

WMU News

Alice Ann White
RRVBA WMU Director
903.632.5681

RRVBA/BSM Donations July 26-August 27	Year To Date
ATLAS	0 0
BAGWELL	50.00 400.00
BETHEL	145.28 974.44
BOUNDS	192.25 1,731.05
BROOKSTON	0 0
CHICOTA	169.09 1,200.11
CHISUM TRAILS	100.00 800.00
CUNNINGHAM	0 540.00
DIRECT	325.06 2,019.23
DOUBLE R	350.20 1,187.57
EAST DELTA	514.11 5,538.66
EAST PARIS	208.33 1,666.64
EMBERSON	0 0
FAITH	0 1,154.00
FBC ANNONA	50.00 450.00
FBC BLOSSOM	200.00 1,400.00
FBC BOGATA	1,114.64 8,758.42
FBC CLARKSVILLE	100.00 800.00
FBC COOPER	439.86 2,901.62
FBC DEPORT	0 0
FBC DETROIT	29.35 461.98
FBC PARIS	1,051.43 8,829.27
FBC ROXTON	0 0
FRIENDSHIP	208.00 1,314.00
FULBRIGHT	0 0
GLORY	0 0
GRAHAM ST.	0 0
HIS PLACE	0 4,000.00
HOWLAND	75.96 614.82
IMMANUEL/WMU	0 10,150.00
LAMAR POINT	0 1,100.00
LEESVILLE	954.87 4,290.50
MAXEY	150.00 1,200.00
MT. OLIVE	230.00 3,599.92
NOVICE	530.00 4,482.00
PACIO	198.78 1,327.88
PATTONVILLE	0 0
PETTY	75.00 200.00
POWDERLY	0 2,400.00
PROVIDENCE	105.75 824.30
SALEM	300.00 2,400.00
SOUTHSIDE	868.44 5,615.62
SPRINGLAKE	465.57 3,477.01
TRINITY	0 0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0 0
TOTAL	9,201.97 87,809.04

**RISE & BUILD FUND:
\$35,763.05**

"Unshakable Pursuit" is the new WMU theme for 2018-2020. The watchword is "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" (1Cor. 15:58 CEV) Welcome to a new year of learning more and growing in Missions together!

September 8, 2018 is going to be a wonderful day at Love Civic Center in Paris where the Ladies' Retreat will be taking place. Starting at 9:30 AM with registration and going throughout the day. Tamiko Jones is bringing our Bible study, Cindy Williams from Greenville will be leading us in worship, Jana Seaborn is sharing about her life on the mission field in the Philippines, and Anna Keelin will be giving her testimony. The final speaker for the day will be Jewels for Jesus, a Christian comedy act. Our mission project for this event is to collect new children's sweats and small stuffed animals; gently/worn or new children's coats. Ladies you don't want to miss this annual event that is packed with spiritual growth, mission stories and an opportunity to DO missions! Be sure to call the office and register, if you have not already done so through your local church.

The next Association WMU Leadership Team Meeting is October 6th at the association office. Lunch will be served following the meeting.



We will be closed on Monday, September 3, for Labor Day

JOY ON THE JOURNEY WITH "SEASONED" SAINTS
by Gloria Parker, RRVBA Senior Adults Director
SEPTEMBER with all the memories of 2018, Senior Adults VBS will surely be a highlight as the 14th year of acknowledging ALL of our RRVBA Senior Adults, as well as many from other Churches. We can say we've had our li'l ol' sox blessed clean off! To God Be the Glory for ALL the Things He Has Done!

We were delighted to welcome 2 new Pastors who "jumped right in" as they learned what SA-VBS is all about - Bro. George Spears at FBC Bogata, and Bro. Neal Seaborn at Leesville BC. Including Springlake, East Paris and FBC Paris, our 5 weeks Attendance average was 125 from 20 Churches; 33 First Timers; 18 Military/Veterans; 2 Missionaries; 35 Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers; and Missions Offering to TBM and SBT Disaster Relief was \$ 2,404.00. Bro. James Barnes and I celebrated attending EVERY Monday of 14 years of SA-VBS = 70 - PRAISE GOD! We pray every year for some Senior Adults to be saved, and we will continue to pray.

God has blessed us by "Birthing" a New SA-VBS in our neighboring Grayson Baptist Association led by Carolyn and Bro. John McCollister, who really missed ours when they moved away a few years ago. They were excited to have 4 Churches participate this year: West Sherman BC, Forest Avenue BC, FBC Sherman, and FBC Whitesboro. From these attendance average was 80 from 9 Churches; Missions Offering to Ministers' Emergency Fund was \$1,196.34; already signed up for next year : 3 churches.

