

WMU News

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RRVBA/BSM Donations Apr 21-May 20	Year to Date
ATLAS	600.00 600.00
BAGWELL	50.00 250.00
BETHEL	147.32 556.00
BOUNDS	239.94 1,423.35
BROOKSTON	0 0
CHICOTA	152.42 770.38
CHISUM TRAIL	100.00 500.00
COLLEGE AVE.	0 0
CUNNINGHAM	0 900.00
DIRECT	266.20 1,181.42
DOUBLE R	192.00 1,027.00
EAST DELTA	437.39 2,136.03
EAST PARIS	541.67 2,708.35
EMBERSON	80.00 400.00
FAITH	0 819.00
FBC ANNONA	182.01 430.74
FBC BLOSSOM	150.00 750.00
FBC BOGATA	1,237.88 5,821.57
FBC CLARKSVILLE	100.00 500.00
FBC COOPER	0 1,568.52
FBC DEPORT	0 0
FBC DETROIT	30.52 176.81
FBC PARIS	1,050.85 5,920.73
FBC ROXTON	340.00 1,090.00
FRIENDSHIP	0 0
FULBRIGHT	0 739.48
GLORY	227.91 1,165.62
GRAHAM ST.	0 0
HOWLAND	76.50 390.00
IMMANUEL/WMU	1,688.86 5,451.48
LAKEWAY	0 0
LAMAR POINT	0 72.17
LANE'S CHAPEL	0 0
LEESVILLE	1,761.00 7,378.00
MAXEY	150.00 750.00
MT. OLIVE	194.00 1,203.00
NOVICE	541.66 2,708.30
PACIO	122.00 906.23
PATTONVILLE	0 0
PETTY	131.44 663.91
POWDERLY	300.00 1,800.00
PROVIDENCE	167.40 785.77
SALEM	150.00 750.00
SOUTHSIDE	594.76 3,380.38
SPRINGLAKE	341.45 1,713.27
TRINITY	0 0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0 0
TOTAL	12,345.18 59,387.51

RISE & BUILD FUND:
\$81,710.39

As we look forward to the month of June and all the summer time opportunities that will be available, we need to *plan* to include God in them. Remember "...Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34 NIV). I would encourage you to participate in Vacation Bible School. This is a way we can 'Surrender, Sacrifice, and Serve'. VBS is a vital part of churches' ministry. We will have children come to VBS that will not come to anything else our church offers. We will be able to share the "Good News" of Jesus with them.

CWJC Graduation was a fun time for all who attended, April 24, 2015 in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church, Paris. The Association WMU hosted the reception following the graduation. It is a heartwarming experience to hear the women give their testimonies and see them embark on a new phase of their lives. It takes many people willing to 'Surrender, Sacrifice, and Serve' for this to be accomplished.

Ladies, I hope you have marked your calendars for October 3, 2015. This is the date of our Retreat. It was previously held at Jan-Kay Ranch, but because of the large group attending, we have moved it to the Love Civic Center in Paris. Plans are underway for another great time.

Our mission project right now is to collect new shoes and socks for Buckner's in Dallas. Please pray about participating in this worthwhile mission.

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

Happy Father's Day to every Dad, Daddy, Pop, Pops, Poppy, Papa, and all the loving names given to Special Men in our lives, many godly, yet not perfect men. We Honor and Thank YOU for all we learned watching you lead your family the best you could. Some didn't or don't know their Father, and have a difficult time submitting to and loving Our Heavenly Father.

Read Psalm 121. William L. Coleman says in THE GREAT WATCHMAN: "A large part of our Christian faith consists of giving our fears to God. He gives us hope in the middle of a changing, trying situation. We need the stability and reassurance which the Scriptures can offer. (1) Commit our grown children to God.

Look at Acts 20:32. What a magnificent blessing Paul bestowed on the people he cared for. Since they couldn't stay together, Paul committed them into the safekeeping of the God he served. Our children are in His hands and not ours. (2) Ask God to watch over them. It is not that we have washed our hands of them, but rather that we have called for a first-class Security Guard, our Heavenly Father. Our children are not orphaned, but rather are protected by the Ultimate Parent.

"We won't be able to watch over them every hour or hide in the attic of their lives, but the Great Watchman will be there. Every time a parent prays for a grown child, he or she clings to that promise and hope. Type up Psalm 121 and paste it on your bathroom mirror. Every time you think of your children, claim these verses." It can be a Life Changer for all concerned!

Many of our "Seasoned" Saints will be working in their churches with VBS throughout the Summer, taking Grandchildren and neighbors with them. Praise God, they will hear the Gospel story of Jesus, many for the first time, and be saved. That's exactly what we're asking you to do in August for Senior Adult VBS. Many adults need to hear and be saved, too. It's not too late -- yet!

Hey, all you wonderful RRV Old Fashioned Hymn Singers, remember our monthly schedule: June 11 at 9:30 am - that's the 2nd Thursday of each month at Springlake BC. Watch The Paris News Bulletin Board and FAITH pages as reminders. Let's encourage and check on each other. See Ya!

