

RISE & BUILD FUND: \$72,610.21

Bounds	6,716.80
Chicota	2,403.89
Emberson	125.00
FBC Bogata	15,886.31
Immanuel	15.00
Leesville	4,856.10
Maxey	1,966.08
Mt. Olive	191.00
Novice	600.00
Pacio	4,867.55
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

**RRVBA/BSM Donations
Nov 21—Dec 15**

	Year to Date	
Atlas	0	200.00
Bagwell	50.00	650.00
Bethel	109.44	1,012.13
Bounds	0	3,539.57
Brookston	0	0
Chicota	147.84	1,820.12
Chisum Trails	200.00	1,300.00
College Ave (Inactive)	0	133.00
Cunningham	0	540.00
Direct	531.24	3,430.07
Double R	0	1,792.50
East Delta	464.05	5,555.95
East Paris	541.67	6,500.04
Emberson	80.00	960.00
Faith	0	1,741.65
FBC Annona	0	933.19
FBC Blossom	150.00	1,650.00
FBC Bogata	1,430.69	13,752.73
FBC Clarksville	83.33	999.96
FBC Cooper	378.51	4,586.47
FBC Deport	0	0
FBC Detroit	37.72	431.65
FBC Paris	1,081.48	13,937.12
FBC Roxton	247.25	2,439.45
Friendship	0	0
Fulbright	0	1,775.74
Glory	149.23	1,895.68
Graham St. (Inactive)	0	0
Howland	100.50	1,163.73
Immanuel/WMU	789.05	9,294.60
Lakeway	0	0
Lamar Point	0	367.19
Lanes Chapel (Inactive)	0	0
Leesville	0	16,793.00
Maxey	150.00	1,650.00
Mt. Olive	277.00	2,937.00
Novice	1,083.32	6,499.92
Pacio	154.56	1,524.51
Pattonville	0	1,398.64
Petty	151.84	1,601.21
Powderly	300.00	3,300.00
Providence	210.88	2,076.95
Salem	150.00	1,800.00
Southside	773.35	8,189.83
Springlake	341.91	2,955.44
Trinity	0	0
Youngs Chapel	0	0
TOTAL	10,164.86	133,129.04

WMU News

Alice Ann White
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"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'" (Mark 8:34 NIV).

We should sacrifice willingly by taking up our cross and following Jesus. The child of God acknowledges God doesn't need them but rather chooses to use them. Giving to God first, is a sacrifice because it requires faith and trust. We are to give our time and talent as well as our money. It is a greater sacrifice to do my quiet time first, because it requires faith that everything else on my to-do list for the day will be accomplished. Let us start the New Year yielding to God and serving Him because He has chosen us. "...take up your cross and follow me"

I am pleased to report that 2,684 Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes were brought to the Relay Center at First Baptist Church, Bogata. Thanks to each church and individual who participated. This many children will be blessed when they are delivered.

I hope your church participated in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year. Our missionaries depend on our support!

Time is fast approaching for CIA Day, which is March 7, 2015, at Southside Baptist Church. Many fun and informative activities have been planned. Be sure you children's workers know about this important day.

Please call me if I can assist your church in bringing missions to your people. Happy New Year!

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015! 'If it keeps gettin' better and better, O Lord, I don't know what I'm gonna do!' That's how many feel about how the Lord has blessed us with beginning our 11th year of Senior Adult VBS, our 3rd year in May of RRV Old Fashioned Hymn Singers, as well as some fun trips, programs and Norvell Slater's annual Spring HYMN SING at DBU. Start now getting your Church vans rip roarin' and ready to go, and hang on! Glory and Hallelujah!

Regarding Nehemiah 6:1-9, Psalms 90, and 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 Cornelis Gilhuis says: "Work as long as it is day, as long as it is possible...You are no longer 40 or 50 years old. Gradually work should, if at all possible, become a little less. But you ought always to set yourself a task until it is no longer possible. Even then the work of Prayer remains as a task. People who always just 'sit there doing nothing,' as I sometimes observe in some rest homes, are aging rapidly -- if not physically, then spiritually. One can always find a task, certainly, if he does not set his goals too high and does not allow money to play too large a role.

"Isn't there something to occupy you at home, in the family, in the church, at the neighbor's, among acquaintances who are ill, in the community? Isn't there something for which you can begin to care--even if it may seem insignificant at first?"

"And then, you should enter your so-called period of retirement as a new phase of life, as a new school of learning with new assignments. That period is not just an appendix to your previous life, but the determining end-phase. If the Lord grants you the life of a retired person, you must see this as an opportunity, a school of learning. Look at your retirement and the days of your old age as a school for the aged which prepares you for the ETERNAL LIFE that awaits you."

