

RISE & BUILD FUND: \$70,884.25

Bounds	6,678.48
Chicota	2,247.32
Emberson	125.00
FBC Bogata	15,035.48
Immanuel	15.00
Leesville	4,328.10
Maxey	1,966.08
Mt. Olive	191.00
Novice	600.00
Pacio	4,664.29
Petty	10,000.00
Providence	1,453.14
RRVBA/WMU	14,982.28
Salem	3,000.00
Springlake	1,666.63
Individuals	5,868.02

WMU News

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"ALL FOR YOU", Surrender! As we begin to think about this new theme, we will be faced with new challenges and opportunities. Do we say not my will, but Your will? Could we deny ourselves of some "perks" in our daily lives? As the stately old hymn says "All to Jesus, I surrender, all to Him I fully give". Do we truly practice this?

Ladies Retreat! What can I say? We had almost 200 in attendance, despite the heat. To say the day was wonderful would be an understatement. The planning team worked together to make this day possible. The cash donation of \$1000.00 helped to keep the fee to \$10.00. God blessed! That is what it is all about. Start making plans now to attend the third annual ladies retreat in 2015.

Once again I want to jog your memory, the World Day of Prayer coming November 3, 2014, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Paris, at 6:30 PM. I am reminded that people in other countries pray from 6 AM until 6 PM and others may walk for miles through very bad conditions, just to participate in praying on this day. Should we not be as faithful here to meet and pray for our world? I think we would all agree the world needs prayer.

The CIA Day planning team is meeting very soon to start making plans for the next association children's day event. This is an experience you don't want the children in your church to miss. Save the date of **March 7, 2015**.

Remember we are collecting shoes for Buckner's. This collection will end September 30.

RRVBA/BSM Donations August 26-Sept 23

Year to Date	Year to Date
Atlas	0
Bagwell	50.00
Bethel	94.00
Bounds	400.00
Brookston	0
Chicota	157.08
Chisum Trails	100.00
College Ave (Inactive)	0
Cunningham	0
Direct	287.43
Double R	141.00
East Delta	408.37
East Paris	541.67
Emberson	80.00
Faith	0
FBC Annona	84.00
FBC Blossom	150.00
FBC Bogata	1,208.29
FBC Clarksville	83.33
FBC Cooper	443.52
FBC Deport	0
FBC Detroit	42.13
FBC Paris	1,222.80
FBC Roxton	213.00
Friendship	0
Fulbright	0
Glory	150.25
Graham St. (Inactive)	0
Howland	128.25
Immanuel/WMU	25.00
Lakeway	0
Lamar Point	0
Lanes Chapel (Inactive)	0
Leesville	1,950.00
Maxey	150.00
Mt. Olive	325.00
Novice	541.66
Pacio	150.25
Pattonville	0
Petty	0
Powderly	300.00
Providence	220.28
Salem	150.00
Southside	812.85
Springlake	278.31
Trinity	0
Youngs Chapel	0
TOTAL	10,888.47

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

"How can I say Thanks for the things YOU have done for me/us? Things so undeserved, yet YOU gave to prove YOUR LOVE for me/us - To GOD be the Glory for the things HE has done!" What a glorious 10 years Celebrating Senior Adult VBS! Because I must submit each monthly article by the 15th of the month to be printed for the NEXT month, I didn't get to thank each of YOU like I wanted to do. Nancy and Margie were waiting so they could print that last day's totals. We were so blessed to have residents from Lamar Place and Sterling House Assisted Living; we hope to have even more next year. I was overwhelmed by your loving comments, the gift card and 2 beautifully decorated cakes re: 10 years = 50 classes of SA-VBS. Our prayer has always been that each person attending would be blessed, the unsaved would be saved as a result of seeds planted, watered and harvested, and individual Spiritual Gifts would be used to honor our Lord as long as we live. There is so much our Laity can still do in our churches; just need a gentle nudge at times.

You will learn even more about our RRVB Association by attending the Annual Meeting at East Delta B.C. on Oct. 21st. So many have been thrilled to get to visit other churches and see some folks you've met and grown to love at SA-VBS, and they will feed us, too! Try it and I betcha you'll like it!

The Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers sang at The Home Place and Spring Lake Assisted Living on Sept. 11th. We would love to sing with other precious residents who still remember those great old Hymns and they sing along with us. Just contact me or Dir. Fred Fangio to set a date. Our next rehearsal is Oct. 9th at Springlake B.C. Come sing with us.