Keep Looking UP, "SEASONED" SAINTS; JESUS IS COMING BACK SOON!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

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| <u>May 25:</u> Memorial Day (RRVBA closed) | <u>June 15-17:</u> VBS @ Emberson BC |
| <u>May 30:</u> Yard Sale & Bake Sale, Springlake | <u>June 20:</u> Youth Fish Fry/Fund Raiser, Emberson |
| <u>May 31:</u> 5th Sunday | <u>June 21:</u> FATHER'S DAY |
| <u>June 4:</u> Secretaries & Support Staff Lunch | <u>June 21-27:</u> VBS @ Leesville BC |
| <u>June 7:</u> Capital Campaign Lunch, FBC Clarksville | <u>June 23-25:</u> Children's Day Camp |
| <u>June 14:</u> FLAG DAY | <u>June 30:</u> Donations due—Shoes for Orphan Souls |

Novice Baptist Church is seeking resumes for the position of Pastor. Resumes may be mailed to the RRVBA office at 2320 Clarksville St., Paris TX 75460, or e-mailed to the office at redrivervalleybaptist@gmail.com.

East Delta Baptist Church is seeking a Part-time Youth Director. This is a paid position, and a parsonage may be available. Contact Deborah Kennemer at 903-395-2198 or Tina Rainey at 903-408-7531 for more information.

NEWS FROM THE BSM. . .

Dear Family,

Another school year has come and gone. Many exciting things have happened this last year. There have been many great spiritual conversations with students, a young man accepted Christ as his savior, and several new faces have become key leaders at the BSM. I've enjoyed watching God move in the lives of students this last year as so many of them are hungry for the truth!

There are so many things to look forward to this summer and in the coming year. We are currently working on putting a mission trip together for this summer to the Dakotas (We will get details out ASAP). Kids camp is coming up in June and is open to all students 5 years old to 6th grade. Cost is \$60 per student and scholarships are available. A couple BSM students, my wife and myself will be leading worship for the camp. With about 17 churches involved already it looks to be a fun and rewarding camp for our youngsters.

Please be in prayer this summer for Eric Aguinaga. He is going to New York again this summer for 10 weeks to partner with a ministry as a summer missionary. He will be out of his comfort zone as he will be working with a ministry geared toward helping sex trafficking victims, the homeless and abused. Eric has become a remarkable young man with a huge heart to serve the Lord. In his two years here at the BSM he has been to Beach Reach twice, he spent a couple weeks in south Texas and several weeks in New York last summer do mission work, he returned only to leave again and do ministry during "Bike Week" in Sturgis, SD. Pray for Eric to have mental and emotional strength this summer as he steps out into a new ministry and pray that he will be able to have wisdom and provide guidance and help where needed.

Several of the students who have been in attendance at the BSM this last year are moving on to other colleges in the spring. Please be in prayer for them this summer as they make preparations to leave their families and move off and pray that they will keep their foundation in Jesus Christ as they will be facing many new adjustments.

I know many of you have been in prayer for my family and again, we all want to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts. My wife has come a long way since she got sick last July but is still struggling with maintaining her energy levels. Since changing our diets we have all become healthier and most of the issues our children were experiencing are going away as we continue to make a healthy lifestyle push. We still have a long road ahead of us to complete recovery but GOD has been faithful to us beyond all we could ask or think. Please do continue to pray for us as we continue to seek wisdom in healing for my wife in particular.

Matthew 5:2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 3'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4'Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. 5'Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. 6'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. 7'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. 8'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. 9'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. 10'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11'Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Living God, Loving Life,

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



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Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Birthdays

1st	Tim Parker, pastor	Howland
1st	Casey DeLay, music	Immanuel
4th	Tim Sullivan, assoc. pastor	East Paris
5th	Marsha Crosswhite, spouse	Lamar Point
7th	Chuey Potter, music	FBC Roxton
8th	Jason Soward, youth/music	FBC Cooper
10th	Chris Ellis, spouse	Leesville
10th	Kay Burrow, spouse	Chicota
10th	Curtis Adams, treasurer	Maxey
10th	Marzetta Clements, spouse	Brookston
13th	Randy Parsons, spouse	Immanuel
14th	Richard Mercaldo, spouse	Immanuel
16th	Scott Powell, director	BSM
18th	Lindsay Glossup, spouse	East Delta
19th	Jeremy Glossup, media	East Delta
20th	Donna Kropp, clerk	Emberson
21st	Cheryl Reed, spouse	Emberson
23rd	Gilbert Miller, spouse	Springlake
24th	Marlena Gunter, spouse	Immanuel
24th	June Davis, secretary	Emberson
24th	Jody VanDeaver, pastor	Bethel
30th	Michaella Bumgarner, music	Bounds

