

**RRVBA/BSM Donations**  
May 27—June 24

Atlas	\$ 0
Bagwell	\$ 0
Bethel	\$ 82.20
Bounds	\$ 326.96
Brookston	\$ 0
Chicot	\$ 134.88
Chisum Trails	\$ 0
College Ave. (I)	\$ 0
Cunningham	\$ 540.00
Direct	\$ 223.25
Double R	\$ 340.00
East Delta	\$ 408.38
East Paris	\$ 541.67
Emberson	\$ 80.00
Faith	\$ 0
FBC Annona	\$ 164.00
FBC Blossom	\$ 150.00
FBC Bogata	\$ 1,157.87
FBC Clarksville	\$ 0
FBC Cooper	\$ 386.11
FBC Deport	\$ 0
FBC Detroit	\$ 32.62
FBC Paris	\$ 1,003.73
FBC Roxton	\$ 238.00
Friendship	\$ 0
Fulbright	\$ 443.50
Glory	\$ 182.36
Graham St. (I)	\$ 0
Howland	\$ 99.63
Immanuel/WMU	\$ 25.00
Lakeway	\$ 0
Lamar Point	\$ 0
Lanes Chapel (I)	\$ 0
Leesville	\$ 1,300.00
Maxey	\$ 150.00
Mt. Olive	\$ 220.00
Novice	\$ 541.66
Pacio	\$ 140.76
Pattonville	\$ 168.92
Petty	\$ 154.89
Powderly	\$ 300.00
Providence	\$ 180.06
Salem	\$ 150.00
Southside	\$ 763.27
Springlake	\$ 225.81
Trinity	\$ 0
Youngs Chapel	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,855.53</b>

**RISE & BUILD FUND: \$69,308.08**

Bounds	\$ 6,104.20
Chicot	\$ 2,062.93
Emberson	\$ 125.00
FBC Bogata	\$ 14,156.10
Immanuel	\$ 15.00
Leesville	\$ 3,465.10
Maxey	\$ 1,966.08
Mt. Olive	\$ 191.00
Pacio	\$ 4,452.60
Petty	\$ 10,000.00
Providence	\$ 1,453.14
RRVBA/WMU	\$ 14,982.28
Salem	\$ 3,000.00
Springlake	\$ 1,666.63
Individuals	\$ 5,668.02

**WMU News**

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Telling your story is sharing what Jesus has done for and is doing through you. Are we investing our lives in such a way that others have the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel? We should be investing in eternity. The woman of God acknowledges God doesn't need her but chooses to use her. "Of course you'll encounter trouble. But behold a God of power who can take any evil and turn it into a door of hope." (Catherine Marshall)

The Association WMU Leadership Team will be meeting July 12, 2014, in the Association office at 10:00 AM. All woman interested in missions are invited to attend. Those leading the missions outreach in their local church are especially invited to attend.

Save the dates of September 20 and November 3 for important upcoming opportunities for attending inspirational and motivating events. Watch for details that will be in future *Voice of the Valley* issues and mailed to your local church.

The months of June and July we are collecting small stuffed animals to be shared with the children in the Choctaw Indian Hospital in Tahihina, OK. If you have questions, please call the Association office.

As always, please call me if I can be of any assistance to your church in sharing how we can be more involved in missions.



**JOY ON THE JOURNEY WITH "SEASONED" SAINTS** by Gloria Parker  
JULY has many patriotic events we love and participate in. We've just been reminded of the 70th year since the Invasion of Normandy. Those beautiful white crosses at many cemeteries remind us that the price of Freedom is not cheap! We Praise God for all those who have served in all the wars whether overseas or at home. May we always say, and believe 'IN GOD WE TRUST!'

You know that Sr. Adult VBS begins July 28 at Springlake BC. Be sure you are inviting family, friends, neighbors, and even strangers - don't forget those in Nursing and Assisted Living Homes! It's gonna be Good with surprises at every Host Church. We pray for every person there to be touched by the Holy Spirit, and those who aren't saved would accept Jesus as their Savior at this 10th year of Senior Adult VBS! God keeps on blessing and blessing us!

Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers made the move from Southside BC to Springlake BC on June 12th without a hitch. If you love to sing those good old hymns, come sing with us on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10am. We've sung at some RRVBA churches and at the GO TELL Revival - hey, we just may go on the road... A great time is had by all!

