

ALL FOR YOU: Surrender - Sacrifice - Serve

Stewardship isn't just about managing time, money, and so forth. It's about investing our lives in such a way that others have the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel. It's about investing in eternity. Please pray and ask God what He would have you do for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and Week of Prayer.

Enlist volunteers in your mission study, prayer, or outreach activities. The more you have involved, the better the event will be! Look for new ways to introduce missions in your church.

I recently met with Bro. Mike Fortenberry. We shared our hearts for missions and discussed ways we might get more of our churches involved in mission prayer, education and activities.

One way you can be involved is March 7, 2015, come to Southside Baptist Church in Paris and bring children from your church to CIA Day. The fun begins at 9 AM with registration. This is an event where your children will glean a mission's heart. If you need information, call the Association office. One way everyone can be involved in this day is prayer! Please pray for the children, their leaders and the ones leading and teaching.

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

"When the Saints Go MARCH-ing In, Oh LORD, I want to be in that number." Beginning our Prayer Requests at Feb. rehearsal, 27 RRV Old Fashioned Hymn Singers were asked to place our right hand on our neighbor's left shoulder as we sang "HE Touched Me," praying as we sang for the Granddaughter of one of our precious ladies, and other requests. She is in UTSW Medical Ctr. awaiting a lung transplant. Because of the blessings we enjoy, we have decided to meet twice a month to sing at different Retirement, Nursing Homes at their request. We'll meet at Springlake BC at 9:30 am on March 12 for our MARCH-ing schedule, then go sing at Sterling House and Paris Health-care & Rehab. Everyone is invited to come sing with us, so don't miss any of God's musical blessings.

HELP! Several of our "Seasoned" Saints want to attend the FREE 27th Annual Norvell Slater Senior Adult HYMN SING of 1,000 or so Seniors at Dallas Baptist University's Patty and Bo Pilgrim Chapel on Friday, April 24 at 2:00 pm, and Concert at 1:30 pm. We NEED some vans or buses with drivers, which not only helps with transporting MANY, but also parking at DBU. We're ALL willing to help pay for the gasoline! In the past we left Paris at 9:00 am, had lunch in Dallas area, arrived at DBU before 1:30 pm, enjoyed Concert and HYMN SING, left DBU around 4ish, stopped for light refreshments (and potty stops?) OR drove straight home. Will YOU as an individual with a van or churches with vans and/or bus offer to help make Precious Memories for many of our RRVBA "Seasoned" Saints who could not attend otherwise? Would YOU like to coordinate the available vehicles and plans? Please contact me at 903-737-0650 or our RRVBA Office at 903-785-2890 ASAP so we can get us on the road again. Thank YOU in advance for your loving HELP! It's gonna be GOOOOOD!

We're looking forward to all the glorious Easter music. If you are doing something special and want to invite others, let me know to include it in my April article, or Nancy to put in VoV - be sure to get it to us by 13th of March. Sing with me - "I've Just Seen Jesus - He's ALIVE!" Praise God!!!

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

RRVBA/BSM Donations Feb 1— Feb 17	Year to Date	
ATLAS	0	0
BAGWELL	50.00	100.00
BETHEL	0	189.64
BOUNDS	269.57	564.17
BROOKSTON	0	0
CHICOTA	149.83	291.52
CHISUM TRAILS	100.00	200.00
COLLEGE AVE.	0	0
CUNNINGHAM	0	540.00
DIRECT	243.90	454.48
DOUBLE R	253.00	253.00
EAST DELTA	376.33	802.81
EAST PARIS	541.67	1,083.34
EMBERSON	80.00	160.00
FAITH	651.00	651.00
FBC ANNONA	0	76.00
FBC BLOSSOM	0	150.00
FBC BOGATA	1,038.62	1,978.35
FBC CLARKSVILLE	100.00	200.00
FBC COOPER	417.17	793.14
FBC DEPORT	0	0
FBC DETROIT	34.22	73.08
FBC PARIS	867.19	2,589.96
FBC ROXTON	0	240.00
FRIENDSHIP	0	0
FULBRIGHT	0	381.68
GLORY	159.06	271.32
GRAHAM ST.	0	0
HOWLAND	58.03	149.82
IMMANUEL	50.00	2,538.69
LAKEWAY	0	0
LAMAR POINT	72.17	72.17
LANE'S CHAPEL	0	0
LEESVILLE	1,227.00	2,734.00
MAXEY	0	300.00
MT. OLIVE	171.00	487.00
NOVICE	541.66	1,083.32
PACIO	126.89	272.85
PATTONVILLE	0	0
PETTY	0	250.28
POWDERLY	0	900.00
PROVIDENCE	162.21	296.43
SALEM	150.00	300.00
SOUTHSIDE	657.73	1,358.44
SPRINGLAKE	326.46	647.84
TRINITY	0	0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0	0
TOTAL	8,874.71	23,434.33

**RISE & BUILD FUND:
\$79,880.36**



"KINGDOM BUILDERS" CIA DAY—MARCH 7, 2015



Southside Baptist Church, 790 Jefferson Road, Paris
9:00 am—1:00 pm For kids age 4—6th grade

Kids: Bring your change for the Boys v. Girls Challenge!