"Friday Night Out at Denny's 6-8pm" continues with new and old friends. It's nice to have good Christian fellowship and good food without having to cook or clean up. Come try us, you might like us. KEEP LOOKING UP - JESUS IS COMING BACK SOON FOR HIS BRIDE! I'M READY - ARE YOU?

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Sept. 3: LABOR DAY (RRVBA office will be closed)
- Sept. 4: CWJC classes begin @ FBC Paris
- Sept. 6: Secretaries/Support Staff lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA office
- Sept. 8: 6th Annual Ladies' Retreat, 10:00 am, Love Civic Center, \$15 late registration fee
- Sept. 9-16: MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING FOR TEXAS MISSIONS
- Sept. 11: Finance Committee meeting, 5:30 pm, RRVBA office
- Sept. 16: Deadline to register for Women's Retreat @ Direct Baptist Church
- Sept. 16-23: REACH TEXAS OFFERING
- Sept. 18: Executive Board meeting for 2019 Budget , 6:00 pm, Mt. Olive, No meal served; Dessert after mtg
- Sept. 28—Sept. 30: Celebration of 150th Anniversary, Providence Baptist Church
- Sept. 30: Celebration of 140th Anniversary, Mt. Olive Baptist Church



Harvest of Joy



Sixth Annual Ladies Retreat Saturday, September 8, 2018
Love Civic Center, Paris 10:00 am Cost: \$15.00

WorldCrafts will be back along with a number of other booths! BBQ Lunch served by Pittin' & Grillin'!

MISSIONS PROJECT: Please bring new small stuffed animals, children's new sweatshirts/pants, or new/gently worn children's coats for North American Partnership Missions. Call 903-785-2890 to sign up.

Celebrate 140 Years with Mt. Olive BC!

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



CWJC FALL SESSION BEGINS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Want to be involved? Call Donna Kennemer, site coordinator, at 903-495-2690

SAVE THE DATE!! Revival @ Leesville, October 7-10, with Dr. Tom Ellis, former President, IMB

BSM NEWS...

Paris Junior College kicked off its 2018 fall semester on August 27th. As the new school year begins, so does another year of opportunities to reach college kids for Christ and disciple existing Christian students into a deeper and more meaningful walk with Jesus. As we begin this new year we need to go in with our eyes wide open. Statistics show that 95% of college students are not pursuing a relationship with Jesus. As our culture continues to shift, we can no longer assume that students will just walk through the doors (at the BSM or the local church). The numbers from recent years literally tell us that the majority are not coming, or that if they do come, they do not stay. In response to these statistics, we must find ways to go to them! We must put intentional effort into campus evangelism and outreach. It is impossible for one person to reach an entire campus. It will take our church's college students to get involved. Luke 10:2 tells us, "the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." My hope is that the BSM and the local RRV Association churches will partner together to actively engage PJC students with the Gospel. Please encourage your college students to attend our weekly Bible studies on Monday nights at 7pm at the BSM building.

I am still looking for churches to help with the Monday lunches that we provide for the students. There will be no activities on Labor Day, September 3. Our lunches will kick off on September 10. Please call or text me if you are willing to help the BSM in any way.

For His glory!

Mike Clark 903-905-1336-cell mikeclark42@yahoo.com

Red River Valley Baptist Association

Regular Office Hours: Monday—Thursday, 8 am to 2 pm
E-Mail Address: redrivervalleybaptist@gmail.com
Web Address: www.redriverbaptist.com

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays

1	Edna Owens, treasurer	Direct
5	Tim Reger, pastor	Mt. Olive
5	Bill Janeway, spouse	Leesville
5	Donnie Edwards, pastor	East Paris
7	Mavis Miller, secretary	Springlake
11	Sheri Wharton, secretary	Bounds
11	Linda Francis, secretary	Novice
13	Bobby Kennedy, spouse	Cunningham
14	Eric Moore, pastor	Immanuel
14	Carol Pearson, spouse	Pacio
19	Johnny Witherspoon, pastor	FBC Cooper
21	Charles Ralson, music	FBC Blossom
29	Mallory Holladay, children	Mt. Olive
30	James Norwood, music	Cunningham

September Wedding Anniversaries

2	Mike & Scherlene Shupp, 16 yrs	FBC Blossom
6	Boyd & Teresa Harmening	Leesville
7	Byron & Gayle Robertson, 61 yrs	Bagwell
8	Johnny & Annie Ausburn, , 40 yrs	Providence
19	Jerry & Debbie Hindman, 38 yrs	FBC Roxton
29	Eugene & Jo Ann Adams, 56 yrs	Pacio