If you like real soft flavored self-serve yogurt, lots of toppings, and a great atmosphere, be sure to visit the Green Frog Yogurt Shop next door to Schlotzky's, with Christian music playing, Sayings and Scriptures on the walls. It's owned by Edward de Troy, youngest son of our friend, Maxine de Troy.

Did you know that God is good, life is a gift, being grateful and saying "Thank you" to Him and others who help us along the way helps make sense of the past, peace for the present, and courage for the future? Norman Cousins - a pioneer in the healing power of emotions and the mind - says that your body believes every word you think and say. The healing system is the way the body mobilizes all its resources to combat disease. The belief system is often the activator of the healing system. Positive emotions such as gratitude and love have beneficial effects on health. They do so by strengthening and enhancing the immune system, which enables the body to resist disease and recover more quickly from illness, through the release of endorphins (the body's natural painkillers) into the bloodstream. Among other effects, they stimulate dilation of the blood vessels, which leads to a relaxed heart. A straightforward "thank you" (instead of "Not a problem") may offer a moment of healing - even when a heap of trouble appears to prevail. (from Don C. Berry, Ph.D., President of the Institute of Religion and Health, Augusta, GA and Charleston, SC. ([doncberry@mindspring.com](mailto:doncberry@mindspring.com)) - A great speaker at OASIS.)

**KEEP LOOKING UP, "SEASONED" SAINTS, JESUS IS COMING BACK!**





**WMU MISSION PROJECT: June & July**  
*Bears for Babies*



Please continue to collect bears for the Choctaw Indian Hospital in Oklahoma. You can drop them off at the RRVBA office Mon-Thurs, from 8:00 am—2:00 pm. All donations are due by Thursday, July 31. Thank you!



**NEWS FROM THE BSM. . .**

Dear Family,  
I'm excited to bring you a report from Eric Aguinaga. Eric has been part of the BSM since the fall semester last year, went to Beach Reach with us and is now on a mission trip through GO NOW Missions. He has been in Edinburgh, TX for the last 3 weeks and he has called me to let me know that God has used him to bring four people to Christ while he has been gone. He still has two weeks in New York City before he returns. It's so awesome to see what God has done in the life of this young man.

If you are part of the Monday lunch teams you will be hearing from me very soon. School starts Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> so I will be calling to schedule lunches. Monday lunches are such an incredible part of the BSM ministry and I can't thank all of you enough for your efforts in providing. This last school year two people came to know the Lord as a direct result of Monday Lunches. If you're church is not serving a Monday lunch and you would like it to, give me a call and I can tell you what all is involved.

Be praying for the BSM and the PJC campus this year. We have several students returning this year for a second semester so I'm super excited about what God might do. Every year I'm amazed at how God works and I expect nothing less this year. We have several things in the works to be more involved on campus this year. Pray that it all works out.

One thing that has been on my heart is our building fund. A handful of churches have come on board and began supporting the building fund regularly. Many churches have not. I have no doubt that God will continue to move whether we have a new building or not because God doesn't need a building to accomplish His work. When we voted on the building I knew it would not be a test of God's faithfulness to us, but a test of our faithfulness to God. We voted as an association to accomplish a task for the Glory of the Lord and now it seems as though we have forgotten that task. It seems as though many of us have forgotten our commitment. I understand some churches benefit more from the association than others. I believe, what some of us lose sight of is the calling of, GO YE THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS. I believe that all of our church pastors would love to see revival happen in the churches they are leading. I believe all our church pastors would love to see revival sweep across the city of Paris, TX. I believe all our church pastors would love to see revival sweep across Lamar County, the State of Texas, the United States, and our World. How much more can we achieve the great commandment when we work together?

**Acts 2:42** *And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

Imagine what would happen if an association of 47 churches came together, all with like minds, all with one goal, to see the Gospel of Jesus spread throughout the world, and began to fervently pray together, for each other, for our communities, our city, our county, our country and our world. What if we devoted ourselves to the teachings of the Bible, and regularly spent time in fellowship and prayer? What if Christians were unified? Will it start with us? Will we fulfill our personal and corporate commitment to the Lord?