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



The Secretaries/Support Staff Christmas Party was a wonderful time of fun, fellowship, and (of course!) lots of delicious food. There were thirteen in attendance from the following churches: Emberson, Springlake, Pacio, Petty, FBC Clarksville, Providence, Mt. Olive, Salem, and FBC Bogata.

Our next meeting will be in FEBRUARY. We have discovered that January is just too busy for those working in the churches. Hope to see more secretaries/support staff at our meeting on February 5, 2015! Bring your lunch—drinks will be provided.

NEWS FROM THE BSM. . .

Dear Family,

God still moves! I'm incredibly excited to report the great things that have been happening this semester at the BSM. With Free Monday Lunch being the catalyst to get things started, we have had approximately 15 students coming by the BSM every day to just hang out. They have done homework, played foosball, played board games, played Xbox, and after much interesting conversation we started a Thursday afternoon Bible study and had 17 in attendance. We started the *Not a Fan* series by Kyle Idleman and hopefully we will have everyone back in the spring to continue and finish the *Not a Fan* series. Please be in prayer for these students as many of them don't go to church. Several have sought out answers but don't really feel they have found any. Pray that God would speak through me the words they need to hear to have their questions answered in order that they might further pursue a relationship with Christ.

Beach Reach is ever so close. We are only about 3 months away from our 7th consecutive trip to South Padre Island for our Spring Break mission trip. We are doing the garage sale again this year. The date for that is Saturday, March 7th. We have already accepted many donations, thank you to all who have given at any point in the last several years to help support this. Any items you would like to donate to the BSM for the garage sale can be dropped off at the BSM on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday between 8:30am and 2:30pm. If you need help getting something here give me a call and we will come pick it up.

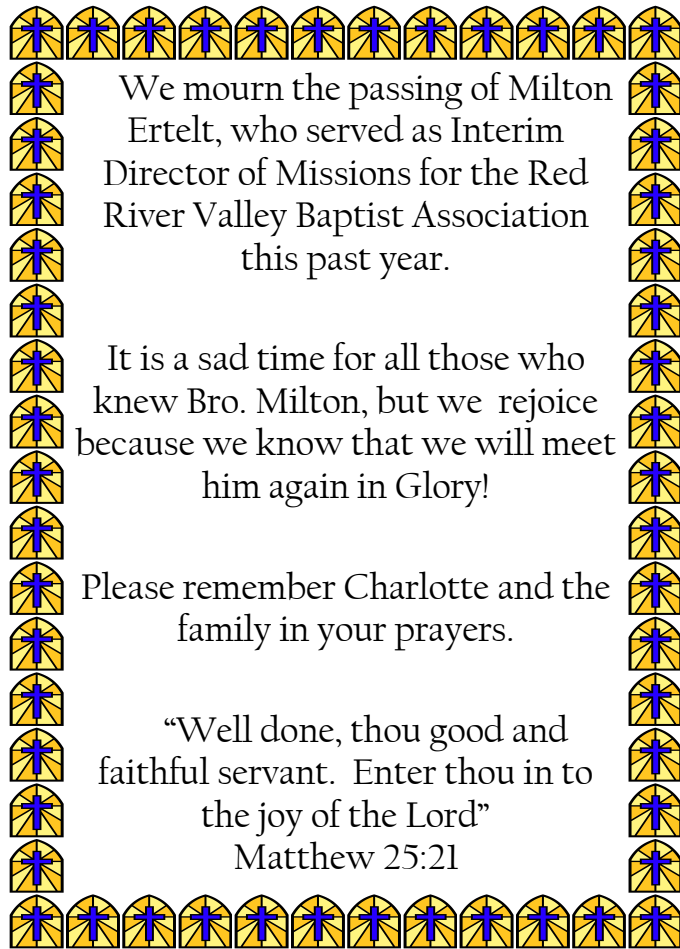
Also this year we are doing a "No Risk Raffle" to raise funds. We are raffling off an AR15, shotgun, and a compound bow. Tickets will be a donation of \$20 each. We will draw names on Saturday, March 7th after the garage sale to see who receives the blessing of those 3 items. The "No Risk" part of it means that, while you may not receive the reward of one of those three items, you are storing up for yourselves treasures in Heaven by supporting the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Tickets are available now. Contact me or one of the BSM students to make your donation and receive your ticket(s).

If you would like to sponsor a student a scholarship is \$475. You or your church can provide a full or partial scholarship to help a student get to South Padre. Last year we saw over 100 people come to know Christ and many people rededicated their lives to the Lord in the midst of what has become one of Satan's biggest spring break playgrounds. Please be in prayer for our students who will be attending to spread the gospel and pray for those who will be receiving van rides and pancakes that their hearts would be ready to receive it.

