

RISE & BUILD FUND: \$72,222.00

Bounds	6,716.80
Chicota	2,344.97
Emberson	125.00
FBC Bogata	15,528.64
Immanuel	15.00
Leesville	4,856.10
Maxey	1,966.08
Mt. Olive	191.00
Novice	600.00
Pacio	4,790.27
Petty	10,000.00
Providence	1,453.14
RRVBA/WMU	14,982.28
Salem	3,900.00
Springlake	1,666.63
Individuals	5,868.02

WMU News

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

I would like to wish each one of you a very Merry Christmas. Even though it isn't popular to say 'Merry Christmas', I think we Christians should go out of our way to use these words. We do not want to leave Christmas out and the true meaning of this holiday, Jesus' birth.

Have you ever asked, "Why do we have the International Missions Emphasis?" December 1971 Royal Service stated the purpose: "The week of prayer is planned to communicate knowledge of today's need for the gospel and to enlarge vision and concern...Pray fervently, definitely, and unitedly for world needs." I would encourage each church to include Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in your December church activities. This certainly is another way to make sure we keep Christ in our hearts and our celebrating at this time of year.

The World Day of Prayer was a wonderful evening. Thanks to Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Paris, for hosting this important occasion again for us. Thanks also to each one of you who took a part in the program, brought food or helped plan and set up for the evening. Without your willingness to serve, this prayerful experience would not have been possible.

Save these two dates: **March 7, 2015** - CIA Day (Children in Action), Southside Baptist Church, Paris, and **October 3, 2015** - Woman's Retreat, Love Civic Center, Paris

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS to ALL! What a full and blessed year 2014 has been with lots of JOYS & SERENDIPITIES, but also some sadness and pain! Looking back on 10 years of Senior Adult VBS, and 19 months of RRV Old Fashioned Hymn Singers, we shout Praise God from Whom ALL Blessings flow! On Dec. 11 the Singers will meet at Springlake BC and go sing Carols at several Assisted Living, Retirement, and Nursing Homes. Watch for details on page 2 of The Paris NEWS' Bulletin Board. Have you enjoyed reading the 12 ongoing monthly chapters of a good Christian story by DiAnn Mills, 'North of Normal' in MATURE LIVING MAGAZINE? She believes her readers should expect an adventure, and she does just that! Don't miss the Dec. ending!

This wonderful Christmas season seems to start earlier each year. We have enjoyed several 'Christmas' stories on 2 new TV Channels - Hallmark and Uplifting, but only 2 so far have mentioned Jesus' Birth, the Reason for the Season. It reminds us of the story of everyone being invited to Jesus' Birthday Party where they ignored Jesus, not giving gifts to HIM - only to each other! So SAD! And another from John Killinger's PARABLES FOR CHRISTMAS - "Two men entered the church on Christmas Day to pray. One was a deacon, dressed in a pinstripe suit and feeling very full of himself; the other was a wino who wandered in off the street to escape the cold. The first stood among the poinsettias and prayed thus with himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not as most people are, boorish, undisciplined, and stinking of booze, even as this wino is. I pay my church pledge and read my Bible every day.' And the wino, standing before the crèche with his cap in his hand, twisted it nervously and looked at the floor, saying, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' I tell you, this man left the church with a Christmas blessing, rather than the other, for he understood the true meaning of the Incarnation, that Christ came into the world to save sinners, not the self-righteous." 2 Corinthians 9:15 says: "Thanks be to God for His indescribable Gift!"

May Jesus grant each of you precious "Seasoned" Saints more blessings than ever before as you remember JESUS' Birth - the Reason for the Season, Worship HIM as HE deserves, and LIVE like you BELIEVE that HE is COMING BACK for His Church /His Bride soon. I love everyone of you! **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!**

**RRVBA/BSM Donations
Oct 29—Nov 20**

**Year
to Date**

Atlas	0	200.00
Bagwell	50.00	600.00
Bethel	0	902.69
Bounds	500.00	3,539.57
Brookston	0	0
Chicota	114.80	1,672.28
Chisum Trails	0	1,100.00
College Ave (Inactive)	0	133.00
Cunningham	0	540.00
Direct	212.44	2,898.83
Double R	0	1,792.50
East Delta	534.22	5,091.90
East Paris	541.67	5,958.37
Emberson	80.00	880.00
Faith	0	1,741.65
FBC Annona	92.00	933.19
FBC Blossom	0	1,500.00
FBC Bogata	910.48	12,322.04
FBC Clarksville	83.33	916.63
FBC Cooper	407.21	4,207.96
FBC Deport	0	0
FBC Detroit	33.72	393.93
FBC Paris	922.37	12,855.64
FBC Roxton	0	2,192.20
Friendship	0	0
Fulbright	0	1,775.74
Glory	194.80	1,746.45
Graham St. (Inactive)	0	0
Howland	84.15	1,063.23
Immanuel/WMU	712.19	8,505.55
Lakeway	0	0
Lamar Point	0	367.19
Lanes Chapel (Inactive)	0	0
Leesville	1,510.00	16,793.00
Maxey	0	1,500.00
Mt. Olive	222.00	2,660.00
Novice	541.66	5,958.26
Pacio	107.71	1,369.95
Pattonville	0	1,398.64
Petty	0	1,449.37
Powderly	0	3,000.00
Providence	142.45	1,866.07
Salem	150.00	1,650.00
Southside	708.79	7,416.48
Springlake	266.19	2,613.53
Trinity	0	0
Youngs Chapel	0	0
TOTAL	9,122.18	123505.84.

**LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
WEEK OF PRAYER: NOV. 30—DEC. 7, 2014**

ONE SACRED EFFORT
FIND YOUR PLACE IN GOD'S STORY

Please remember to be in prayer for our DOM Search Committee as they work diligently to find our new Director of Missions. They need your continued prayers and support.

NEWS FROM THE BSM...

Dear Family,

God is good, all the time! James 1:17 *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.* I want to say a huge thank you to all of you who have been praying for my family over the past few months. Crystal is slowly feeling better and is slowly beginning to function more normally. She still requires a lot of rest every day, but in time I have no doubt that she will be better than ever. I also want to say thank you to many of you who have provided gift cards, meals, meat, and/or cash. We have counted it all as blessings and are incredibly grateful for your generosity. Please continue to pray for Crystal and the whole family as we continue to walk through this.

Some very exciting things have been happening at the BSM this semester. There have been so many new faces this year. Recently we walked through the prayer of Jabez for one of our Bible studies. As I have been praying that, and encouraging my students to do the same, God has truly begun to increase my territory. We have had about 5 new faces at our Tuesday night Bible study and there have been anywhere from 10-15 students hanging out at the BSM during the day. We are starting a Bible study with those students on Thursday afternoon. We will be walking through the "Not a Fan" book, backed up with scripture, in an effort to help students discover where they truly stand in their relationship with Christ. Please be in prayer for the hearts of these students as this will challenge most of them way beyond their comfort zone.

Beach Reach is already the hot topic of conversation at the BSM. We are excited about the upcoming spring break and are hopeful for a van full of students to take with us. We will be doing the garage sale again this year on the first Saturday in March, the 7th. We will also have a raffle this year. I will get the details out on that as soon as possible, but this is one you won't want to miss! If you have garage sale items you would like to donate, you can drop those off at the BSM or the Association office. If you need us to pick something up, contact me and we will make arrangements to come get it. Once again thank you to all of you for your prayers and support of this mission trip. It truly provides the opportunity for students to become the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 6:23-24 *Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.*

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



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Birthdays and Anniversaries

December Birthdays

1st	Ryan Clark, worship	East Paris
2nd	Michael Julian, administrator	East Paris
3rd	Neil Barnes, music	Providence
13th	Eugene Adams, pastor	Pacio
13th	Jocquetta Weems, secretary	FBC Blossom
13th	Tommy Turner, pastor	FBC Paris
15th	Megan Surine, spouse	Leesville
17th	Tonya Smith, spouse	Mt. Olive
21st	Karl Bush, pastor	Bagwell
23rd	DeLana McFadden, spouse	East Paris
30th	Johnny Rickman, pastor	Lakeway
31st	Donna Houchins, clerk	East Delta

December Wedding Anniversaries

1st	Matt & Katie Byrd, 7 yrs	FBC Paris
6th	Nathan & Heather Law, 10 yrs	FBC Paris
12th	David & Denise Harbison, 27 yrs	East Paris
13th	Kevin & Brena Burgan, 6 yrs	Leesville
17th	Travis & Karen Jackson, 26 yrs	FBC Paris
23rd	Ryan & Krista Clark, 15 yrs	East Paris
24th	Johnny & Kathy Witherspoon, 37 yrs	FBC Cooper
24th	Herb & Lynn Bullock, 67 yrs	Springlake
31st	Karl & Kathy Bush, 31 yrs	Bagwell

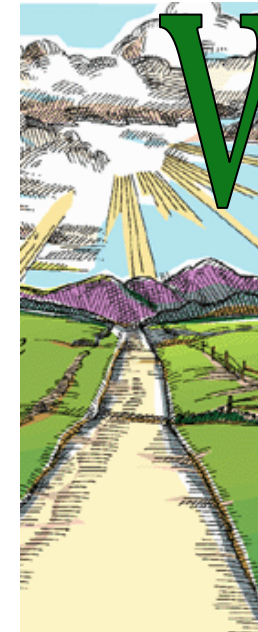
December Church Anniversaries

1st	Ronnie Aubrey, pastor, 11 yrs	Trinity
2nd	Denise Harbison, admin. asst, 12 yrs	East Paris
30th	Tim Parker, pastor, 27 yrs	Howland

**Secretaries and Support Staff
 Christmas Party**

**Thursday, December 4
 11:30 am—1:00 pm, RRVBA Office**

**Please bring a covered
 dish or dessert along
 with a \$5 present for
 our gift exchange!**



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**MERRY
 CHRISTMAS!**
**PLEASE COME AND
 CELEBRATE WITH US AT OUR
 CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11
 10:00 AM—2:00 PM
 2320 CLARKSVILLE, PARIS**



**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, DECEMBER 4:
 Secretaries/Support Staff Christmas Party, 11:30 am, RRVBA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11:
 RRVBA Open House, 10:00 am—2:00 pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18:
 RRVBA office closes at 2:00 pm for Christmas Holidays.
 The office will reopen at 8:00 am on Monday, January 5, 2015.

**Living Nativity
 at Providence Baptist Church**

4680 FM 195, Paris

**Thursday & Friday
 December 19 & 20,
 2014**



Drive through & see
 live animals and people
 portraying the
 Christmas story!

*You are also invited to
 their Christmas Eve Service
 December 24 at 5:30 p.m.*



Novice Baptist Church has
 both a Baldwin and a Wurlitzer
 organ to give away, AND they will
 deliver them! The Baldwin measures
 42" x 23". The Wurlitzer measures
 35" x 23" and comes with books,
 manuals, and a tape player. Both
 organs have solid wood cabinets.
 Call 903-785-3952 for more
 information.