

RRVBA/BSM Donations
January 23—February 23

Atlas	\$	0
Bagwell	\$	100.00
Bethel	\$	96.36
Bounds	\$	299.04
Brookston	\$	0
Chicota	\$	175.97
Chisum Trails	\$	100.00
College Ave.	\$	38.00
Cunningham	\$	0
Direct	\$	270.88
Double R	\$	168.00
East Delta	\$	431.04
East Paris	\$	541.67
Emberson	\$	80.00
Faith	\$	0
FBC Annona	\$	87.00
FBC Blossom	\$	0
FBC Bogata	\$	1,045.26
FBC Clarksville	\$	83.33
FBC Cooper	\$	435.36
FBC Deport	\$	0
FBC Detroit	\$	32.06
FBC Paris	\$	934.11
FBC Roxton	\$	175.00
Friendship	\$	0
Fulbright	\$	376.99
Glory	\$	109.10
Graham St.	\$	0
Howland	\$	63.90
Immanuel/WMU	\$	528.99
Lakeway	\$	0
Lamar Point	\$	0
Lanes Chapel	\$	0
Leesville	\$	1,609.00
Maxey	\$	150.00
Mt. Olive	\$	190.00
Novice	\$	541.66
Pacio	\$	168.90
Pattonville	\$	346.44
Petty	\$	126.52
Powderly	\$	300.00
Providence	\$	143.90
Salem	\$	150.00
Southside	\$	704.28
Springlake	\$	222.66
Trinity	\$	0
Youngs Chapel	\$	0
TOTAL	\$	10,825.42

RISE & BUILD FUND: \$63,741.46

Bounds	\$	5,506.97
Chicota	\$	1,803.06
Emberson	\$	125.00
FBC Bogata	\$	12,950.41
Immanuel	\$	15.00
Leesville	\$	2,521.60
Maxey	\$	1,966.08
Mt. Olive	\$	191.00
Pacio	\$	4,189.74
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

Alice Ann White
RRVBA WMU Director
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Children in Action Day is here! I trust you and your church have made plans to bring your children ages 4 through 6th grade to First Baptist Church in Bogata on Saturday, March 1, 2014. Don't forget, each person attending is encouraged to bring a pair of new socks, children size or adult, for the Shelterkidz Ministry. The fun all begins with registration at 9 AM in the fellowship hall.

The Story will live on at CIA Day. "As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20 NIV) Have you noticed how your missions story overlaps with another, just as good works lead to more good works? It only takes one woman to make a difference.

The month of March will be busy. The Association WMU Leadership Team has invited Teri Ussery, consultant with Texas WMU to bring ideas of how better to work together as a team. I would like to encourage anyone who is interested to attend this meeting at Providence Baptist Church at 10:00 AM on March 22, 2014.

March is the month set aside for North American Missions emphasis and taking the Annie Armstrong Missions Offering. Pray about what you should do to bring this before the congregation and what God would have you do personally.

During March and April we are encouraging collection for the Paris and Clarksville Pregnancy Centers. They can use pretty much what any baby needs except diapers. Bring your items to the Association office by the end of April.

If I can assist you and your church to get more involved in missions, please call me.

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

MARCH - SPRING - THANK YOU, LORD for the distinctive changes of Seasons! We look forward to how HE will bring HIS BEAUTY out of the devastation of Winter this year, and ours was small compared to others. May we show HIM our gratitude as HE brings back the Springtime to the grass, trees, and flowers, blooming again for HIS GLORY and our enjoyment.

RRV Old Fashioned Hymn Singers welcome new members each month. We've been invited to sing at some churches' evening Worship services. We never "perform," we SING great hymns from our hearts honoring JESUS. Come practice with us March 13 (2nd Thursday of each month) at Southside BC 10 a.m.; bring others with you. Your sox will be BLESSED plumb off!

Joni E. Tada: "God permits what HE HATES (suffering) to accomplish what HE LOVES (Salvation)." Remember this as we approach EASTER.

Our friend and former Parisian, Dr. Pat Otwell has written another book, **GUIDE TO MINISTERING TO ALZHEIMER'S PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES**, published by Taylor & Francis, (c) 2014, and can be purchased from Amazon.com or www.routledge mentalhealth.com.