June Wedding Anniversaries

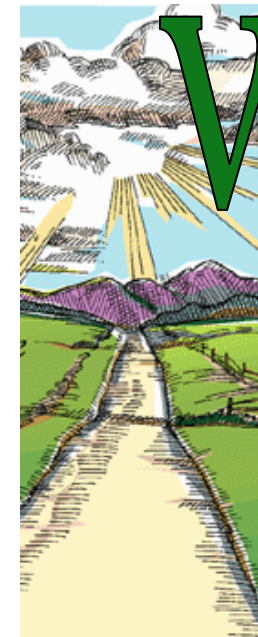
1st	Gilbert & Mavis Miller, 58 yrs	Springlake
2nd	Jody & Carol VanDeaver, 14 yrs	Bethel
5th	Mark & Brenda Fendley, 34 yrs	Mt. Olive
6th	Johnny & Jessica Rickman, 28 yrs	Lakeway
8th	L.C. & Jerry Nell Stout, 59 yrs	Faith
10th	Jimmie & Linda Woodard, 55 yrs	FBC Annona
12th	Brent & Deborah Bolton, 28 yrs	FBC Cooper
12th	Jordan & Haley Sharrock, 27 yrs	Novice
14th	Johnny & Renee Wright, 40 yrs	FBC Paris
14th	Dean & Donna Houchins, 46 yrs	East Delta
15th	Steve & Marlena Gunter, 24 yrs	Immanuel
22nd	Phil & Carla Spann, 30 yrs	Southside

June Church Anniversaries

1st	Matt Byrd, worship, 3 yrs	FBC Paris
23rd	Jay Morris, pastor, 2 yrs	Bounds



In observance of Memorial Day the RRVBA office will be closed on Monday, May 25.



Voice of the Valley

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SECRETARIES & SUPPORT STAFF LUNCH
Thursday, May 7, 11:30 am, RRVBA Office
Bring your lunch; tea/coffee are provided.
If you can please bring the following: an old pair of blue jeans (will be cut up!), trim or material, and a good pair of scissors for a craft project.

Springlake Baptist Church
YARD SALE & BAKE SALE
Saturday, May 30 from 8:00 am—3:00 pm.
Money raised will help send children to RRVBA Day Camp!

Emberson Baptist Church Youth
FISH FRY/FUND RAISER
Saturday, June 20, 5:00 pm
Caviness Community Center/VFD on FM 1499
Come hungry and support our youth!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Please let us know the dates of your Vacation Bible School so we can include it on our calendar. Also, just a reminder that when your VBS is over, you can bring decorations, etc. to the office to pass on for use at other

APRIL, MAY, & JUNE MISSION PROJECT:
Shoes for Orphan Souls: A Ministry of Buckner
Please bring all donations (shoes, socks, or money) to the RRVBA office by June 30.

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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"Heart and Hand"
Let me begin by wishing you a blessed Memorial Day holiday. Memorial Day is more than a long weekend, an excuse to cook out, or an extra day off work. It is a special time to remember, honor, and thank all who have served in our military, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice.
These men and women did not die for a piece of real estate, a bigger share of world power, not even for our own selfish greed! They went into harm's way to ensure our freedom, to protect their loved ones, and to defend a cherished way of life! May God bless America as long as America continues to bless God.
Our military join their hands and hearts in a common cause. The course is clearly defined. . . to protect and defend a way of life that allows us to have a chance at life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
2 Timothy 2:1-5 says Christians are to be strong in grace, to disciple and reproduce disciple makers, not to entangle ourselves with the things of this world, as we endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Baptist Associations exist to join together spiritually to protect the truth, to defend the faith in a way that promotes life, liberty (being free in Christ), and true joy. By joining our hearts and hands we do more to spread the gospel, mature the saints, promote world missions and evangelism, and win the lost than we will do alone, by ourselves. Can we count on your church to join with ours so we can make a difference?
Congratulations to our area High School and College graduates. I encourage you to read and remember the words of Solomon in Ecclesiastes 12:1..."Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth..." also Proverbs 10:22. "It is the Lord that causes you to prosper without anxiety, worry, or fear."
The Association office is working with our associational churches in planning a mission trip to South Dakota and a Day Camp for those 5 years old through 6th grade. We also have an associational VBS Team and Revival Team which will come and help your church with a Vacation Bible School or Summer Revival. For more information about any or all of these items, please call the office at 903-785-2890.

He Is Coming!
Bro. Mike Fortenberry, Director of Missions

"Diving into God's Word"
Children's Day Camp for Kids age 5 through 6th grade
Tuesday, June 23 through Thursday, June 25, 2015 9:00 am—4:00 pm daily
Day Camp will be held at the Red River Bible Camp in Reno
Cost: \$60 - (scholarships are available)
Activities include: *Bible Study, Crafts, Music, Worship, Bible Drill, Recreation, and fun, fun, fun with bounce houses and water games!!!*
Call Bro. Mike at 903-782-6759 or the office at 903-785-2890 for more information.