

RRVBA/BSM Donations
March 25—April 25

Atlas	\$ 200.00
Bagwell	\$ 0
Bethel	\$ 92.60
Bounds	\$ 389.44
Brookston	\$ 0
Chicota	\$ 164.65
Chisum Trails	\$ 100.00
College Ave.	\$ 44.00
Cunningham	\$ 0
Direct	\$ 420.94
Double R	\$ 120.00
East Delta	\$ 559.52
East Paris	\$ 541.67
Emberson	\$ 80.00
Faith	\$ 137.00
FBC Annona	\$ 83.75
FBC Blossom	\$ 150.00
FBC Bogata	\$ 1,376.76
FBC Clarksville	\$ 83.33
FBC Cooper	\$ 477.28
FBC Deport	\$ 0
FBC Detroit	\$ 40.83
FBC Paris	\$ 1,243.68
FBC Roxton	\$ 245.45
Friendship	\$ 0
Fulbright	\$ 0
Glory	\$ 348.63
Graham St. (I)	\$ 0
Howland	\$ 88.71
Immanuel/WMU	\$ 711.21
Lakeway	\$ 0
Lamar Point	\$ 100.00
Lanes Chapel (I)	\$ 0
Leesville	\$ 2,152.00
Maxey	\$ 150.00
Mt. Olive	\$ 307.00
Novice	\$ 541.66
Pacio	\$ 144.30
Pattonville	\$ 167.92
Petty	\$ 191.04
Powderly	\$ 300.00
Providence	\$ 309.68
Salem	\$ 150.00
Southside	\$ 946.75
Springlake	\$ 368.64
Trinity	\$ 0
Youngs Chapel	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 13,528.44

RISE & BUILD FUND: \$65,406.41

Bounds	\$ 5,824.74
Chicota	\$ 1,935.72
Emberson	\$ 125.00
FBC Bogata	\$ 13,577.25
Immanuel	\$ 15.00
Leesville	\$ 2,974.10
Maxey	\$ 1,966.08
Mt. Olive	\$ 191.00
Pacio	\$ 4,324.92
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
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Before long WMU will have a new theme. But for now, we are still thinking about "Telling our Story". Do you realize we are writing God's story with our lives? What are we saying? When people look at us, what do they see and think about God? Remember, we are all a witness. The question is, are we witnessing for Him or against Him!

In celebration of WMU's 125 birthday this year we are encouraged to take the 1-2-5 challenge. That is to organize 1 new WMU mission age level group with 2 leaders and at least 5 children. Pray about your church stepping up and meeting this goal.

Remember we are collecting items to be used by the Christian Women's Job Corp. The Association WMU is sponsoring a reception following CWJC's graduation on May 2, 2014. This is always an exciting time for us and the graduates. Also, I would ask that you add this group and Carol King, Site Coordinator, to your prayer list.

With summer fast approaching, let us commit to be faithful to our call to missions. I am available to assist in any way you need me to help your church be more mission minded. Together we are "telling His story".

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

MAY's gorgeous flowers remind us that new life springs out of the death of Winter - PRAISE GOD for Seasons that change! Happy Mother's Day to every one on YOU - give and accept HUGS! 'Hugging is the ideal gift. Great for any occasion, fun to give and receive, shows you care, comes with its own wrapping and, of course, is fully returnable. Hugging is practically perfect. No batteries to wear out, inflation-proof, nonfattening, no monthly payments, theft-proof and nontaxable.' by Charles Faraone in 'Chicken Soup for the Soul.'

Hallelujah, What A SAVIOR - we CELEBRATE HIM EVERY SUNDAY! GOD is still on His Throne and JESUS is ALIVE! All across our RRVBA He's stirring the hearts of "Seasoned" Saints to remember their Spiritual Gift(s) of Service His HOLY SPIRIT gave them the moment they were saved. Some have used their special gift(s) faithfully, while others put their gift(s) on a shelf for "someday." Well, someday has arrived, and we believe the time is getting closer when Jesus will return for His Bride/His Church. Some Seniors have left bigger churches following the Lord's leadership to be Missionaries in smaller churches using their gift(s) and talents. PRAISE GOD, PRAYERS ANSWERED TO MY JANUARY CHALLENGE! Please, do it again, LORD! There are so many needs NOT YET being met in some of our wonderful smaller churches: Music Leaders, Pianists, Teachers of God's Word to all ages, Nursery, and Helpers of all kinds. The blessings and serendipities are for NOW and ETERNITY!

