

RISE & BUILD FUND: \$69,298.95

Bounds	6,478.48
Chicota	2,183.78
Emberson	125.00
FBC Bogata	14,733.41
Immanuel	15.00
Leesville	4,003.10
Maxey	1,966.08
Mt. Olive	191.00
Pacio	4,589.16
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

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'ALL FOR YOU!' This is the new theme for WMU for the next two years. What a challenge to give our all to Jesus! As we will be looking at the interpretation for this from time to time in this article, I am excited. Start praying now with me about surrender, sacrifice and serve! Jesus demands no less from each of His children.

Ladies Retreat! It is here! September 20, 2014, is the date at Jan-Kay Ranch, with registration beginning at 9:30 AM and the program at 10:00 AM. Packets were sent to the churches with information needed to register. If you did not hear details of how to register, please call the association office and do so immediately. There is a fee of \$10.00 for each lady to attend. This day is packed with information, inspiration, entertainment and food. This is one "meeting" you will not want to miss!



On November 3, 2014, another very important event is planned for our Association. This is the date for the World Day of Prayer to be at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Paris. We come together to pray for our world in conjunction with other Christians around the world.

Remember we are collecting shoes and socks for Buckner's Children's Home in Dallas to be distributed to children around the world. We are not just giving a pair of shoes. This is a means of their staying healthy, avoiding diseases and knowing someone cares. I want to thank the churches that are faithful to participate in our missions outreach collections. Most of the time we are very successful in being able to minister to needs in our communities and around the world.



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

SEPTEMBER - Reminisce with me re: Our Generation - Vacation was over! School started the day after Labor Day even tho' we Band members (and football players, etc.) had been practicing at least the last 2 wks of HOT Aug. We even marched in the Labor Day Parade in our 100% wool uniforms, as well as at those ballgames. Most of us were excited to be going back to school (NO A/C) to see friends and be involved in many activities at school and church. What a GREAT HERITAGE we've enjoyed these years God has given us! HE wants us to continue until HE RETURNS for US HIS BRIDE/HIS CHURCH and takes us HOME to HEAVEN by RAPTURE or death = Complete Healing!

Sr. Adult VBS continues to grow and bless our hearts at 5 different Host Churches each of these 10 years! Average Attendance 5 Mondays each year: 59 in 2005 "Road Trip Across the USA"; 105 in 2006 "Game Day Central - Where Heroes Are Made"; 75 in 2007 "Alaska - Arctic Edge"; 75 in 2008 "Hawaii - Outrigger Island"; 86 in 2009 "Boomerang Express - Australia, It All Comes Back to Jesus"; 88 in 2010 "Saddle Ridge Ranch - Roundin' Up, Drivin' Home Answers"; 72 in 2011 "Big Apple Adventure - Where Faith and Life Connect"; 88 in 2012 "Amazing Wonders Aviation"; 102 & 1/5 in 2013 - We're still searching for that 1/5 person - HELP! - "Colossal Coaster World - Facing Fear, Trusting God"; and 124 this 10th year 2014 - "Agency D-3, Discover, Decide, Defend." Next year 2015 theme is "Journey Off the Map, Unknown to Us, Known to HIM." Host Churches: Aug. 3 @ Bogata FBC; Aug. 10 @ FBC Cooper; Aug. 17 @ Chicota BC; Aug. 24 @ East Paris BC; Aug. 31 @ Paris FBC. Looks and Sounds like another GREAT YEAR God has prepared for us!

Our Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers were invited to sing several times, and the congregation sang with us. We invite anyone who loves to sing those good ol' Gospel songs and Choruses from hymnals to come join us on 2nd Thursdays at 10 am at Springlake BC. We believe Jesus loves the Joyful Sounds as we're making these Hills and Valleys come ALIVE for HIM!