To Mrs. Charlotte Ertelt, thank you for sharing Milton with us the last year. I was blessed to know him. His heart to serve the Lord was contagious and I'm a better person just by knowing him. I know your heart is heavy because he is gone from this world but joyful at the same time knowing you will one day see him again. We at the BSM will continue to pray for you and your family during your time of grieving. We pray God would bless you exceedingly and abundantly above all you could ask or think.

Living God, Loving Life,

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



We mourn the passing of Milton Ertelt, who served as Interim Director of Missions for the Red River Valley Baptist Association this past year.

It is a sad time for all those who knew Bro. Milton, but we rejoice because we know that we will meet him again in Glory!

Please remember Charlotte and the family in your prayers.

“Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou in to the joy of the Lord”
Matthew 25:21

REMINDER: The RRVBA Office will close at 2:00 pm on Thursday, December 18, 2014, and will reopen at 8:00 am on Monday, January 5, 2015.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



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Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays

3rd	Bobby Harrell, music	Bethel
7th	Greg Bell, worship leader	Novice
8th	Jenene Cannon, spouse	FBC Paris
14th	Deann Reger, spouse	Mt. Olive
14th	Mike Jones, pastor	Powderly
19th	Debora Kennemer, secretary	East Delta
21st	Jeff Landers, spouse	FBC Cooper
23rd	Linda White, spouse	Mt. Olive
25th	Sharon Lynch, spouse	FBC Clarksville
31st	Jerry Hindman, spouse	FBC Roxton
31st	Jon McFadden, media	East Paris

January Wedding Anniversaries

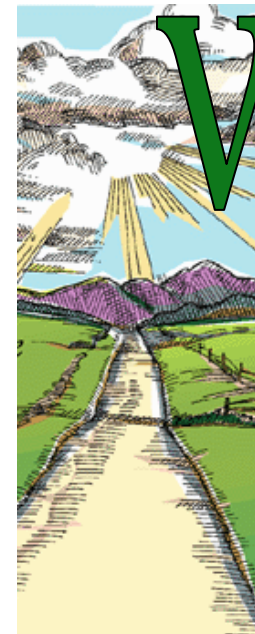
1st	Michael & Carol King, 33 yrs	Providence
2nd	Martin & Debbie Davis, 16 yrs	Mt. Olive
3rd	Mark & Lynda Gossett, 34 yrs	FBC Clarksville
17th	James & Cindy McLeod, 34 yrs	Chisum Trails
24th	Mike & Mary Jones, 46 yrs	Powderly
24th	Eddie & Donna Kropp, 45 yrs	Emberson
25th	Dodge & Megan Surine, 1 yr	Leesville

January Church Anniversaries

1st	Ivy Fendley, education, 15 yrs	Mt. Olive
1st	Jimmie Woodard, pastor, 5 yrs	FBC Annona
1st	Herb Bullock, pastor, 2 yrs	Springlake
2nd	Jocquetta Weems, secretary, 7yrs	FBC Blossom
6th	Mike Shupp, pastor, 7 yrs	FBC Blossom
6th	Jimmy Ellis, pastor, 24 yrs	Leesville
23rd	Tommy Turner, pastor, 4 yrs	FBC Paris
29th	Lisa Hughes, minister's asst., 1 yr	East Paris

NOTE ABOUT DONATIONS:

- * Donations received in the RRVBA office which are postmarked December 31, 2014, or before will be credited to 2014.
- * Donations received which are postmarked after December 31, 2014, will be reflected in the 2015 budget.
- * Donations to the RRVBA and to the BSM can be combined in one check.
- * Building Fund donations require a separate check.



Voice of the Valley

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A NEW YEAR'S POEM FOR CHRISTIANS

Instead of making a New Year's resolution
Consider committing to a Biblical solution
Your promises are easily broken
Empty words, though earnestly spoken
But God's Word transforms the soul
By His Holy Spirit making you whole
As you spend time along with Him
He will change you from within

~MARY FAIRCHILD

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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Make plans to attend the first Executive Board Meeting of 2015!

Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Location: FBC Blossom, 315 Young St., Blossom

Time: Meal @ 6:00 pm; Meeting at 6:45 pm



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ★ Monday, Jan. 5: RRVBA office reopens
- ★ Saturday, Jan. 10: WMU Leadership Team, 10:00 am, RRVBA
- ★ Monday, Jan. 12: Women's Retreat Meeting, 5:30 pm, RRVBA
- ★ Tuesday, Jan. 13: Finance Committee meets, 5:30 pm, RRVBA
- ★ Monday, Jan. 19: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—RRVBA office closed
- ★ Tuesday, Jan. 20: Executive Board Meeting, FBC Blossom
6:00 pm—Meal 6:45 pm—Meeting
- ★ Monday, Jan. 26: CIA Day Team meeting, 6:30 pm, Southside