RRV Old Fashioned Hymn Singers continue to grow with 28 at our April monthly 2nd Thursday 10 AM "Dress Rehearsals" at Southside BC. We had our sox blessed clean off on March 30 "debuting" at Springlake BC's 5th Sunday Singing. We sang at Paris FBC's Old Fashioned Senior Adult Revival April 28 with Dr. Ernie Perkins preaching, and Musicians Sherman and Tammy Aten. We will also sing as part of the Rick Gage GO TELL Revival Crusade Choir May 11-14 at Paris High School Stadium. Many busy "Seasoned" Seniors will help in all areas of the Crusade, as we did last year at Cooper Stadium, where over 400 decisions were made by people of all ages, and over 200 were for Salvation. There's still room for many more! Seniors were involved with other Spring Revivals April 6-9: Emberson BC and Clarksville FBC. Many also took part in RRVBA VBS Workshop at Paris FBC's Fellowship Hall on April 17; they'll be working

in their own church's Children's VBS studying AGENCY D3, too. Host Churches for our 10th year of Senior Adult VBS: July 28 - Springlake; Aug. 4 - Immanuel; Aug. 11 - Chicota; Aug. 18 - Southside; Aug. 25 - Paris FBC.

On April 25 many Seniors attended the FREE 26th Annual Norvell Slater Senior Adult HYMN SING at DBU, giving nearly 1,000 Senior Adults from Texas and other states the opportunity to fellowship and sing together the 'Old Favorites.' That's kind of an early glimpse of Heaven's Music - HALLELUJAH, WHAT A SAVIOR!

"SEASONED" SAINTS, KEEP LOOKING UP, JESUS IS COMING BACK SOON!
ARE YOU READY?

NEWS FROM THE BSM. . .

Dear Family,

Since Beach Reach, God has continued to do some amazing things. The way He works in our lives when we let Him is so amazing. The way He will use us to work in other's lives when we let Him is amazing. I hope and pray today that you will let God use you in whatever way He chooses.

After returning from Beach Reach one of the young men who made the trip with us is now signed up and making preparations to go on a summer mission trip. Eric will spend three weeks in the valley of south Texas and then go to New York for two weeks. He will be helping with a church plant, sharing the gospel, working with children through VBS's and much more. Eric has also been very active about inviting new students to the BSM. As a result a young lady named Shay prayed to receive Christ in her heart after Bible Study one night and is now a changed person. Another young lady named Paulina, who also went to Beach Reach, has shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ with her sister's boyfriend and he prayed to accept Christ. Kent went with us last year and again this year and now God is making a calling on his life to serve in ministry. Brittney is continuing to serve at her church in the children's ministry and God is working in Kelsey's heart as well.

God continues to use the BSM for his purposes. A young man named Levi came to lunch for the first time on a Monday and then came back to Bible study on Tuesday. Kent and I stayed at the BSM with him answering questions and sharing The Gospel with him until about 1:30 in the morning. Levi came back to game night that Thursday night and when he walked in the door he said, "I went home after we talked and I did what we talked about. I asked Jesus in my heart!" My heart is overwhelmed at how amazingly God has worked through our students and the BSM. Praise God for his faithfulness!

There are many others whom I have had conversations with this year at the BSM. Some are Atheist, some agnostic, some think they are Christians but don't want to make a true commitment to Christ. Keep praying for these folks. I know God wants to work in their hearts. Pray they would soften their hearts toward God in order that they might come to know his saving grace through Jesus Christ.

Let me wrap things up with this....What are you doing to share The Gospel of Jesus Christ? Our world is hurting and people need to know the truth. Pick a couple people you know who are lost. Begin to consistently pray for them and ask God to give you opportunities to share the Gospel. Then, watch what he can do through you when you are obedient to him!

Romans 12:1-2 *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

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

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

Continue through May to find ways to assist CWJC!

- 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

Want to know more about CWJC? Contact Carol King, Site Coordinator, at 903-517-8665.





