

RRVBA/BSM Donations
February 23—March 24

Atlas	\$ 0
Bagwell	\$ 100.00
Bethel	\$ 87.28
Bounds	\$ 246.11
Brookston	\$ 0
Chicota	\$ 160.66
Chisum Trails	\$ 100.00
College Ave.	\$ 29.00
Cunningham	\$ 0
Direct	\$ 238.79
Double R	\$ 0
East Delta	\$ 408.99
East Paris	\$ 541.67
Emberson	\$ 80.00
Faith	\$ 267.00
FBC Annona	\$ 84.00
FBC Blossom	\$ 300.00
FBC Bogata	\$ 1,130.60
FBC Clarksville	\$ 83.33
FBC Cooper	\$ 359.96
FBC Deport	\$ 0
FBC Detroit	\$ 34.65
FBC Paris	\$ 1,066.86
FBC Roxton	\$ 201.00
Friendship	\$ 0
Fulbright	\$ 0
Glory	\$ 143.80
Graham St.	\$ 0
Howland	\$ 76.80
Immanuel/WMU	\$ 548.07
Lakeway	\$ 0
Lamar Point	\$ 0
Lanes Chapel	\$ 0
Leesville	\$ 567.00
Maxey	\$ 150.00
Mt. Olive	\$ 214.00
Novice	\$ 541.66
Pacio	\$ 126.06
Pattonville	\$ 200.00
Petty	\$ 124.03
Powderly	\$ 300.00
Providence	\$ 144.97
Salem	\$ 150.00
Southside	\$ 668.75
Springlake	\$ 190.34
Trinity	\$ 0
Youngs Chapel	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 9,665.38

RISE & BUILD FUND: \$64,370.02

Bounds	\$ 5,630.02
Chicota	\$ 1,868.39
Emberson	\$ 125.00
FBC Bogata	\$ 13,233.06
Immanuel	\$ 15.00
Leesville	\$ 2,616.10
Maxey	\$ 1,966.08
Mt. Olive	\$ 191.00
Pacio	\$ 4,252.77
Petty	\$ 10,000.00
Providence	\$ 1,453.14
RRVBA	\$ 12,784.81
Salem	\$ 3,000.00
Springlake	\$ 1,666.63
Individuals	\$ 5,568.02

WMU News

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CIA Day was a huge success! The 90+ children and 30+ adults who were in attendance watched Gene Wright (Bubba) make balloon art, juggle balls and knives, pop balloons with darts, eat fire and tell the good news about Jesus. Don Turner shared his ministry with Shelterkidz and Eric Moore, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, brought his magic show once again. In the opening, Jeff and Amy Duvall led the boys and girls in fun and praise music, followed by Jesse Ross' skit "Telling the Story". Big Daddy Billy Norris, pastor of Southside Baptist Church in Paris performed a rap about "Telling the Story". Of course there were crafts, games and lunch! Start making plans now to bring your children next year to CIA Day. They will love it (and you will, too)!

SAVE THE DATE! *September 20, 2014*, is the date for our Second Annual Ladies Retreat to be held again at Jan-Kay Ranch. Start making plans now to attend!

Don't forget we are collecting items and/or money for the Pregnancy Centers in Paris and Clarksville through March. They can use all baby items, except diapers. If your church isn't participating, you may bring you items by the Association Office. For April & May our mission project is the Christian Women's Job Corps (see article for items needed).

This is an exciting time to be a part of Red River Valley Baptist Association WMU! We are "Telling the Story" in many different ways. Get on board and see what God is going to do with us!

JOY ON THE JOURNEY WITH "SEASONED" SAINTS by Gloria Parker

Friday, APRIL 25 - FREE - 26th Annual Norvell Slater Senior Adult HYMN SING, 2:00 p.m. in the Patty and Bo Pilgrim Chapel at DBU. Enjoy Pre-Hymn Sing Concert at 1:30 p.m. Norvell Slater served for more than 40 years as Host of Sunday radio's "Hymns We Love." The HYMN SING, led by Dr. Ozzie Ingram, provides an opportunity for nearly 1,000 Senior Adults from all around to fellowship and sing the "old favorites." We missed it last year; let's FILL our church vans FULL of SINGING SENIORS for a GREAT BLESSING!

Our Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers are growing, being blessed singing with some non-Baptists - GREAT! We will sing at Springlake BC "5th Sunday Singing" March 30 at 5:00 p.m. We look forward to being part of the Revival Choir for GO TELL Crusade May 11-14. We call every rehearsal Our Dress Rehearsal - getting ready for JESUS to Come Back and take us to HEAVEN! Come Praise GOD with us, as we lift up JESUS!

Dr. David Jeremiah speaks about "DRESS REHEARSAL FOR HEAVEN (Rev. 5): There is a sense in which the Christian's life on earth is a dress rehearsal for heaven - in terms of worship and devotion to the One we will worship for all eternity - - the Lamb Who sits on the throne of heaven. If He is to receive 'blessing and honor and glory and power...forever and ever,' then the more we rehearse that worship now, the more seamless our transition to eternity will be - the more comfortable and secure we will be in our role as eternal citizens of the New Jerusalem. Because our eternal life has already begun (John 17:3), so should our Dress Rehearsal for eternity!"