"In Times Like These" continue praying for: ISRAEL the Apple of God's Eye, for ALL Christian Missionaries, the Persecuted Church, our Military, Nation, and Leaders to look to and follow Jesus. **KEEP LOOKING UP "SEASONED" SAINTS - JESUS IS COMING BACK- MAYBE SOONER THAN WE THINK!**



RRVBA/BSM Donations July 22—August 25	Year to Date	
Atlas	0	200.00
Bagwell	50.00	450.00
Bethel	77.44	644.93
Bounds	748.54	2,639.57
Brookston	0	0
Chicota	132.10	1,259.90
Chisum Trails	100.00	800.00
College Ave (Inactive)	0	133.00
Cunningham	0	540.00
Direct	229.94	2,184.24
Double R	141.00	1,498.50
East Delta	405.37	3,711.59
East Paris	541.67	4,333.36
Emberson	80.00	640.00
Faith	176.00	1,342.00
FBC Annona	169.74	668.19
FBC Blossom	150.00	1,200.00
FBC Bogata	1,053.84	9,141.11
FBC Clarksville	83.33	666.64
FBC Cooper	392.86	2,892.89
FBC Deport	0	0
FBC Detroit	37.78	284.05
FBC Paris	933.06	9,597.97
FBC Roxton	238.00	1,551.20
Friendship	0	0
Fulbright	0	1,326.74
Glory	167.45	1,249.16
Graham St. (Inactive)	0	0
Howland	108.00	749.31
Immanuel/WMU	2,295.40	6,291.67
Lakeway	0	0
Lamar Point	100.00	367.19
Lanes Chapel (Inactive)	0	0
Leesville	1,322.00	11,677.00
Maxey	150.00	1,050.00
Mt. Olive	189.00	1,911.00
Novice	541.66	4,333.28
Pacio	125.64	967.74
Pattonville	167.68	1,398.64
Petty	124.66	1,206.41
Powderly	300.00	2,400.00
Providence	169.51	1,283.94
Salem	150.00	1,200.00
Southside	712.36	5,291.13
Springlake	202.97	1,793.89
Trinity	0	0
Youngs Chapel	0	0
TOTAL	12,567.00	90,876.24



SEPTEMBER 14-21, 2014



SEPTEMBER 21-28, 2014

NEWS FROM THE BSM. . .

Dear Family,

There are no words that can express how grateful I am to those of you who have prayed for us during this time of need. For those of you who haven't heard, Crystal has not been feeling well since the first week of July. She has been diagnosed with Adrenal Fatigue. This is not a new problem to us as we dealt with it more than 18 years ago. It got severe back then and it has revisited now. Essentially, the adrenals work with the thyroid to keep your body in balance and Crystal's adrenals have essentially stopped working. The result is severe fatigue, excessive reactions to food sensitivities, brain fog and a few other things. We have, as a family, participated in a detox diet which has helped tremendously. We have sought out medical help in Dallas and are waiting on some test results to figure out a course of action. Crystal's energy is slowly returning, as long as she doesn't react to the food she eats, and each day she is able to function a bit better. Please continue to pray for her, my kids, and myself as we still have a long road to complete recovery ahead of us.

On a positive note. I'm looking forward to the upcoming school year. As I have made phone calls to schedule lunches you have all been more than willing and generous in helping to provide those. I still have a few spots left if your church is interested. Also, we will be starting the school year off with several students who are a part of the BSM returning to be on campus. As always, I'm excited about what God is going to do through the BSM this year.

Beach Reach is already a topic of discussion amongst the students who have been attending through the summer. We are all looking forward to seeing who God puts on our team as we anticipate another great Spring Break Mission Trip. A big thanks to Immanuel Baptist for allowing us to use their church van the last 3 years. Also, a BIG thanks to all of you again for your support through donations of money, stuff, time, and prayers to get us down there.