FALL is in the air - leaves are beginning to turn their beautiful colors. God is so good to give us seasons. Let's praise Him and count our blessings! "Never doubt in the dark what God told you in the light." V. Raymond Edman.

In times like these continue praying for ISRAEL, the persecuted Church, all Christian Missionaries, our Military, our Nation and our Leaders to fall on their knees seeking and following God's guidance.

KEEP LOOKING UP "SEASONED" SAINTS - JESUS IS COMING BACK SOON!

WMU MISSION PROJECT: October & November



Start now to collect items to fill your shoebox! Billy Sparkman, spokesperson for Operation Christmas Child, is available to come to your church to speak about this project. He can be reached at 903-908-5585 in Texarkana.

SHOES & SOCKS FOR BUCKNER (Shoes for Orphan Souls) are due to RRVBA Office by Tuesday, Sept. 30.

NEWS FROM THE BSM...

Dear Family,
Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain." And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that you would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested. (1 Chronicles 4:9-10)

The BSM students and I have been walking through the "Prayer of Jabez" the last few weeks of Bible study. As I have evaluated the spiritual condition of myself and my family, the students whom I have had the blessings of working with over the years, and a general observation of the "average" Christian, it has led me to have such a great desire to be more than "average". I believe the Bible and the Bible says God wants to give his blessings to us yet we don't get them because we don't ask for them. Of course the balance of asking God for things is to make sure we are asking Him for the blessings he wants to give and not expecting everything we selfishly desire. Upon visiting with students and asking them what their expectations are I was surprised at how narrow their vision for the future is. Then I thought back to myself at their age and thought, my vision for the future was much different when I was their age. If only I would have had someone to tell me, "God wants more for you!"

So, as we have been walking through this prayer of Jabez I have been trying to lead the students to understand how to expand their vision of what God wants for them, something I think we could all do better at. I have challenged the students to begin to pray, fervently, and ask God to:

BLESS THEM INDEED: Not to pray for selfish things like expensive cars and homes, but to pray and ask God to give them whatever blessing He has for them that day. I've also encouraged them to pray for the vision to see that blessing when it arrives. So many times, God will bless us and we just go on about our day like it was nothing. Scripture says "Every good and perfect gift comes from God." We need to take notice of His blessings and thank Him for them.

EXPAND THEIR TERRITORY: Ask God to expand their opportunities for ministry, regardless of where they are in life. Ask God to expand their physical boundaries of ministry, not to be content to be content but to constantly be seeking out "Where else can I go to share the gospel?" I've reminded them that all the resources on this earth belong to God and if those increased territories require increased funding, God will provide!

THAT GOD'S HAND WOULD BE WITH THEM: Jesus said in John 15 that apart from Him, we can do nothing. Rely on God, have an intimate, daily, personal relationship with Him. Ask God to direct their steps, guide them, and keep His hand on them.

KEEP THEM FROM EVIL THAT THEY MIGHT NOT CAUSE PAIN: Not keep them from being hurt, but keep them from hurting others. Let them be sensitive to others needs, sensitive to how God wants to use them in any situation in the lives of all those around them. Not to be arrogant and conceited, but to be humble and gracious, remembering that everything good and perfect comes from God.

As a Christian, we should all be praying this simple prayer. Asking God to bless us, increase our boundaries, keep His hand on us, and keep us from evil so we don't hurt others. Here is the problem I found with my own faith and I see in the faith of others. As Christians attending church regularly we know the truth, we know how we should live and how others should live, but somewhere along the way we get corrupted by trying to do the right things and ignoring the right thing to do, which is to develop our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Going to church and fellowshiping with other believers is great! But, if all we do is go to church and hang out with others like us, what impact are we having on the Kingdom? If all we do is talk about how good God is but don't live out how good God is, what good are we doing? If we talk about how awesome a personal relationship with God is but don't do anything to have a personal relationship with God, why should anyone believe us?

