

WMU News

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RRVBA/BSM Donations June 24—July 21	Year to Date
ATLAS	0 600.00
BAGWELL	50.00 350.00
BETHEL	146.28 824.30
BOUNDS	243.42 2,000.77
BROOKSTON	0 0
CHICOTA	126.98 1,063.76
CHISUM TRAIL	100.00 700.00
COLLEGE AVE.	0 0
CUNNINGHAM	0 900.00
DIRECT	0 1,493.03
DOUBLE R	190.00 1409.00
EAST DELTA	419.14 3,125.69
EAST PARIS	541.67 3,791.69
EMBERSON	80.00 560.00
FAITH	396.73 1,568.73
FBC ANNONA	97.40 612.64
FBC BLOSSOM	0 900.00
FBC BOGATA	1,086.13 8,256.31
FBC CLARKSVILLE	100.00 700.00
FBC COOPER	160.00 2,484.58
FBC DEPORT	0 0
FBC DETROIT	29.49 249.76
FBC PARIS	830.02 8,074.05
FBC ROXTON	170.00 1,260.00
FRIENDSHIP	0 0
FULBRIGHT	0 739.48
GLORY	201.55 1,554.80
GRAHAM ST.	0 0
HOWLAND	74.85 544.35
IMMANUEL/WMU	452.70 6,672.85
LAKEWAY	0 0
LAMAR POINT	0 72.17
LANE'S CHAPEL	0 0
LEESVILLE	2,179.00 10,869.00
MAXEY	150.00 1,050.00
MT. OLIVE	250.00 1,673.00
NOVICE	541.66 3,791.62
PACIO	111.39 1,177.62
PATTONVILLE	0 0
PETTY	0 815.78
POWDERLY	300.00 2,400.00
PROVIDENCE	221.89 1,242.71
SALEM	150.00 1,050.00
SOUTHSIDE	554.23 4,806.56
SPRINGLAKE	298.23 2,414.07
TRINITY	0 0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0 0
TOTAL	10,252.76 81,798.32

**RISE & BUILD FUND:
\$83,231.93**

The devotion in Missions Mosaic today (July 10) talked about a little child crawling up in their Mother's lap and wiggling around. Then the child looked at the Mother and said they could not get any closer. I was challenged to ask myself, how much closer to my Lord, do I want to be? What can I do to bring me closer to Him? I think the answer, in part, is denying self, as our Watchword Mark 8:34 NIV states "Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me'.

Thank you for your participation in collecting shoes and socks for Buckner. We had a total of 221 pairs of shoes and 456 pairs of socks and \$30.00 cash coming from 9 churches. You were involved in International Missions with this giving, because the articles will go around the world! Someone left a box of shoes and socks on the office doorstep and we don't know who it was. Could you please call and let us know?

Now we have an opportunity to be involved in North American Missions by collecting beans and rice for the Native American Partnership Missions. Directors Bill and Bettye Roberts will distribute this food where needed among the Native Americans they are ministering to. Help get your church involved in this worthwhile project.

Ladies, if you have not already marked your calendars for the Retreat on October 3, 2015, be sure to do so. We have a very exciting day planned with new activities and a different location, Love Civic Center, Paris. If you have questions please call me or the Association Office.

Thanks for allowing me to serve as your Association WMU Director.

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

The 11th year of Senior Adult VBS "Journey Off the Map - Unknown to Us, Known to Him" - Isaiah 30:21 begins with a big bang of excitement! We travel on the road again to FBC Cooper Aug. 3 - Know Your Guide; Aug. 10 @ FBC Bogata - Follow Your Guide; Aug. 17 @ Chicota BC - Trust Your Guide; Aug. 24 @ East Paris BC - Stay on Track; and Aug. 31 @ FBC Paris - Keep Watching! Registration is at 9:30 am for coffee, juice, etc. and we leave about 12:30 after a great Lunch, with Abundant Blessings all in between that you don't want to miss! ALL Adults are invited, and we honor our Veterans and Nursing/Retirement/Assisted Living Residents. Bring with you those who need a ride and those who need to know our Savior Jesus. It's gonna be GOOD!

"The longer I serve Him the sweeter He grows; The more I love Him, more love He bestows." Our Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers have 2 more Men members. All who love to sing God's Great Hymns of our Faith are welcome; there's always room for more. Join us every 2nd Thursday at 9:30 am at Springlake BC for rehearsal and singing wherever we're invited. Next rehearsal is Aug. 13. Come try us out - we betcha you'll like Praising the Lord with us! "In times like these, we need a Savior...an anchor...be very sure your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock - JESUS!"

"Lord, you know better than I myself know that I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from being talkative and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but you know, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end. Keep my mind from the recital of endless details - give me wings to come to the point. I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pain. But seal my lips on my own aches and pains - they are increasing, and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by...I dare not ask for improved memory but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken...Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so." "Prayer for the Aging" - Author Unknown.