The BSM is such a great ministry. I believe God calls us to equip our young people for life. To share with them truth of the Bible, teach them accountability and integrity, and teach them how to do the same with others. Recently, I watched a movie I have seen several times before and the most amazing part of the movie is at the end. A father, who lost his daughter in a car wreck, realized the importance of stepping up and being a good father to his son. He asks, "Where are you men of courage?" As I continue to witness the degradation of morality in our young people I want to ask the same question. There are more people enrolled at PJC than I can minister to. So, where are you men of courage? This is not my ministry, it is our ministry! I believe there are people in this association who can help be a part of it. If you want to be a man or woman of courage and step up and mentor a young person, please contact me. I will find someone who needs your wisdom and leadership in their life! Help me reach our campus, our community, our city, our county, our state, our country, and our world!

2 Timothy 4:1-5 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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



WMU MISSION PROJECT:
Shoes for Orphan Souls

The Red River Valley Baptist Association will be collecting shoes & socks during September as our Mission Project. The shoes and socks need to be NEW and can be any size. They will be given to orphans and at-risk children in the US and around the world. Please bring donations to the RRVBA by Tuesday, September 30.

THANK YOU!

The *Bears for Babies* collected by our churches have been delivered to the Choctaw Indian Hospital in Oklahoma. Each newborn will receive one of these stuffed animals.



TOTAL BEARS GIVEN = 165!!



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Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays

5th	Tim Reger, pastor	Mt. Olive
6th	Jay Morris, pastor	Bounds
7th	Mavis Miller, secretary	Springlake
15th	Nick Richardson, youth	FBC Bogata
19th	Johnny Witherspoon, pastor	FBC Cooper

September Wedding Anniversaries

2nd	Mike & Scherlene Shupp, 12 yrs	FBC Blossom
6th	Robert & Joquetta Smith Weems, 6 yrs	FBC Blossom
29th	Eugene & JoAnn Adams, 52 yrs	Pacio

September Church Anniversaries

1st	Brenda Fendley, secretary, 7 yrs	Mt. Olive
1st	Teresa Harmening, music, 33 yrs	Leesville
1st	Paula Hutson, treasurer, 8 yrs	FBC Bogata
1st	Debbie Janeway, secretary, 9 yrs	Leesville
19th	Karl Bush, pastor, 7 yrs	Bagwell
20th	James McLeod, pastor, 9 yrs	Chisum Trails
21st	Brent Bolton, education, 11 yrs	FBC Cooper
23rd	Amy Duvall, worship leader, 2 yrs	FBC Bogata
23rd	Jeff Duvall, pastor, 2 yrs	FBC Bogata

YOU'RE INVITED TO A SINGING!

Grandpa's Neighbors, a Bluegrass gospel group, will be at Bagwell Baptist Church on Sunday, Sept. 7. They'll do the morning service at 11:00 am, followed by fellowship, then will perform again 1:30—3:00 pm. Call 903-674-3270 for more information.



2nd Annual Ladies' Retreat
 Saturday, September 20, 2014
 Jan-Kay Ranch, Detroit TX
 Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

"Laborers Together with God"

Featuring Teresa Harmening, Sandy Wisdom-Martin and Tammy Whitehurst!

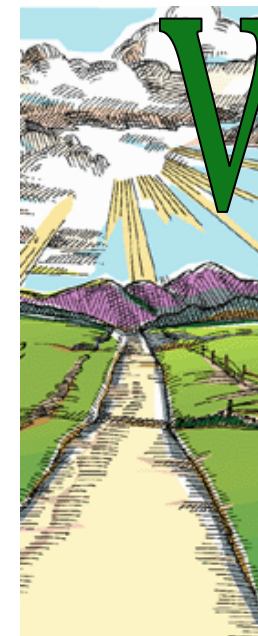
Cost: \$10 (includes lunch)

Registration and fees are due by

Monday, September 8!

Contact your Women's Ministry Director or Pastor to sign up today!

For more information, call Nancy at the RRVBA office: 903-785-2890.



Voice of the Valley

The monthly publication of the Red River Valley Baptist Association

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September is the time during which Texas Baptist Churches receive the state missions offerings. It is especially important that Red River Valley Association churches help make the 2014-2015 BGCT Mary Hill Davis Missions Offering and the SBTC Reach Texas Offering one of the largest in recent memory. The state missions offerings are a way for you and your church to participate in the Great Commission strategy for Texas enabling more church starts reaching more people for Christ.