Association churches received a Registration Packet (flyer, Parent Permission form to copy as needed, a Master List to bring to the event and pre-paid Response Card).

Please contact your Children's Director or Pastor and sign up today!

Call the Association office at 903-785-2890 for more information.

Saturday, March 7

8:00 am—3:00 pm

It will be held on the Church of Christ parking lot (next to RRVBA)

All proceeds go to fund *Beach Reach*, a BSM ministry outreach trip to South Padre Island.

Call Scott Powell at 903-246-1364 to donate items or for more information.



Bears for Babies

Continue collecting bears and other baby-safe small stuffed animals for the Choctaw Indian Hospital in Oklahoma. Donations are due by Tuesday, March 31.



NEWS FROM THE BSM. . .

Dear Family,

Crystal and I want to once again thank so many of you who have been praying for Crystal's health and also to many of you whom have gifted us during this time of trial. Crystal specifically asked me to let you know that she is getting better. There is still a long road ahead, but she is making progress. We are continuing to educate ourselves on food choices, supplements, rest, and many other things involved in her recovery and would ask that you continue to pray for us as we seek wisdom while we sift through the many conflicting reports of information you can find on the internet. She is due for a follow up this month which will require additional expensive testing that will tell us a lot about hormone levels, food sensitivities, and inflammations. These follow up tests will help us better understand how effective the changes we have made have been. From the bottom of our hearts we love you and thank you for being so supportive of our family.

On a different note, Beach Reach is fast approaching. We have a team of 10 this year. I am very excited about our team and can't wait to see how God uses us during this spring break week. Training is rolling along well and everyone truly seems to be excited and are looking forward to the experiences and opportunities God is going to provide for us to share the Gospel. Funds are beginning to come along. The Garage Sale is Saturday March 7th from 8am-3pm. We welcome all donations you may have for the garage sale. The best time to begin bringing donations will be after the Monday Lunch on February 23rd. If you need to drop something off earlier than that just give me a call and we can make arrangements. Tickets for the double blessing donation will be available through the end of the garage sale on March 7th. We anticipate doing the drawing for these items around 5pm that day. The details are: \$20 donation gets you 1 ticket. You will have the opportunity to be blessed in return for your donation. The items are: Mossberg AR-15 in .223....a Mossberg 12ga shotgun (waterfowl edition), and a Martin Krypton Compound Bow (the bow will be set up and ready to shoot). Please call me or contact a student for tickets.

God is good, all the time! I'm so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful association. This next year is going to be another great year. I know in my heart there are going to be some amazing things happening. Why? Because God answers prayers! Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

Welcome Mike Fortenberry as our new DOM. It will be my privilege to work alongside of you.

1 Chronicles 4:10 Jabez called upon the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from harm so that it might not bring me pain!" And God granted what he asked.

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



Red River Valley Baptist Association

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

March Birthdays

1st	Gency Fortenberry, spouse	RRVBA
1st	Melisa Norris, spouse	Southside
1st	Diane Storey, secretary	FBC Clarksville
2nd	Wesley Walker, spouse	East Delta
3rd	Mark Fendley, spouse	Mt. Olive
3rd	Sarah Walker, children	East Delta
4th	Jo Ann Adams, spouse	Pacio
5th	Nelda Harrell, spouse	Bethel
5th	Carol King, director	CWJC
8th	Jerry Nell Stout, spouse	Faith
12th	Lynda Gossett, spouse	FBC Clarksville
12th	Meleaha DeLay, spouse	Immanuel
14th	Bobby Bumgarner, spouse	Bounds
18th	Ronal Kennemer, spouse	East Delta
19th	Betty Sisson, admin. asst.	East Paris
22nd	Kevin Burgan, spouse	Leesville
24th	L.C. Stout, pastor	Faith
26th	Renee Wright, secretary	FBC Paris
29th	Debbie Davis, children	Mt. Olive
30th	Denise Braddy, spouse	FBC Cooper