"FROM PRACTICE TO PRESENCE (Rev. 7:9): When Handel's 'MESSIAH' is sung at Christmas, some conductors will invite members of the audience to join the trained choir on stage to sing 'THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS.' It is thrilling to join a throng who are lifting their voices in unified praise to God! That transition from pew to stage may suggest what it will be like to join the untold number of worshippers who will one day stand before the throne of the Lamb in heaven and worship Him. Imagine the thunderous sound of the voices! Life on earth is simply a foreshadowing, a foretaste, of what life in heaven will be like - and that certainly applies to worship. So, 'Come before His presence with singing' THIS Sunday (Psalm 100:2) - a warm-up, a Dress Rehearsal, for what is to come." (Dr. Jeremiah quotes A.W. Tozer: "I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven." Also, John R.W. Stott: "Nobody can call himself a Christian who does not worship Jesus.")

KEEP LOOKING UP, JESUS IS COMING BACK SOON!

April—May WMU Mission Project: *Christian Women's Job Corps Paris*

There are many ways that you can be involved in this ministry. Please be in prayer about what you can do. Here is a list of our needs:

- Regular, ongoing Financial Support
- Someone to train as another Site Coordinator
- Journey Partners (friends who will meet with & encourage the participants)
- Teachers, Program Director, Journey Partner Coordinator, Computer Tech person
- Lunch providers
- School supplies: 2 inch 3-ring binders, subject dividers, notebook paper, pencil sharpener, pencils, ink pens, 3-hole punch, file folders, white & colored printer paper, paper clips, scissors, white 65# card stock,
- Kitchen supplies: plates, 16 oz. cups, coffee cups, spoons, knives, napkins, coffee, coffee filters, bottled water, sugar, creamer, paper towels
- For the Clothes Closet: Shoes, purses, belts, scarves, jewelry
- Cleaning Supplies & Tools: push broom, mop & bucket, hammer, screw drivers, tool bag, pliers, disinfectant wipes, cleaning rags

Thank you for your generosity! I would love to be able to speak to your church about CWJC on a Sunday night or Wednesday night. Contact me at 903-517-8665 to schedule a time. Carol King, Site Coordinator



NEWS FROM THE BSM...

Dear Family,

Wow, I am always blown away at how God moves through his people when they are obedient to him! To God be all the glory for another great year of Beach Reach and huge Thank You to all of you who were obedient to Him in helping us get there.

I have to confess I was a bit concerned this year about, both the size of our team, and the finances we needed to raise to get us there. I knew and I always know God will provide for our needs. The scripture in Matthew 9 came to mind where the disciples tried to cast out a demon from a boy and couldn't. When Jesus showed up the father of that young man asked Jesus to help IF he could. Jesus' reply was If? The man's response was simple, "I do believe; help my unbelief." That is the way I felt this year. I believed God knew what He was doing but I needed help with my unbelief. At the beginning of the year I had 18 people saying they wanted to participate in Beach Reach. Two weeks before we left we were down to 5 students plus Michael King, my family, and myself. Six days before we were to leave for Beach Reach we still needed to raise \$3200. I believed God would come through but I needed help with my unbelief. The Garages sale made \$2400 and another \$1400 came in by Sunday. God helped my unbelief.

I was still wondering why we had such a small team this year. I just couldn't figure out how God was going to use five students to effectively make an impact in the midst of thousands. On the trip my wife brought up the story of Gideon. How Gideon was called to lead the Israelites in war but God reduced the size of the army from thousands to a few hundred. Then God basically said watch as I do the fighting for you. Well, he did the same for us during the week. Four of the five students who attended had never shared the gospel. All of them were able to lead someone to Christ. In total, our team led 16 people to Christ this year and a total of 105 people accepted Christ during the week. Once again, God helped me with my unbelief.

God used many of you in different ways to help us get to beach reach. Some gave stuff, some gave money, and many of you prayed. All gifts were equally important and all gifts were used to the Glory of God. You have stored up for yourselves riches in heaven where neither moth nor rust destroy and where thieves cannot break in and steal. One day you will be in heaven and there will be people from all over the world come up to you and say, "Thank You, for giving to the Lord. I am a life that was changed".

Matthew 28:18-20 *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

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



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Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays

2nd	Gary Reed, pastor	Emberson
9th	Roger Scaff, pastor	Pattonville
12th	Jordan Sharrock, youth	Novice
18th	Brenda Fendley, secretary	Mt. Olive
29th	Amy Duvall, music	FBC Bogata

April Wedding Anniversaries

13th	Milton & Charlotte Ertelt, 51 yrs	RRVBA
26th	Donnie & Amanda Edwards, 17 yrs	East Paris

April Church Anniversaries

1st	L.C. Stout, pastor, 21 yrs	Faith
4th	Greg Bell, worship leader, 2 yrs	Novice
4th	Jordan Sharrock, youth, 2 yrs	Novice
12th	Michael Julian, administrator, 16 yrs	East Paris
12th	Jim Semple, music, 22 yrs	Howland

SERVICE OF DEACON ORDINATION

Bounds Baptist Church will hold a Service of Deacon Ordination for Bobby Bumgarner and Bill Thomason on Sunday, April 27 at 6:00 pm. You are invited to be a witness to this service. Pastors, deacons, and others who are ordained are especially invited to come and participate. For more information, call Bro. Jay Morris at 903-609-9110.

