

RRVBA/BSM Donations Jan—Dec 2014	2015 to Date	
ATLAS	200.00	0
BAGWELL	650.00	50.00
BETHEL	1,119.57	0
BOUNDS	3,857.03	294.60
BROOKSTON	0	0
CHICOTA	1,820.12	141.69
CHISUM TRAILS	1,300.00	0
COLLEGE AVE.	133.00	0
CUNNINGHAM	540.00	540.00
DIRECT	3,164.45	210.58
DOUBLE R	1,979.50	0
EAST DELTA	5,555.95	426.48
EAST PARIS	6,500.04	541.67
EMBERSON	960.00	80.00
FAITH	1,741.65	0
FBC ANNONA	1,043.19	76.00
FBC BLOSSOM	1,800.00	150.00
FBC BOGATA	13,752.73	939.73
FBC CLARKSVILLE	999.96	100.00
FBC COOPER	4,962.44	0
FBC DEPORT	0	0
FBC DETROIT	431.65	38.86
FBC PARIS	13,937.12	1,722.77
FBC ROXTON	2,679.45	0
FRIENDSHIP	0	0
FULBRIGHT	1,775.74	381.68
GLORY	2,007.74	0
GRAHAM ST.	0	0
HOWLAND	1,163.73	91.79
IMMANUEL	9,319.60	2,488.69
LAKEWAY	0	0
LAMAR POINT	367.19	0
LANE'S CHAPEL	0	0
LEESVILLE	18,831.00	1,507.00
MAXEY	1,800.00	150.00
MT. OLIVE	2,937.00	316.00
NOVICE	6,499.92	541.66
PACIO	1,670.47	0
PATTONVILLE	1,398.64	0
PETTY	1,730.85	0
POWDERLY	3,900.00	0
PROVIDENCE	2,076.95	134.22
SALEM	1,800.00	150.00
SOUTHSIDE	8,890.54	0
SPRINGLAKE	3,276.82	0
TRINITY	0	0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0	0
TOTAL	138,574.04	11,073.42

WMU News

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All for You - Surrender, Sacrifice, Serve. I love our theme we have been using for several months now. The condition of our heart will measure how committed to serve we really are. It is reflected by our prayer life, daily Bible study, participation in public worship time, our willingness to assist others. How serious are we with our dedication? Missionaries depend on our prayers. I trust we are being faithful to 'hold the ropes' for them. Let's all examine how we are spending our time and make sure we are striving to 'surrender, sacrifice, serve'!

Don't forget Saturday, March 7, 2015 is the date for CIA Day. If you work with children and do not receive the materials about the event, please call the Association Office ASAP.

Our next association missions outreach project is to collect small stuffed animals for the Choctaw Indian Hospital in Oklahoma. The deadline to have them in the Association office is March 31, 2015.

Pray for CWJC. They are now a part of the Association and we as churches and as individuals have an obligation to support them.

Please call me if I can assist your church with missions education in any way.

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

2015 is flying by, so hang onto your hats as we anticipate some of what God has planned for us in these hills and valleys of RRVBA. We look forward to the leadership of our new Director of Missions. Under the direction of Fred Fangio, the RRV Old Fashioned Hymn Singers are being blessed as well as being a blessing to those who are no longer able to live in their own homes. We sing praises to the Lord wherever we are asked to make a joyful noise trying to be good encouragers, realizing that we may be the audience someday.

Mark your calendars Friday, April 24: 27th Annual Norvell Slater Senior Adult HYMN SING at DBU - hundreds of Senior Adults singing "Old Favorites."

"TEN COMMANDMENTS OF LOVE" (borrowed from Edgewood B.C. Lakeland, FL) Whether Senior Adults or Just Marrieds, good reminders:

1. You shall put your mate before your mother, your father, your son and your daughter, for your mate is your lifelong companion.
2. Don't abuse your body with excessive food, tobacco, drink or any foreign substance that goes into your arm, your mouth, or up your nose.
3. Do not forget -- cleanliness is a virtue.
4. Permit neither your business nor your hobby to make you a stranger to your children, for the most precious gift a parent can give his or her family is time.
5. Don't make a beggar of your mate. Willingly share with him or her your worldly goods.
6. Don't forget to say, "I love you." For even though your love may be constant, your mate does yearn to hear those cherished words.
7. Remember that the approval of your mate is worth far more than the adoring glances of a hundred strangers. Cleave unto your mate, and forsake all others.
8. Keep your home in good repair, for out of it comes the joys of old age (not to mention its resale value).
9. Forgive with grace, for who among us does not need to be forgiven?
10. Honor the Lord your God all the days of your life, and your children will grow and bless you.