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



IT'S A MYSTERY!

A donation of shoes and socks for Buckner's was left on the back steps of the RRVBA office in a gray tub. We would like to credit the church or individual, so if it was you or you know who collected them, please let us know! Call Nancy at the RRVBA office: 903-785-2890.

**WMU MISSIONS PROJECT:
JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER**

Our missions project this quarter is to collect dried beans and rice for use by Mission Service Corps volunteers Bill and Bettye Roberts as they minister to Native Americans. All donations will be due to the Association office by September 30.




MEN'S CONFERENCE

Bro. Mike Fortenberry and Wade White will lead a two-day *Men's Conference* at Red River Valley Bible Camp beginning Friday, August 7, with a free dinner served at 6:00 pm. The preaching service begins at 7:00 pm.

On Saturday, August 8, a free breakfast starts at 9:00 am, and the preaching service begins at 10:00 am.

All men are encouraged to come and be refreshed as they hear God's Word and find out what God has in store for them!

NEWS FROM THE BSM. . .

Dear Family,

It's been a great summer already! The Kids camp was awesome and I'm super excited about the upcoming South Dakota mission trip. Bible study has continued to be a great thing this summer with several students growing in their walk with The Lord. Please pray for all of us as we will be gearing up for the fall semester very soon!

I've already started scheduling lunches for the fall and spring. If your church has not been involved and would like to be please contact me. We serve lunch every Monday there is class to approximately 80 students. God has used this ministry through the years to transform many lives. Several students have come to know Christ through the years. Lunch has been the catalyst to get many students involved at the BSM for the first time after which they have developed into fully functional followers of Christ. Please pray for the students this semester whose lives we will have the opportunity to touch.

As always, I'm already thinking about Beach Reach for the spring break mission trip. Since we have been blessed with the ability to purchase a storage container, we can accept donations now at any time. If you would like to donate items to help with our garage sale, which helps pay for our spring break trip, please let me know and we can make arrangements for you to drop the items off or we can come pick them up if needed. We have had several churches and individuals in the past provide scholarships for students. If you or your church would like to provide a scholarship please let me know and I can provide you the information you will need. My prayer this year is to need two vans for Beach Reach.

Pastors, if you have any graduating high school students who will be attending PJC please contact me with their information. I will follow up with them and try to get them plugged in at the BSM. Also, if you have any graduating seniors that will be attending other schools, you can contact me and I can get you or that student in touch with the BSM director from that school. This is a great way to keep students plugged in and help keep them on the right path. Studies show that if a college freshman who grew up in church is not plugged in by the end of their first year of college, they are very likely to never return to church at all. Take time to help your students say plugged in!

Our scripture for the summer has kind of been, "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31 ESV My focus in teaching this next year will be to help students understand what that means. That is just as or more important to follow God in the little things because it's disobedience in the little things that leads to disobedience in the big things. I pray we may all make that scripture a reality

**Living God, Loving Life,
Scott Powell, BSM Director, 903-246-1364 (cell)**



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Birthdays and Anniversaries

August Birthdays

2nd	Kathy Witherspoon, spouse	FBC Cooper
3rd	Linda Woodard, spouse	FBC Annona
9th	Danny White, music	Mt. Olive
10th	Debbie Hindman, treasurer	FBC Roxton
11th	Michael King, pastor	Providence
12th	Betty Sisson, admin. asst.	East Paris
18th	Jeff Duvall, pastor	FBC Bogata
18th	Darren Braddy, children	FBC Cooper
19th	Gary Lynch, music	FBC Clarksville
28th	Boyd Harmening, spouse	Leesville
31st	Scherlene Shupp, spouse	FBC Blossom

August Wedding Anniversaries

1st	Mike & Misti Clark, 23 yrs	Maxey
2nd	Wesley & Sarah Walker, 8 yrs	East Delta
3rd	Michael & Tonya Smith, 14 yrs	Mt. Olive
8th	Jerry & Marzetta Clements, 46 yrs	Brookston
16th	Jeff & Neali Landers, 24 yrs	FBC Cooper
18th	Ronal & Deborah Kennemer, 25 yrs	East Delta
26th	Theodus & Norma Kelley, 49 yrs	Glory

