


WMU NEWS
by Alice Ann White,
WMU Director, RRVBA



It is finally time for the **Retreat**, and to talk about what a wonderful day we are going to have, September 12, 2020, at Love Civic Center, Paris beginning with registration at 9:30 AM! Let me say first, we have been in touch with the Operations Manager of the Love Civic Center and have been assured that with the size of the center, keeping 6' apart will not be a problem. Sandwich, Etc. is serving lunch in a box, so that should be safe. We encourage you to wear a mask at least when you are up moving around.

"Something Beautiful" is the theme for the day. The worship team is Janna and Susan Toland, returning from last year, by popular demand. We have a lady going to share her testimony and inform us of her experiences telling others about Jesus. Sandra Wakefield will be portraying the life of Rahab. Sandra is a marvelous actor and will have you believing that Rahab is visiting us in person.

To top off the day we will laugh and cry with Tammy Whitehurst. Tammy has spoken at this retreat several times and always is a favorite.

Our outreach project is to bring gently worn or new coats and/or dried **pinto** beans for the Native Americans in New Mexico and Arizona. (We will not turn money down if this is easier for you.) This is a group we minister to every year. There is a great need, more so this year because of how hard the Coronavirus has hit the reservations.

If you have not had an opportunity to register for this Retreat through your local church, you can do so by contacting Nancy at the Association Office at 903.785.2890. The registration fee is still \$10.00 until Monday August 31, 2020. After that it will be \$15.00.

We have several organizations that will be having a booth to let you learn more about them and their ministry. CWJC will have a few World Craft items for sale.

You do not want to miss this wonderful day. Make plans to attend and bring a friend.

For the next two years in WMU our focus will be "RELENTLESS." I will have more to say about this in the coming months.

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


September - Remember when we all went to school the day after Labor Day and ended the last day of May? I never wanted to miss and didn't unless sick; the same with attending everything at our beloved Highland Park B.C.

May I recommend to you one of my most meaningful activities since March 11, 2020: reading ALOUD every night before bed Psalm 91 in The New Living Translation. I marked the date on it as I personalized it. *"Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the LORD: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; He is my God and I trust Him. For He will rescue me from every trap and protect me from deadly disease. He will cover me with His feathers. He will shelter me with His wings. His faithful promises are my armor and protection, Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day. Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at midday. Though a thousand fall at my side, though ten thousand are dying around me, these evils will not touch me. I just open my eyes and see how the wicked are punished. If I make the LORD my refuge, if I make the Most High my shelter, no evil will conquer me, no plague will come near my home. For He will order His Angels to protect me wherever I go. They will hold me up with their hands so I won't even hurt my foot on a stone. I will trample upon lions and cobras; I will crush fierce lions and serpents under my feet! The LORD says, 'I will rescue those who love Me. I will protect those who trust in My Name. When they call on Me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them. I will reward them with a long life and give them My Salvation.' "*


Don't let fear rob you of the Blessings God has planned for your life. May you be as Blessed and have the Peace I have experienced reading this Psalm!

Remember to call some of our beloved Seniors daily since we can't visit them personally. Maybe when the weather cools some, we can sing outside some of their rooms or homes. We look forward to getting together again!

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




Sunday, Aug. 30: 5th Sunday Singing, *East Paris*, 6:00 pm
Monday, August 31: Registration due at RRVBA for Ladies' Retreat
Monday, August 31: Dried beans for Mission Project due to RRVBA
Monday, Sept. 7: RRVBA office closed for LABOR DAY
Tuesday, Sept. 8: Finance Committee meeting (2021 Budget), 5:30 pm, RRVBA
Saturday, Sept. 12: Ladies' Retreat @ Love Civic Center, 9:30 am
Sept. 13-20: Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions (Texas Baptists)
Tuesday, Sept. 15: Executive Board Meeting (voting on Budget only), 6:30 pm, *Direct*
Sept. 20-27: Reach Texas Offering for State Missions (SBTC)