Keep Looking UP, "Seasoned" Saints, JESUS Is Coming Back Soon!

Safeguarding Your Most Important Relationship

Dr. Robert Jeffress of FBC Dallas will be the speaker at a Men's Conference on Friday, February 20, at East Paris Baptist Church.

Admission is free, and the Burgerland trailer will be on site from 5:00—6:30 pm for those who wish to purchase a meal. The program is scheduled from 6:30—9:00 pm. East Paris is located at 725 N. Collegiate Drive in Paris. For more information, call 903-784-3258.

Life Synergy Coaching & Counseling, LLC presents

Immanuel Baptist Women's Retreat

Saturday, February 28, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Speakers: Vicki Ballard, Kathy Gillean, Lori Nixon
Tickets \$35; Lunch Included (No Childcare Available)

Call 903-785-6484 for more information.

RRVBA MISSION OUTREACH PROJECTS FOR 2015

Look for more information in the months to come!

January—March: *Bears for Babies*

April—June: *Shoes for Orphan Souls*

July—September: *New Mexico missions*

October—November: *Operation Christmas Child*

Bears for Babies

Now is the time to start collecting bears and other baby-safe small stuffed animals for the Choctaw Indian Hospital in Oklahoma.



Donations are due in the RRVBA office by Tuesday, March 31.

NEWS FROM THE BSM. . .

Dear Family,

First I would like to say welcome to Mike Fortenberry as our new Director of Missions. After hearing Mike's heart for the association and some of his ideas in moving forward I am very excited about the future for our Association. Join me in praying for Brother Mike as he communicates vision and direction for the Association and let us all be sure to pray for our hearts to be ready to move forward into the future.

God is good, all the time and all the time, God is good! Thanks again to those of you who have been praying and to the many who have met a need in our life as my wife has been sick. She continues to get better. The best way I can describe how things are going is like this....Her ability to function is like a roller coaster, some days we are briefly enjoying the view from top of the hill before we plunge back down to the bottom. The good news is, there are beginning to be more peaks and the drops are not quite so drastic most days. We are very grateful for your continued prayers and support as she continues to heal.

Beach Reach is now only about 6 weeks away. Right now it looks like we will have a team of about 11-12 students. We have already begun our training and it looks to be another amazing year. I can tell already God is going to do an amazing work in the lives of our team and the excitement of how He is going to use us is just awesome. The BSM garage sale will be Saturday, March 7th from 8am-3pm in the College Church of Christ Parking Lot. We greatly appreciate anything you have you would like to donate. Every year we have had success in raising funds and a big part of it is your generosity to donate your stuff to the garage sale. THANK YOU!!!! We will also continue with the give away. By being a blessing and donating \$20 for a ticket you have the opportunity to be blessed in return with either a Mossberg AR-15, Mossberg 12gauge Shotgun, or Martin Compound Bow. There will be other blessings handed out as well such as gift certificates to restaurants, oil changes, etc. If you would like a ticket please contact me at 903-246-1364.

Last semester we had a group of about 15-20 guys and gals coming to the BSM to hang out during the day. We started a Bible study. Please be in prayer for these young folks that God would lay it on their heart to come back this semester and continue the Bible study. Pray for the Holy Spirit to move in their lives that they might receive the gift of the Gospel.

Thanks again to all of you! I am so blessed to be a part of this association. I am so thankful for the love you have shown me and my family and I hope you all know that we love you guys as well! We pray for all regularly and I know that your rewards in Heaven will be great one day!

Living God, Loving Life,

Scott Powell, BSM Director, 903-246-1364 (cell)



Red River Valley Baptist Association

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

February Birthdays

5th	Shelley Adams, spouse	Maxey
12th	Ronnie Aubrey, pastor	Trinity
12th	Brad Crosswhite, pastor	Lamar Point
15th	Jimmy Ellis, pastor	Leesville
18th	Lynn Bullock, spouse	Springlake
21st	Jay Smith, music	FBC Annona
25th	James McLeod, pastor	Chisum Trails

February Wedding Anniversaries

5th	Ronnie & Dean Aubrey, 47 yrs	Trinity
17th	Jason & Mistie Soward, 8 yrs	FBC Cooper

