
21	Mike Redus, pastor, 6 yrs	Salem



CHICOTA REVIVAL: Oct. 7th-10th with Larry Maynard & other speakers and singers. Sunday 11am & 6pm; Monday-Wednesday at 7pm
LEESVILLE REVIVAL: Oct. 7th-10th with Dr. Tom Elliff. Sunday 10:45 am followed by Lunch. Services 6:30 pm nightly with 6:00 pm light Supper.
RRVBA SENIOR ADULTS REVIVAL: Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 22nd-24th @ **10:00 am** with Dr. Rod Mosteller, His Place



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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126th Annual Meeting
Tuesday, October 16, 2018
First Baptist Church, Cooper
Meal—5:00 pm
Worship / Meeting—6:45 pm
Booths open—5:00-6:45 pm

Investments and Commitments

We are approaching another election cycle both locally, in our state and in our nation. It normally involves political battles over entitlements for citizens and status for noncitizens. To some degree I think the people in the American church are having a similar debate inside our church walls. Is everyone on earth a citizen of Heaven? No, only the redeemed are citizens of heaven. Does a nonresident have the same standing and privileges as a citizen has? No, we receive many blessings including Christ in us and us in Him, which non-Christians/residents do not have. Does that mean we should not be loving, kind, caring and looking for an opportunity to help others become citizens both nationally and eternally? No, we are to be at peace with all men such as is possible and we are to love others as well as we love ourselves. However, being a citizen is different than being a noncitizen ... both in our standing, privileges and blessings. Please do not miss this ... our citizenship not only comes with many benefits, but it also comes with many responsibilities!

If you are a committed member (citizen) of heaven and your local church then you should joyfully invest yourself in God's work in your Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the world. As citizens we have been given much but we are also GIVE MUCH. Paul says it best in Ephesians 4. "Let us walk worthy of our vocation as born again Christians by producing right attitudes and actions and by doing the good works God has created us to do!"

Please remember our 126th Annual Meeting of the Red River Valley Baptist Association which will take place **Tuesday October 16th, 2018, at First Baptist Church, Cooper.** Our theme verse this year is I Corinthians 3:9 ... "For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building!"

Bro. Mike