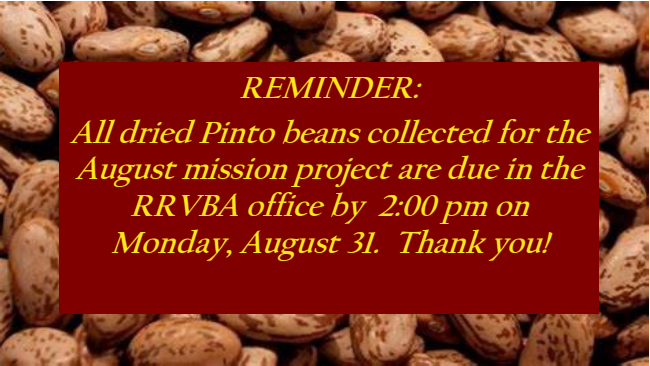
SEPTEMBER 13-20, 2020


MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING



East Paris Baptist Church will host a
5th SUNDAY SINGING
Sunday, August 30, at 6:00 pm.

His Place Fellowship, Direct & Maxey will be there singing. How about you? Let's get together and Praise the Lord!!



REMINDER:
All dried Pinto beans collected for the August mission project are due in the RRVBA office by 2:00 pm on Monday, August 31. Thank you!

Reach Texas
OFFERING
Your SBTC State Missions Offering

SEPTEMBER 20-27, 2020

BSM NEWS...

Hello from the Baptist Student Ministry!

As we continue to navigate these difficult times, I'm sure one thing we've all learned is to be flexible. At the BSM, we are no different. The school start date was moved back again to September 8. So we will begin bible study on that date.

As far as lunches go, I have decided to not do lunches, but instead have pizza every Monday night this semester and move right into Bible study. As of today, I plan to open up at 7pm and go until 9pm every Monday night. If you have already signed up for lunches next semester, would you consider a pizza or cash donation? Any church is welcome to come help serve on any Monday and stay for Bible study.

Here are a few verses to keep on your mind during these times:

*You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock. [Isaiah 26:3-4](#).
Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. [1 Peter 5:6-7](#).
Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved. [Psalm 55:22](#).
Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. [Matthew 11:28](#).*

Pray up! Preach out! Plug in!

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JULY 2020 Donations: \$ 10,939.96 Thank you for your continuing support of RRVBA missions & ministry!!

<i>Bagwell</i>	100.00	<i>FBC Annona</i>	50.00	<i>His Place</i>	2,000.00	<i>Pacio</i>	616.38		
<i>Bounds</i>	92.00	<i>FBC Blossom</i>	200.00	<i>Howland</i>	100.80	<i>Powderly</i>	300.00		
<i>Chicot</i>	134.44	<i>FBC Bogata</i>	902.50	<i>Lamar Point</i>	491.80	<i>Providence</i>	112.17		
<i>Chisum Trail</i>	200.00	<i>FBC Clarksville</i>	100.00	<i>Leesville</i>	145.76	<i>Salem</i>	100.00		
<i>Direct</i>	367.40	<i>FBC Cooper</i>	147.34	<i>Maxey</i>	300.00	<i>Southside</i>	684.26		
<i>East Delta</i>	527.56	<i>FBC Paris</i>	1,168.12	<i>Mt. Olive</i>	531.00	<i>Springlake</i>	614.10		
<i>East Paris</i>	208.33	<i>Friendship</i>	106.00	<i>Novice</i>	640.00				

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 15 @ 6:30 pm
Direct Baptist Church
The only item of business will be to look
over and vote on the budget for 2021.
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Something Beautiful
Ladies' Retreat
September 12, 2020
Love Civic Center
10:00 am
Sponsored by WMMU
Red River Valley
Baptist Association

COST: \$10 **Box Lunch by**
(\$15 after 8/31) **Sandwich, Etc.**

GUESTS: Sandra Wakefield; Safeeya; music by Jenna & Susan Toland; and our favorite comedian Tammy Whitehurst!
MISSION PROJECT: Please bring new or gently worn coats and/or dried Pinto beans for North American Partnership Missions.
 For more information call the Red River Valley Baptist Association at 903-785-2890.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