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Birthdays and Anniversaries

May Birthdays

2nd	Denise Harbison, secretary	East Paris
8th	Matt Byre, worship leader	FBC Paris
9th	Jan Bell, spouse	Novice
9th	Neali Landers, secretary	FBC Cooper
11th	Velva Dean Aubrey, spouse	Trinity
13th	Mike Atkins, pastor	Novice
14th	Denise Vaughn, spouse	East Delta
15th	Becky Semple, spouse	Howland
17th	Ken Cannon, assoc. pastor	FBC Paris
27th	Carol VanDeaver, spouse	Bethel

May Wedding Anniversaries

9th	Tim & Deann Reger, 33 yrs	Mt. Olive
17th	Jeff & Amy Duvall, 17 yrs	FBC Bogata
20th	Mike & Irene Atkins, 36 yrs	Novice
23rd	Jimmy & Christine Ellis, 45 yrs	Leesville

May Church Anniversaries

1st	Jeremy Glossup, youth, 10 yrs	East Delta
2nd	Mavis Miller, secretary	Springlake
20th	Steve Gunter, youth, 9 yrs	Immanuel
20th	Travis Jackson, media/pr, 9 yrs	FBC Paris

Continue to be in prayer for our Search Committee as they diligently seek to find our new RRVBA Director of Missions.

As a part of this process, surveys have been sent out to all the churches so the committee can get input from association members.

Please return all surveys to the RRVBA office by Wednesday, April 30.

Thank you!



Voice of the Valley

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GO TELL CRUSADE
WITH RICK GAGE
MAY 11-14, 2014 7:00 PM NIGHTLY
PARIS HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM

Some time ago during research for a study guide, "Jesus, A Timeless Portrait of Servant Leadership," I came across Col. 3:23, a verse I have read many times: "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, . . ." Looking at Paul's encouragement one might tend to major upon the work aspect of his instruction, or the wholehearted attitude. But what stood out to me recently was the word "whatever." How does whatever fit into today's context where many desire a title, a position, acknowledgment or recognition before doing their best?

Perhaps whatever means that as followers of Jesus Christ we should apply ourselves to every worthy opportunity to serve wholeheartedly. Whatever encompasses a large territory with many tasks attached, some great and some we value as lowly and without merit. Jesus modeled the role of a servant leader when He did the whatever: He washed feet; denied Himself worldly pleasures; was servant to many; refused popular acclaim; took on poverty, sorrow, humiliation and death; ministered to the sick, sorrowing and poor; preached to the poor in spirit. Robert Coleman wrote in his classic book, *The Master Plan of Evangelism*. "This was new, people could not explain it, few understood it, but they never mistook it."

Human nature wants high office, a high-sounding title before doing one's best. Humility is not something we are accustomed to practicing. Yet it is the model that Jesus practiced and taught. The spirit of a follower of Jesus Christ is that any opportunity to glorify the Lord is not to be considered too small or insignificant to command our best. Perhaps when doing the whatever, observers many say of the servant church, as Dr. Coleman wrote, "This is new." How else can we explain it but by doing the whatever is serving out of a deep gratitude of what God has done for us. And what joy when the Master replies: "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" Matt. 25:21

One of the joys of a DOM is the opportunity to visit so in many RRVBA churches and on occasion being invited to bring the worship-hour message. These past weeks have been especially rich for me preaching at Springlake and for the 130th celebration at First Detroit. Recently I have visited Lamar Point, Glory, First Bogata, East Paris, and Easter Sunday at Emberson.

Thanks to so many who have come by your Association office for a visit. The door is always open for prayer and sharing. Who knows— if you come at the right time I might buy your lunch!

Blessings,

Milton Ertelt, Interim DOM

RRVBA Secretaries /Support Staff Lunch

Thursday, May 1 at 11:30 am, RRVBA
Bring your lunch—drinks are provided.
Get ready to laugh as we watch a
Chonda Pierce video!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Thursday, May 1:** *National Day of Prayer*
- Thursday, May 1:** *Secretaries/ Support Staff Lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA*
- Friday, May 2:** *CWJC Graduation, 6:30 pm, The Attic @ FBC Paris*
- Sunday, May 4:** *Senior Adult Sunday*
- Thursday, May 8:** *4th Annual Style Show sponsored by PPCC, 6:00 pm, East Paris*
- Sunday, May 11:** *Mother's Day*
- Sunday, May 11—Wednesday, May 14:**
Go Tell Crusade, 7:00 pm nightly, Paris High School Stadium
- Sunday, May 18—Saturday, May 24:**
Baptist Association Emphasis Week
- Monday, May 26:** *Memorial Day (RRVBA office closed)*

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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