February Church Anniversaries

7th	Carol McNally, secretary, 5 yrs	Salem
9th	Jake Vaughn, pastor, 17 yrs	East Delta
11th	Kay Parsons, secretary, 10 yrs	Immanuel
11th	Billy Norris, pastor, 8 yrs	Southside
12th	Chuey Potter, music, 2 yrs	FBC Roxton

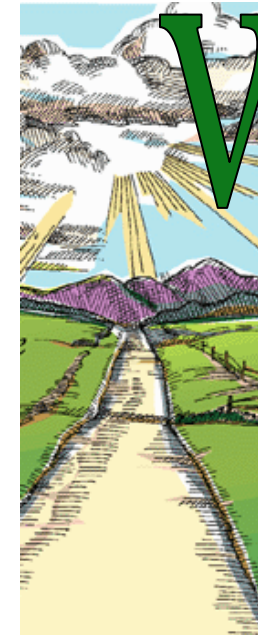
SECRETARIES/SUPPORT STAFF LUNCH

Thursday, February 5
 11:30 am, RRVBA Office

Bring your lunch; tea/coffee are provided.

RISE & BUILD FUND: \$78,671.20

Bounds	6,863.81
Chicota	2,459.73
East Delta	5,000.00
Emberson	125.00
FBC Bogata	16,121.24
Immanuel	15.00
Leesville	5,446.10
Maxey	1,966.08
Mt. Olive	191.00
Novice	600.00
Pacio	4,940.53
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



Voice of the Valley

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“Doing God’s Work Together. . . Amen!?”

It is with a humble heart, excitement, and a sense of awe “who me, Lord?” that I greet you for the very first time as the new Director of Missions for the Red River Valley Baptist Association. My wife and I have been the beneficiaries of this association and it’s ministries for a long time. During my almost 35 years of association with this group of churches I have been blessed to serve in many of your churches, with many of your churches, and alongside a multitude of your pastors and staff. I look forward to continuing to do so in the days ahead.

As a child, God placed a love in my heart for His Son, His Word, His church, His people, His ministers and missionaries, for the lost and for the nation of Israel. The thought of serving you, encouraging your pastors, promoting missions and evangelism, and sharing the benefits of doing God’s work together, really thrills me. I begin my tour of service focused on five things: salvation, participation, unification, communication, and information.

I am here to serve our churches, to encourage our pastors, to be a cheerleader for our committees, an advocate for our missions and ministries, a confidant and good listener for our clergy and laymen. Together, with God’s help and guidance, I pray and I ask you to pray so we can keep the main thing the main thing: His Word as our authority and shared ministry as our goal.

I plan to be in the association office most of the days it is open (Monday—Thursday), normally in the morning. Please call the office at 903-785-2890, or my cell phone at 903-782-6759, or stop by and let’s visit!

Maranatha!

Bro. Mike Fortenberry

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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Sun, Feb 1: *Sunday Lunch at FBC Clarksville*
- Thurs, Feb 5: *Secretaries/Support Staff Lunch, RRVBA*
- Fri, Feb 6-Sat, Feb 7: *IF: East Delta Women’s Conference*
- Fri, Feb 20: *Men’s Conference at East Paris*
- Mon, Feb 23-Wed, Feb 25: *SBTC Empower Conference, FBC Euless*
- Sat, Feb, 28: *Immanuel Baptist Women’s Retreat*

IF God is real...THEN what?

Join other women to discuss how to live out the calling God has placed on your life at the **IF: East Delta Women’s Conference** (via video link) on Friday, Feb. 6 and Saturday, Feb. 7 at East Delta Baptist Church, 25 CR 1220, Lake Creek TX.

East Delta will provide a light meal on Friday and lunch and snacks on Saturday. A nursery will be available.

To Register you may go online or call one of the ladies listed below. For online registration, go to ifgathering.com/gather/local/attend-local/ then type East Delta into the search box. Scroll down to IF:East Delta and click on Attend This Event.

For more information call Lindsay Glossup at 1-903-217-6229; Charlotte Rainey at 903-272-9967; Gwendolyn Savage at 903-401-0987; or Deena White at 903-715-2236.

COME TO SUNDAY DINNER!

On the first Sunday of every month FBC Clarksville holds a Capital Campaign Lunch starting at 12:00 noon.

COST: Adults-\$6, Children age 6 to 12-\$3, Family of 4 or more-\$20, Children under age 6 eat FREE!

Chicken spaghetti, rolls, salad, dessert, and tea or coffee is on the menu for **Sunday, February 1.** Everyone is invited!