Our world is messed up! The time is now! What are you going to do to make a difference for Jesus Christ today? Are you going to pray every day, without ceasing? Are you going to ask God to bless you? Are you going to ask God to increase your territory of witness and ministry? (If you are a Christian, according to Scripture, you are a minister of the Gospel!) Are you going to ask God to keep His hand on you and keep you from evil so that you don't cause pain to others? What we each need to realize is: the responsibility lies with me. It's not my pastor's, not my Sunday School teacher's, not the evangelism trainer's not the music minister's or anyone else's responsibility to share the gospel with people in my territory. **IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY!**

Praise you God for the blessing of salvation. Praise you Father for allowing me the opportunity to come to You and ask You for blessings unafraid of my imperfection. Praise you Father, the King of all Kings, who wants to give every good and perfect gift. May we all humble ourselves to Your service and seek after Your will for our lives. As we live in Your grace and forgiveness, help us extend grace and forgiveness to others. Keep us from the hands of the evil one and keep us from causing pain to others. **IN this life may we bring glory and honor to you in all that we think, say, and do. Amen.**

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



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Birthdays and Anniversaries

October Birthdays

1st	Mike Redus, pastor	Salem
4th	Misty Clark, spouse	Maxey
6th	Nancy Redus, admin. asst.	RRVBA
8th	Jessica Rickman, spouse	Lakeway
13th	Jimmy Woodard, pastor	FBC Annona
16th	Haley Sharrock, spouse	Novice
17th	Carla Spann, spouse	Southside
20th	Johnny Wright, spouse	FBC Paris
25th	Ivy Fendley, MSC/education	Mt. Olive
25th	Karen Julian, spouse	East Paris
27th	Kerrie Morris, spouse	Bounds
28th	Mark Gossett, pastor	FBC Clarksville
28th	Jim Semple, music	Howland
29th	Brent Bolton, education	FBC Cooper

October Wedding Anniversaries

11th	Mike & Nancy Redus, 45 yrs	Salem
11th	Gary & Sharon Lynch, 27 yrs	FBC Clarksville
17th	Gary & Cheryl Reed, 33 yrs	Emberson
23rd	Brad & Marsha Crosswhite, 15 yrs	Lamar Point

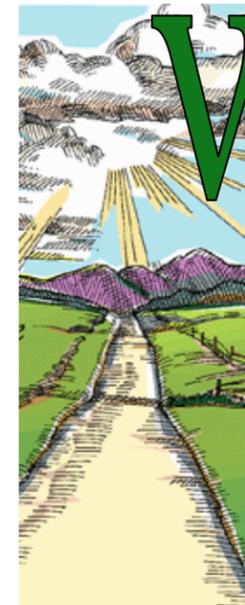
October Church Anniversaries

1st	Gale Smith, secretary, 7 yrs	Brookston
11th	Jody VanDeaver, pastor, 5 yrs	Bethel
21st	Mike Redus, pastor, 2 yrs	Salem

Secretaries and Support Staff Luncheon

Thursday, October 2
11:30 am—1:00 pm
RRVBA Office

Brenda Finley of Mt. Olive will present the devotional. Bring your lunch- coffee & tea are provided.



Voice of the Valley

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Red River Valley Baptist Association
122nd Annual Meeting
Tuesday, October 21
East Delta Baptist Church

Booths open at 4:00 pm
Meeting begins at 5:00 pm

Fellowship meal after the meeting; booths will reopen

IMPORTANT NOTE: The meal will be catered, so we need to know if you will attend! Please RSVP to Nancy at the Association office by Wednesday, October 15. Also, if you need directions to East Delta, call the office at 903-785-2890.

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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- THURS, OCT 2:** Secretaries/Support Staff lunch; 11:30 am; RRVBA office
- SUN, OCT 5:** Soul-Winning Commitment Sunday
Life Chain Demonstration; 2:00 pm; Ramseur BC parking lot
- SAT, OCT 11:** WMU Team Meeting; 10:00 am; RRVBA office
- TUES, OCT 14:** Finance Committee meeting; 5:30 pm; RRVBA office
- TUES, OCT 21:** RRVBA 122nd Annual Meeting; Booths open @ 4:00 pm; Meeting @ 5:00 pm; Fellowship meal follows; East Delta Baptist Church

CHURCHES: Have you sent the following information to the RRVBA Office? We need this to prepare for Annual Meeting!

- ★ Messengers from your church
- ★ List of members who passed away this last year
- ★ Any changes in staff

Please get the information to us ASAP!

Come make a stand for GOOD over EVIL!

You are invited to participate in the Peaceable, Prayerful Life Chain Demonstration in Paris on Sunday, October 5. It starts in the parking lot of Ramseur Baptist Church at 2:00 pm. Everyone will disperse along Highway 82 from there. The program will end about 3:30 pm. Contact Paris Pregnancy Care Center at 903-784-1555

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for more information.