30 BIBLICAL PRESCRIPTIONS WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE HAS DEMENTIA. "God's Word contains prescriptions to make the Alzheimer's journey better IF His instructions are followed! Expect the unexpected (Prov. 27:1); Admit your helplessness (2 Cor.12:9-10); Seek help from the Lord (Ps. 124:8); Meditate on God's Word (Josh. 1:8); Pray (Jas. 1:5-6); Fix your eyes on Jesus (Isa. 26:3); Be patient (Ps. 27:14); Live one day at a time (Matt.6:34); Avoid worry (Phil 4:6-7); Maintain a sense of humor (Prov. 17:22); Honor your vows (Eccl. 5:4-5); Forgive (Matt. 6:14-15); Love (Rom. 8:28); Recognize that trials are temporary (2 Cor. 4:17-18); Obey God (Eccl. 12:13); Repent of your sins and put your faith in Christ for salvation (Rom. 3:23; 6:23; 10:9-10,13); Do good (2 Thess. 3:13); Worship (Heb. 10:25); Serve the Lord (Col. 3:17); Hope (Rom.15:13); Be not afraid (Isa. 41:10); Affirm God's presence (Heb. 13:5); Trust God (Phil. 4:19); Count your blessings (1 Thess. 5:18); Dwell on the positive (Phil. 4:8); Control your anger (Eph. 4:26-27); Take care of yourself (Rom. 12:1-2); Help yourself by helping others (2 Cor. 1:3-4); Remember that God is in control (Eph. 3:20-21); Anticipate the future (Rev. 21:4)."

Keep Looking Up, "Seasoned" Saints, JESUS is Coming Back Soon!

February-March WMU Mission Project

Paris/Clarksville Pregnancy Care Centers.

Continue collecting baby items along with financial contributions. Bring your baby items and \$\$\$ to the RRVBA, or drop them off at the PPCC.

They need everything for babies, EXCEPT DIAPERS!

THANK YOU to all the participating churches who collected items for the New Hope Center.

They received a bountiful supply of paper goods and other items from Immanuel, Salem, Mt. Olive, and FBC Bogata.

Lorene Pettyjohn, WMU Mission Project Coordinator

LADIES, YOU ARE INVITED!

A special WMU Meeting & Salad Luncheon will be held on Saturday, March 22, 10:00 am, at Providence Baptist Church. Our guest speaker is Teri Ussery, a consultant with Texas WMU. Bring a salad to share with the group and come for a blessing!

For more information contact Alice Ann White, RRVBA WMU Director, at 903-632-5681.

NEWS FROM THE BSM...

Dear Family,

Spring Break is practically here. I'm super excited about our team God has put together this year and can't wait to see the amazing things He is going to do and I can't wait to get back and tell you about how God uses our team. Thank you for all your support again this year to help us get to South Padre. As of right now we still need about \$3500. The garage sale is coming up on March 1st. We are still accepting donations for the garage sale and of course we are accepting scholarships as well.

I believe now more than ever we need to be out sharing the gospel with every tribe, every tongue and every nation. Beach Reach affords us the opportunity to share with multiple nationalities and never leave the state. Last year we talked with people from at least six different countries and I know there were more countries represented on that little bitty island. People are desperate for the love of Christ and it is the responsibility of everyone who calls themselves "Christian" to be sharing. So, as we continue in preparation to go to South Padre Island and share the gospel, ask yourself this question, what can I do to share the gospel right here at home? As you pray for the students who will be partying during spring break, as you pray for the hearts of the teams that will be sharing the gospel during spring break, pray for the hearts of the people that God wants you to share the gospel with during spring break, and pray that God would prepare your heart and give you the courage you need to speak boldly about the wonderful saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Ways to Pray:

1. Pray for the hearts of those who would hear the gospel that they would open their minds and their ears to hear THE TRUTH!
2. Pray for our hearts as Christians that we would be bold and never fear to share THE TRUTH!
3. PRAY FOR REVIVAL! Revival on the Island of South Padre and revival here at home in Paris, TX.
4. Pray for God's favor in our finances and our safety.

As Beach Reach is an opportunity for college students to step out of their comfort zones and share the gospel, please take this week as an opportunity for you to step out of your comfort zone and share the gospel. You want to see things change? You want to see our country repent and ask for forgiveness? You want America to be a Christian nation again? Then let us all do our part in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Let it not be by word alone, but in action and deed as well. Many people say they are willing to die for Jesus. Are you willing to live for Him?

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



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Birthdays and Anniversaries

March Birthdays

1st	Melissa Norris, spouse	Southside
3rd	Mark Fendley, spouse	Mt. Olive
4th	JoAnn Adams, spouse	Pacio
5th	Nelda Harrell, spouse	Bethel
5th	Carol King, spouse	Providence
8th	Jerry Nell Stout, spouse	Faith
12th	Lynda Gossett, spouse	FBC Clarksville
20th	Milton Ertelt, Interim DOM	RRVBA
24th	L.C. Stout, pastor	Faith
26th	Renee Wright, secretary	FBC Paris

March Wedding Anniversaries

5th	Jay & Kerrie Morris, 9 yrs	Bounds
9th	Scott & Crystal Powell, 18 yrs	BSM
9th	Jake & Denise Vaughn, 30 yrs	East Delta
17th	Randy & Kay Parsons, 35 yrs	Immanuel
20th	Bob & Gwen Posey, 17 yrs	College Avenue

March Church Anniversaries

1st	Gary Lynch, music, 3 yrs	FBC Clarksville
1st	Renee Wright, secretary, 2 yrs	FBC Paris
5th	Eugene Adams, pastor, 29 yrs	Pacio
17th	Don Parker, pastor, 1 yr	Petty
24th	Tim Reger, pastor, 12 yrs	Mt. Olive