RRVBA Secretaries /Support Staff Luncheon
Thursday, April 3 at 11:30 am, RRVBA Office
Bring your lunch—drinks are provided

ATTENTION: ALL VBS DIRECTORS

An associational VBS Workshop will be held on Thursday, April 17, at FBC Paris in the Fellowship Hall, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.
 Come for information on **Agency D3** & lots of door prizes!



Voice of the Valley

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HE IS RISEN!



The events of this past month have allowed me the opportunity to become more appreciative and sensitive to the smaller details, kind words and the special things that so many people have shown me and my family. The family of God is so very special. Close friends and fellow believers have a kind word of encouragement. Many with whom we only have a nodding acquaintance have taken the effort to be an encourager with a kind word, an email or telephone call.

I have begun to notice small details that would have gone unnoticed before. It is as if God has awakened my consciousness. It reminded me that Jesus was always aware and in tune with His father in heaven. He was always in prayer whether preaching teaching, healing, blessing food. He always had heaven in view. Doing His Father's will was supreme. I started thinking how different life would be if one puts heaven first and shift thinking and faith from the things seen to looking beyond to the unseen. A former professor and close friend from my days in Southwestern Seminary is T.W Hunt, a man who modeled faith to so many of us. He has written much about his walk of faith which has encouraged me to look beyond to the unseen.

Jesus revealed Himself to the doubting crowds through the miracles He performed and they demanded more. After feeding the multitude, teaching on the Kingdom of Heaven, and when additional visible proofs did not come they deserted Him. Jesus turned to the disciples and asked them if they wanted to go away also. Peter's response is proof that faith in the unseen had taken root when he said, "Lord, to whom will we go to, you have the words of eternal life." (John 6:67)

It is easy to base one's faith in what the eye can see, the concrete things of this world. But is this really a definition of faith? Hebrews 11:1 tells us that faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the proof of what is unseen. In a way I began "looking for the unseen" in recent days. I realized again that God is the third party to my every conversation and overhears all that is said. He walks with me, He promised He is always with me. How will that aid me to modify my conduct, my conversation, my priorities? It means that a change is required in how I relate to my wife, my family, my church and others. My prayer life takes on a new urgency. I must look for the Spirit leading in my life and by faith follow His leading. I recently received a telephone call from a dear Iraqi brother now living in Australia reminding that healing comes from the unseen God and not through drugs and doctors, although He may use them. This truth assures me that casting my concerns upon the Lord is right because He cares for me.

These ideas are not new to me or to you, but I suspect we may become lax in where we place faith. Faith is not in what we can see, but in the One who is always present but unseen. Herein is faith in the unseen, "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father." (Colossians 3:17) We do not walk in a vacuum but with Christ who is ever present.

Blessings,
Milton Ertelt, Interim 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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR...
THURSDAY, APRIL 3: Secretaries/Support Staff lunch, RRVBA office, 11:30 am
SUNDAY, APRIL 6 through WED., APRIL 9: Revivals at Emberson Baptist Church & FBC Clarksville
TUESDAY, APRIL 8: Finance Committee Meeting, RRVBA office, 5:30 pm
TUESDAY, APRIL 15: Executive Board Meeting, Chisum Trails Cowboy Church, Meal-6:00, Mtg-6:45
THURSDAY, APRIL 17: RRVBA VBS Workshop, FBC Paris Fellowship Hall, 6:30—8:30 pm
SUNDAY, APRIL 20: Easter
SUNDAY, APRIL 27: Deacon Ordination at Bounds Baptist Church, 6:00 pm
MONDAY, APRIL 28: Senior Adult Revival, FBC Paris, 11:00 am. Meal following service.

REVIVALS: Come and be blessed!
Emberson Baptist Church will be in Revival from April 6-9 with Bro. Mike Fortenberry preaching. Glenn Michael and his team will be leading the music. Service times are Sunday at 6:00 pm and Monday - Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Nursery will be provided.
FBC Clarksville will also be in Revival starting Sunday, April 6 at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm. Monday - Wednesday services are 7:00 pm nightly. Bro. Malcolm Ellis will be bringing the messages and Teresa Harming will provide the music.

OLD-FASHIONED SENIOR ADULT REVIVAL: Monday, April 28, 2014, 11:00 am, FBC Paris
 Evangelist: Dr. Ernie Perkins
 Music: Sherman and Tammy Aten and the Red River Valley Old-Fashioned Hymn Singers
 Fellowship meal after the service, so plan to attend and bring a friend! For information, contact Ken Cannon at 903-785-6451

RRVBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - TUESDAY, APRIL 15
CHISUM TRAILS COWBOY CHURCH
 3575 FM 2648, Powderly
 Meal: 6:00 pm Meeting: 6:45 pm
Make plans to attend!