March Wedding Anniversaries

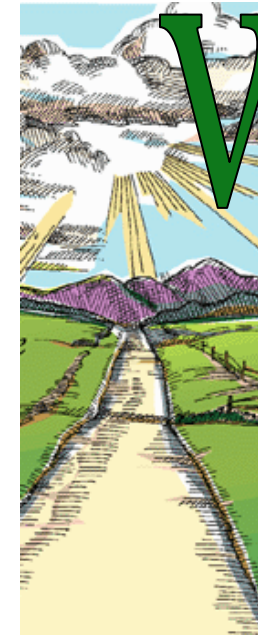
2nd	Mike & Gency Fortenberry, 41 yrs	RRVBA
2nd	Tim & Janet Sullivan, 41 yrs	East Paris
5th	Jay & Kerrie Morris, 10 yrs	Bounds
8th	Jeremy & Lindsay Glossup, 7 yrs	FBC Cooper
9th	Scott & Crystal Powell, 19 yrs	BSM
9th	Jake & Denise Vaughn, 31 yrs	East Delta
17th	Kay & Randy Parsons, 36 yrs	Immanuel
19th	Jon & DeLana McFadden, 22 yrs	East Paris

March Church Anniversaries

1st	Gary Lynch, music, 4 yrs	FBC Clarksville
1st	Renee Wright, secretary, 3 yrs	FBC Paris
2nd	Nathan Law, youth, 3 yrs	FBC Paris
3rd	Michaela Bumgarner, music, 2 yrs	Bounds
3rd	Sheri Wharton, secretary, 2 yrs	Bounds
5th	Eugene Adams, pastor, 30 yrs	Pacio
15th	Debbie Hindman, treasurer, 18 yrs	FBC Roxton
21st	Jo Ann Adams, secretary, 5 yrs	Pacio
24th	Tim Reger, pastor, 13 yrs	Mt. Olive

SECRETARIES/SUPPORT STAFF LUNCH

Thursday, March 5, 11:30 am, RRVBA Office
 Bring your lunch; tea/coffee are provided.



Voice of the Valley

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Greetings in the Wonderful Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

God has blessed me with a wonderful opportunity to visit with several of our associational leaders and committees during my first couple of weeks as your DOM. I am thrilled to report all I have spoken with or have heard from are excited about the opportunity to join together and do God-honoring things which will glorify Him and do good to those we serve.

I want to take just a moment to inform you about some exciting work and opportunities which are taking place. At the January Executive Board meeting the Executive Board officially took action and recognized a "New Building" committee made up of: Alice Ann White, Nelda Beville, Mike Shupp, Tom Lane, Michael King, Eugene Adams, Scott Powell, Mike Fortenberry, and Nancy Redus. The Nominating Committee will be asked to recommend 3 or 4 additional members at our next Executive Board meeting. Please pray for all who have been and are involved in seeking the Lord about a larger and better facility to house the Association office, BSM office and ministry, and perhaps, even other associational ministries in the future.

There are also conversations taking place about associational churches coming together for a Children's Day Camp, a Youth Camp opportunity, and even associational churches going on a home mission trip together. In addition to these we are looking at the possibility of an associational VBS Team to help our smaller congregations with VBS and a Revival Team to serve any associational church which desires a time of spiritual awakening, evangelism, etc. For more information, call me at the Association Office or on my cell phone at 903-782-6759.

One earmark of Southern Baptists is doing missions together. Make plans now to pray, promote, and lead your churches to give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and Week of Prayer for North American Missions, March 1-8, 2015.

Please examine the list of upcoming events located below!

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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ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING WEEK OF PRAYER MARCH 1-8, 2015

ATTENTION RRVBA PASTORS!

Mike & Gency Fortenberry
 invite you and your spouse to a Pastors & Wives Dinner. You will receive information shortly concerning place, date, and time. They hope to see all of you there!

22nd Annual Women's Conference at East Paris

Speaker: Jennie Allen Music: Laura Cooksey

Friday, March 27, 6:30—9:30 pm

Saturday, March 28, 9:00 am—2:00 pm (Brunch served)

For more information and to register go to eastparis.org or call 903-784-3258

REGIONAL VBS CLINIC

*Saturday, March 28 at Friendly Baptist Church in Tyler

*Register online at the SBTC website

*Cost is \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door

*Call Margaret Melton, Associational VBS Director, at 903-784-5185 for more information.

REVIVAL AT EAST PARIS BAPTIST CHURCH

with Dr. Tommy Kiker, Assoc. Professor at SWBTS

Sunday, March 8 at 9:00 am and 6:30 pm

Mon—Wed, March 9-11 at 6:30 pm

"Revive This Nation"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

March 1—8: *Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Week of Prayer*

Thursday, March 5: *Secretaries/Support Staff Lunch, RRVBA*

Saturday, March 7: *CIA Day, Southside, 9am—1pm*

Saturday, March 7: *BSM Yard Sale*

Sunday, March 8-Wednesday, March 11: *Revival at East Paris with Dr. Tommy Kiker*

Friday, March 27-Saturday, March 28: *Women's Conference at East Paris*

Saturday, March 28: *Regional VBS Clinic at Friendly Baptist Church, Tyler*

Call the RRVBA Office for more information on any of these events.