My family and I love you all dearly and every day are grateful to be a part of this association. I pray for us all: **2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV** *If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

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





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### *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

#### July Birthdays

1st	Katie Byrd, spouse	FBC Paris
3rd	Steve Gunter, youth	Immanuel
9th	Robert Weems, spouse	FBC Blossom
20th	Travis Jackson, media/pr	FBC Paris
22nd	David Harbison, spouse	East Paris
22nd	Cindy McLeod, music	Chisum Trails

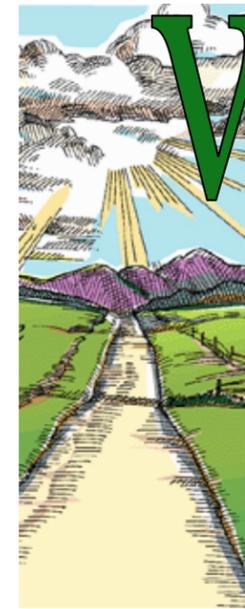
#### July Wedding Anniversaries

7th	Bobby & Nelda Harrell, 53 yrs	Bethel
18th	Ken & Jenene Cannon, 34 yrs	FBC Paris
20th	Jim & Becky Semple, 41 yrs	Howland
27th	Michael & Karen Julian, 52yrs	East Paris

#### July Church Anniversaries

1st	Norma Kelley, treasurer/clerk, 4 yrs	Glory
4th	Michael King, pastor, 4 yrs	Providence
9th	Mike Atkins, pastor, 8 yrs	Novice
14th	Fred Fangio, music, 1 yr	Springlake
19th	Mark Gossett, pastor, 16 yrs	FBC Clarksville

*First Baptist Church of Paris* seeks full time building superintendent. Salary, health insurance and benefit package to include retirement after 1 year of employment. Contact church office for job application.



# Voice of the Valley

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**Don't forget!!**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
 July 15 - Powderly Baptist Church  
 6:00 pm—Meal  
 6:45 pm—Meeting

**RRVBA Secretaries and Support Staff Lunch**  
 Thursday, July 3, 11:30 am, RRVBA Office  
 Bring your lunch—drinks are provided!

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- Thurs. July 3:** Secretaries/Support Staff Lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA
- Tues. July 8:** Finance Committee 5:30 pm, RRVBA
- Sat. July 12:** WMU Team Meeting, 10:00 am, RRVBA
- Tues. July 15:** Executive Board Meeting, Meal- 6:00 pm, Meeting-6:45 pm, Powderly Baptist Church (7850 Hwy. 271 North in Powderly)
- Thurs. July 31:** WMU Mission Project (Bears for Babies) donations due to RRVBA

**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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This July the fourth, our nation will celebrate its 238th birthday. We celebrate with family and friends, picnics, burgers on the grill, a swim in the pool or lake, going to a ball-game. It is a good time.

During our days overseas, the American community would gather and have a good ole "American 4th" celebration. Several times the American Embassy personnel would join in and they always came with real hot dogs from the "states" with all the trimmings. One could only guess how they got to East Africa. Maybe they came in one of those diplomatic pouches we heard about, from which all sorts of treats and personal items would show up occasionally. We never questioned it and never turned down the rare treats from home. It was a good time. The locals were amused by our crazy behavior, and by our fun and games. The baseball/softball game remains a mystery to them even to this day, I suppose.

Our freedom as a nation is special, unique, as compared to other nations of the world. Reading on the early days of America and her newly won independence, the founding fathers and framers of our constitution and Declaration of Independence had deep spiritual and moral convictions. These values led them to look to God for spiritual guidance and wisdom as they developed the foundation for the new republic. It is reported the almost half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence held seminary or Bible degrees.

George Washington, first US president once said, "While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian." (*The Writings of Washington*, pp. 342-343.) John Adams, second president of the United States, said while there were many ideas and debates during the achieving of independence, there was but one way men of competing opinions could unite and that was, "... the general Principles of Christianity..." in which all were united. (Excerpt from a letter to Thomas Jefferson, June 28, 1813.)

Maybe our celebrations and activities take their clue from a letter John Adams wrote to his wife on July 3, 1776, "The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever." (The date of July 2 was important as this had been the date when the Continental Congress had voted to declare its independence from Britain.) Ref. FamilySecurityMatters.org

So our celebrations are not out of line with John Adams' way of looking at this epic day in the history of America. However, let's not forget Adams also said this day, "ought be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty." Let's not forget to praise and thank God for our nation, for His gathering men and women of high calling to form our government, and for the gift of ultimate freedom and salvation found in Jesus Christ.

Blessings,  
 Milton Ertelt, Interim DOM