August Church Anniversaries

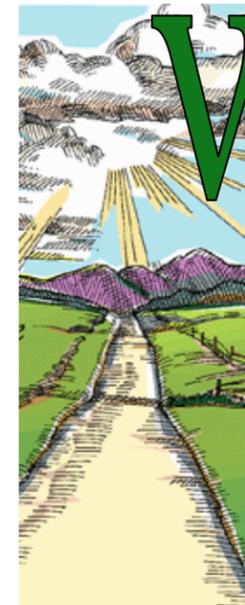
1st	Donna Houchins, clerk, 3 yrs	East Delta
1st	Ken Cannon, assoc. pastor, 13 yrs	FBC Paris
1st	Neali Landers, secretary, 15 yrs	FBC Cooper
1st	Nancy Redus, admin. asst., 4 yrs	RRVBA
1st	Johnny Witherspoon, pastor, 12 yr	FBC Cooper
8th	Donnie Edwards, pastor, 4 yrs	East Paris
9th	Paula Hutson, secretary, 5 yrs	FBC Bogata
10th	Gary Reed, pastor, 7 yrs	Emberson
10th	Rocky Burrow, pastor, 7 yrs	Chicota
10th	Sarah Walker, children, 1 yr	East Delta

RRVBA SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING

Brent Bolton, RRVBA Sunday School Leader, will provide training for those that teach or would like to teach Sunday School. Training will be through the video series *The Teacher I Want to Be* by Dr. Danny Akin, President of Southeastern Seminary.

The training is divided into two sessions: "How to Study the Bible" and "How to Teach the Bible."

Dates are Thursday, Sept. 17 (6:00-9:00 pm) for Session 1 and Thursday, Sept. 24 (same time) for Session 2, OR both sessions can be done on Saturday, Sept 19 from 9:00 am—3:00 pm. Lunch is included! All sessions will be held at Southside Baptist Church in Paris.



Voice of the Valley

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A DEFINING MOMENT

My first reaction upon hearing the Supreme Court's ruling virtually redefining human history's definition of marriage was amazement, unbelief, and a sense of sadness. I was saddened by the fact 5 men and women chose to ignore, to reject, or to knowingly disregard the Word of God and what He declares to be truth!

I am not homophobic. I do not hate men or women who practice this life style. I do not want them mistreated or harmed. I wish for them what I wish for all mankind...to know the love, forgiveness, and eternal life which comes from a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

One man said, "This is a defining moment. America is lost—she will never know the favor or blessings of God ever again!" History will reveal if this is true. What we do know is this: it is a defining moment. America and the church have had many of them. The question of the hour is not "What will the court or the couples do?" The question is "What will the church do?" Will the church be silent, impotent, willing to acquiesce to the times? Or will the church see this as an opportunity instead of an obstacle and use this most public forum to point people to Jesus Christ, while speaking the truth in love?

The Bible is clear. . . God defines marriage as between a man and a woman, and the life style in question as an abomination, as damaging to humanity as a whole. But we must never forget "For God so loved the world..." (John 3:16). And lest we become proud and forget we too are in need of God's grace, let's all take a moment and read I Corinthians 6:9-11.

The association is sponsoring a week-long **Mission Trip** to Whitewood SD from August 7th-15th. We will be working with Pastor Sean Donnley and the Whitewood Baptist Church. The trip will involve several work projects, including remodeling a bathroom, painting, repairing a floor, and some electrical work. The mission team will also be leading the Sunday and Wednesday worship services, canvassing, doing pre-VBS preparedness, etc. Scott Powell will be leading the trip and is still looking for additional volunteers. For more information or to join the mission team, call the Association office at 903-785-2890 to speak with Scott or me about this wonderful opportunity.

From the Shepherd's Heart,

Bro. Mike

RRVBA 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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There will be NO Secretaries/Support Staff lunch in August. See you again in September!

Bounds Baptist Church will present the Billy Graham film "My Hope for America" on Sunday, August 2, at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend!

The McNeills Group will perform at Emberson Baptist Church on Saturday, August 15 at 5:00 pm. A pot luck dinner will follow the concert. For more information, call Pastor Gary Reed at 903-732-8060.



IT'S SENIOR ADULT VBS TIME!!

All Seniors are invited to come *Journey Off the Map: Unknown to Us, Known to Him* — our theme for this year's Senior Adult Vacation Bible School. Sessions are on Mondays through August, and each will go from 9:30 am—12:30 pm, and includes lunch.

The schedule is:

August 3: FBC Cooper
 August 10: FBC Bogata
 August 17: Chicota
 August 24: East Paris
 August 31: FBC Paris

If you have questions, call Gloria Parker, RRVBA Senior Adult Coordinator at 903-737-0650.

AUGUST CALENDAR

August 2: "My Hope for America" film @ Bounds, 6:00 pm
 August 3: Sr. Adult VBS @ FBC Cooper
 August 7 & 8: Men's Conference @ Red River Bible Camp with Mike Fortenberry
 August 10: Sr. Adult VBS @ FBC Bogata
 August 15: Singing @ Emberson with McNeills Group, 5:00 pm, dinner follows
 August 17: Sr. Adult VBS @ Chicota
 August 23: Gideon Sunday
 August 24: Sr. Adult VBS @ East Paris
 August 30: 5th Sunday
 August 31: Sr. Adult VBS @ FBC Paris