The population growth in Texas is at a record pace. The opportunities for new ministries, strategic church planting, language missions and projects to accommodate the influx of people is enormous. Although we may not see rapid growth in the population in the Red River Valley area, the population increase is very real in most metropolitan areas and as it is in most of central and south Texas. The state mission offerings are but one way to change lives!

Funding for a new church start in Red River Valley Baptist Association will come from RRVBA churches, the RRVBA mission budget, and by the participation one of the respective state conventions.

If your church has not already received a copy of the Annual Church Profile report form, it is in the mail. It is that time of year again when we report the statistics for the church. Some may think we are just reporting numbers but these numbers represent real people and are a way for the church to get a snapshot of the church health to compare with previous years. The Southern Baptist Convention has been requesting an ACP (or something like the ACP) for decades. The information aids in planning for future operations.

There are other benefits for the local church. The ACP helps the church to track trends and evaluate the effectiveness of current ministries. The ACP provides a historical record of the church, and the state convention forwards this information to the IRS thus insuring a church's IRS Tax exemption. There are other benefits to the church such as backup of valuable records (the information for past years is available on line via Lifeway), a short history of the church, provides contacts for convention staff to inform the church of training, mission, ministry and other opportunities.

For the RRVBA the ACP is most useful in almost every aspect of the Association's operations and planning. RRVBA likes receiving your ACP, thanks.

Milton Ertelt, Interim Director of Missions

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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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 1st: Labor Day (RRVBA Office closed)
- 2nd: RSVP for Secretaries' Lunch
- 4th: Secretaries' Lunch (provided by WMU), 11:30 am, RRVBA [RSVP by Sept. 2]
- 8th: Registration Deadline for Ladies' Retreat (Church sign-up sheets & money collected due to RRVBA)
- 9th: Finance Committee, 5:30 pm, RRVBA (Budget for 2015)
- 14th-21st: Mary Hill Davis Week of Prayer
- 16th: Executive Board (Budget approval), 6:00 pm-Meal; 6:45 pm-Meeting, Bounds Baptist Church
- 20th: Ladies' Retreat, Jan-Kay Ranch, Detroit, Registration @ 9:30 am, Program 10:00 am-2:30pm; Cost-\$10
- 21st-28th: Reach Texas Week of Prayer
- 30th: ACPs due to RRVBA; Shoes & Socks for Buckner due to RRVBA; Messenger names due to RRVBA

CHURCHES: Please remember to elect your Messengers for the RRVBA Annual Meeting. Call or email the office with your Messengers' names by September 30 so we can prepare for the Annual Meeting on October 21. Questions? Call the RRVBA at 903-785-2890.

RRVBA Secretaries/Support Staff Lunch

Thursday, Sept. 4, 11:30 am,
 RRVBA Office



WMU will provide a salad luncheon!
 Please RSVP to the office by September 2.
 Thank you, WMU!

Christian Women's Job Corps, Paris

Thank you, Red River Valley Baptist Association churches! In the July Executive Board Meeting it was voted that CWJC would come under the "umbrella" of the Association. One of the reasons for this move is so you would see CWJC as YOUR ministry, not just another non-profit entity in the community. This IS your ministry ... women from YOUR community come as participants to learn job and life skills, and members of YOUR church serve as Teachers, Journey Partners, lunch providers, prayer partners, encouragers, and Advisory Council members. I am excited to see what God will do through your participation in this ministry!

Our next session will begin on September 9. Please consider how you and your church can be involved. Here is some of what we need on a regular basis:

- Regular, ongoing Financial Support from individuals and/or churches
- Someone to train as another Site Coordinator
- Journey Partners (friends who will meet with & encourage the participants)
- Computer Tech person
- Lunch providers
- PRAYERS

I would love to be able to speak to your church about CWJC on a Sunday night or Wednesday night. Feel free to contact me at 903-517-8665 to schedule a time.

Carol King, Site Coordinator