September Church Anniversaries

1	Shauna Mercaldo, children, 4 yrs	Immanuel
1	Tena Segleski, treasurer, 4 yr	Bounds
1	Casey DeLay, music, 5 yrs	Immanuel
1	Brenda Fendley, financial sec, 11 yrs	Mt. Olive
1	Teresa Harmening, music, 37 yrs	Leesville
1	Paula Hutson, treasurer, 12 yrs	FBC Bogata
1	Debbie Janeway, secretary, 13 yrs	Leesville
3	Dennis Pearson, music, 15 yrs	Pacio
19	Karl Bush, pastor, 14 yrs	Bagwell
20	James McLeod, pastor, 13 yrs	Chisum Trails
21	Brent Bolton, education, 15 yrs	FBC Cooper
23	Phil Spann, youth, 11 yrs	Southside

Direct Baptist Church is holding a Women's Retreat with Teresa Harmening on Saturday, October 6. Cost is \$25 (includes lunch). **MUST REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 16!**

Call the church at 903-785-5005 or Melanie Landon at 903-491-6181 for information.

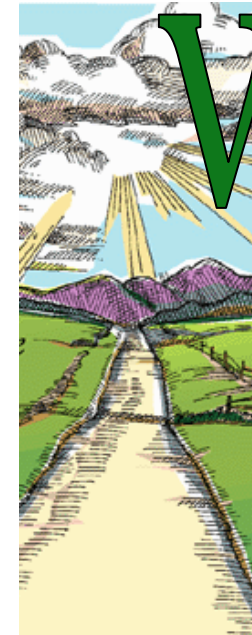
OPEN POSITIONS

Direct Baptist Church: Pastor

Call 903-785-5005 or mail resume to 19408 FM 79, Sumner TX 75486

FBC Bogata: FT Youth Pastor/Music

Call 903-632-5218, mail resume to PO Box 8, Bogata TX 75417 or email fcbogata@gmail.com



Voice of the Valley

The monthly publication of the Red River Valley Baptist Association

Volume 14, Issue 9 (September 2018)

A Growing Faith

Hebrews 11:1 says "Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not yet seen," or as one modern English translation presents the verse ... "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." So the question this month is "How is your faith?" Christ's strongest words of rebuke to His disciples dealt with their unbelief. As a matter of fact Hebrews 11:6 says "And without faith it is impossible to please God. We must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." As an individual Christian, as a local church, as an association: is our goal and purpose to "Seek Him?" Decisions and decision making is a part of life. The question is are we making our important decisions with our counsel, human counsel, or are we "seeking the Lord with our whole heart."

Ministry and church in 2018 is a time when we face many faith-building opportunities. The summer is coming to an end and the fall will follow shortly but both are a season where God will move in response to our faith. Some churches are trusting God to keep their doors open as they struggle with declining attendance and/or resources. Some are trusting God to find the right pastor or staff member to lead their faith families.

By faith many of our churches stepped out and reached out to a lost and needy world through Vacation Bible School, Children Camp, Youth Camp, Revivals, Mission Trips, etc. The reports have been encouraging and salvations have occurred. May our association churches, individually and cooperatively, continue to walk in faith.

September is the month when both of our State Conventions will emphasize their State Missions offerings. Please pray and become educated about state missions as you observe Mary Hill Davis or the Reach Texas week of prayer and mission offering emphasis. May God increase our faith so we give sacrificially so others may hear and be saved!

I want to close by telling you about a contemporary style gospel concert seeking to glorify the Lord. On Saturday, September 15 at 7:00 pm **Building 429** and **Kindlin** will be at Love Civic Center. Tickets are available at www.dylansdrivers.org.

Bro. Mike

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."

Director of Missions

Mike Fortenberry
mikefortenberry@hotmail.com

Baptist Student Ministry Director

Mike Clark
mikeclark42@yahoo.com

Admin. Assistant

Nancy Redus
redrivervalleybaptist@gmail.com

Red River Valley Baptist Association

2320 Clarksville St.
Paris, TX 75460
903-785-2890

Secretaries/Support Staff Lunch

Thursday, September 6
11:30 —1:00 , RRVBA office
Bring your lunch—
drinks are provided.
Come and fellowship!



You are invited to join with *Providence Baptist Church* as they celebrate their **150th Anniversary** of continual ministry 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.**

All former pastors, staff and members are invited to come and celebrate! Child care will be available. Former pastors Rev. Jay McCollum and Rev. Michael Shupp will be preaching and special music will be performed by former church members. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

1868 to 2018
150
YEARS

Week of Prayer for Texas Missions and the Mary Hill Davis Offering
September 9-16



REACH TEXAS
2018-2019
Your SBTC State Missions Offering

September 16-23