<u>September Birthdays</u>		
1	Edna Owens, treasurer	Direct
5	Tim Reger, pastor	Mt. Olive
7	Mavis Miller, secretary	Springlake
7	Krystal Mills, spouse	FBC Bogata
9	Danny Moody, pastor	East Paris
11	Sheri Wharton, secretary	Bounds
11	Linda Francis, secretary	Novice
13	Bobby Kennedy, spouse	Cunningham
14	Carol Pearson, spouse	Pacio
19	Johnny Witherspoon, pastor	FBC Cooper
20	Jan Monroe, music	Bounds
21	Charles Ralson, music	FBC Blossom
30	James Norwood, music	Cunningham

<u>September Wedding Anniversaries</u>		
2	Mike & Scherlene Shupp, 18 yrs	FBC Blossom
6	Boyd & Teresa Harmening	Leesville
8	Johnny & Annie Ausburn, 42 yrs	Providence
19	Jerry & Debbie Hindman, 40 yrs	FBC Roxton


<u>September Church Anniversaries</u>		
1	Shauna Mercaldo, children, 6 yrs	Immanuel
1	Tena Segleski, treasurer, 6 yrs	Bounds
1	Brenda Fendley, fin secretary, 2 yrs	Mt. Olive
1	Teresa Harmening, music, 39 yrs	Leesville
1	Paula Hutson, treasurer, 14 yrs	FBC Bogata
3	Dennis Pearson, music, 17 yrs	Pacio
3	Guille Seigler, DOM, 1 yr	RRVBA
6	Danny Moody, pastor, 1 yr	East Paris
19	Karl Bush, pastor, 13 yrs	Bagwell
20	James McLeod, pastor, 15 yrs	Chisum Trail
21	Brent Bolton, education, 17 yrs	FBC Cooper

Happy Anniversary ~
50 years or more!

Byron & Gayle Robertson (Bagwell)
63 years on September 7

Deanie & Shirlee Lambert (FBC Annona)
50 years on September 25

Eugene & Jo Ann Adams (Pacio)
58 years on September 29



The RRVBA will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.

We will reopen at 8:00 am on Tuesday, September 8th.

Voice of the Valley

The Mission is the Message

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ONE YEAR AND COUNTING. . .

Well, I have been your Director of Missions for a year this month. As I look back over my time in this office I see that about 90% of the things I hoped to accomplish remain undone due to the Covid-19 plague. It has curtailed many things in our lives as Christians – VBS, Mission trips, Youth Camps, retreats and even Sunday School in some churches. Churches and pastors have been forced to implement new ways to get the message of the Gospel out to the world and to disciple members. Covid-19 forced me to stop visiting our churches at the beginning of the pandemic, but I am returning to a schedule that will enable me to meet with the remaining 12 that I have not yet been able to visit.

Our Executive Board meeting was canceled in April of 2020 due to Covid-19, but we met in July at First Baptist of Paris. At this time we are planning an abbreviated and safe Annual Meeting on October 20, 2020, at First Baptist Clarksville. More information will be given in the October *Voice of the Valley*.

Some things that were accomplished include a Pastor/Staff luncheon held in October at Southside with Shane Pruitt speaking, and in February we hosted a Pastors & Wives Dinner with Tony and Vanessa Wolfe as guest speakers. By the time Covid-19 hit, I had visited 34 churches in our association. In July and August I met with several pastors to hear their plans for ministry during this troublesome time. In July I participated with black and white pastors for a time of prayer on the Square in Paris. I also have had the privilege of preaching in 5 of our churches this summer.

Honestly, I don't know how long this pestilence will continue, but I do know that our pastors and churches are resilient and will press forward with the ministry of the Gospel to our fallen world. I am thankful for the faithful pastors, staff, teachers, deacons and members of our churches that take their responsibility seriously and are busy about the Father's work.

Blessings to you all,

Bro. Guille

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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