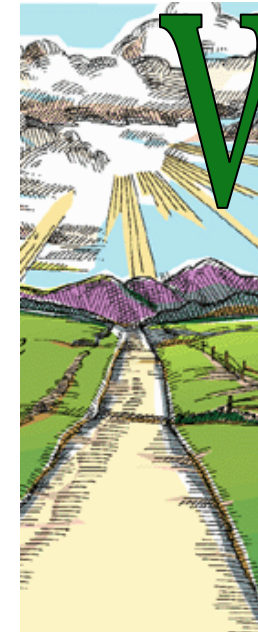
BSM NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The BSM Team has been in training for the past few weeks learning how to witness and give their testimonies so they can be prepared to share the gospel with students on Spring Break through Beach Reach.

At this time the BSM still needs about \$3500 to cover the cost of this evangelistic trip. If you or your church would like to give a scholarship, it's not too late!

Many thanks to the individuals and churches who have already helped with contributions to the Beach Reach fund.

If you have questions, call Scott Powell, BSM Director, at 903-246-1364 for more information.



Voice of the Valley

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CIA DAY
SATURDAY, MARCH 1
FBC BOGATA
9:00 am—12:45 pm

A Missions Event for children age 4 through 6th grade
See your church's Children's Director
or call RRVBA for more information!

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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SATURDAY, MARCH 1: BSM YARD SALE
Help support Beach Reach!
Location: Church of Christ parking lot on Collegiate

This morning in my time in God's word He led me to the 5th chapter of the book of James, in particular verses 13-18. What the writer records is the character of the early church.

In verse 13 it is "A Singing Church". The church is found singing each time they met. Paul tell us the Corinthian church is to sing (1 Corinthians 14:15.) In Col. 3:16 Paul entreats us to sing and he makes mention of singing in Romans as well. The Psalms encourage us to lift our voices to heaven and sing with great joy. Psalm 96 entreats us to "Sing to the Lord a new song." All the earth is to sing, to bless His name. "Say to the nations (Gentiles), 'The Lord reigns.'" Early historians noted, "These Christians gather on the same day of the week and sing to their God in Christ." The first century church sang because they were filled with hope and joy in the Gospel. In my visits to the churches of RRVBA, as well as others in years past, I wonder why many of us stopped singing. Why the somber mood? Can we not equally worship with hymns, contemporary songs or choruses? Music expresses the depths of our love and the height our joy in Christ. Or have we lost that joy? I pray not.

The early church was "A Healing Church." William Barclay, in his commentary on James says, "the church has always cared for her sick." James, vs 14-15, entreats whoever is sick "to call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." Numerous passages in the Gospels find prayer is offered for the sick. We pray to God because we have faith in God. In the earliest days of Jewish life and in the early church olive oil was considered the best of medicines and was used in the anointing of the sick as prayer was offered. Oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit and is a visible reminder that He is about us. A.T. Robertson says in his commentary on James, "It has always been God and medicine, God and the doctor, and that is precisely where we are today. The best physicians believe in God and want the help of prayer."

The early church was "A Praying Church," vs 16-18. In addition to praying for the sick, there is the idea of confession. We know that in Jewish life sickness was linked to sin, and yet there is a measure of healing when we confess to one another and to the Lord. Confession heals the soul, removes barriers and rebuilds broken relationships. James reminds there is no limit to the power of prayer. When we pray we are in contact with God. Through prayer we invoke the grace and mercy of God to enter into the life of men to bring healing and peace. "The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." (vs 16)

As I write to you this morning I am facing significant health issues in my life. The Lord led me to study James 5 to rediscover the exhortation to pray for the sick and along the way I was reminded that the church is to sing in praise and worship and to take part in healing the saints. I hope this is as helpful to you as it is for me.

Blessings, *Milton Ertelt*, Interim DOM

RRVBA Secretaries & Support Staff

Luncheon

Thursday, March 6 at 11:30 am

RRVBA Office

Bring your lunch—drinks are provided

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

SATURDAY, MARCH 1: BSM Yard Sale, Church of Christ parking lot, Collegiate & 24th Street

SATURDAY, MARCH 1: CIA Day, 9:00 am—12:45 pm, FBC Bogata

SUNDAY, MARCH 2: Week of Prayer for North American Missions (Annie Armstrong)

THURSDAY, MARCH 6: Secretaries/Support Staff lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA

FRIDAY, MARCH 7: BSM Team leaves for Beach Reach

SUNDAY, MARCH 9: Daylight Savings Time begins (Ahead one hour)

SATURDAY, MARCH 22: WMU Meeting and Salad lunch with Terri Ussery, 10:00 am, Providence

SATURDAY, MARCH 29: VBS Training Workshop, Friendly Baptist Church, Tyler

SUNDAY, MARCH 30: 5th Sunday