

# WMU News

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RRVBA/BSM Donations Aug 24-Sept 22	Year to Date
ATLAS	0 600.00
BAGWELL	50.00 450.00
BETHEL	113.96 1,058.54
BOUNDS	185.12 2,407.71
BROOKSTON	0 0
CHICOTA	186.76 1,380.70
CHISUM TRAIL	100.00 900.00
COLLEGE AVE.	0 0
CUNNINGHAM	360.00 1,260.00
DIRECT	296.94 2,299.05
DOUBLE R	262.00 1871.00
EAST DELTA	811.82 4,356.23
EAST PARIS	541.67 4,875.03
EMBERSON	80.00 720.00
FAITH	153.00 1,721.73
FBC ANNONA	95.31 791.82
FBC BLOSSOM	150.00 1,350.00
FBC BOGATA	1,400.71 10,726.27
FBC CLARKSVILLE	100.00 900.00
FBC COOPER	160.00 2,804.58
FBC DEPORT	0 0
FBC DETROIT	32.10 317.76
FBC PARIS	1,255.10 10,361.44
FBC ROXTON	0 1,260.00
FRIENDSHIP	0 0
FULBRIGHT	0 739.48
GLORY	221.37 1,946.87
GRAHAM ST.	0 0
HOWLAND	87.00 692.86
IMMANUEL/WMU	657.01 8,091.01
LAKEWAY	0 0
LAMAR POINT	0 322.17
LANE'S CHAPEL	0 0
LEESVILLE	3,627.00 14,496.00
MAXEY	150.00 1,350.00
MT. OLIVE	0 1,871.00
NOVICE	541.66 4,874.94
PACIO	183.77 1,500.55
PATTONVILLE	0 0
PETTY	149.50 1,217.12
POWDERLY	300.00 3,000.00
PROVIDENCE	170.36 1,574.97
SALEM	150.00 1,350.00
SOUTHSIDE	848.24 6,359.48
SPRINGLAKE	384.57 3,149.22
TRINITY	0 0
YOUNG'S CHAPEL	0 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,444.92 104,947.53</b>

**RISE & BUILD FUND:  
\$85,996.95**

In His Word, God shows us day by day how to surrender to Him and let Him fight our battles. We need to sacrifice time to be in prayer, listening for His whisper! When we hear Him, we are then ready to serve Him following His leadership.

Don't forget the Ladies' Retreat at the Love Civic Center on October 3, 2015. Plans have been made and we are ready for YOU!

November 2, 2015, is the date for the World Day of Prayer. If ever our world needed prayer, it is in these times. Every day there is a new concern to pray for. Please make plans to come and pray with us at Springlake Baptist Church starting at 6:30. Light refreshments will be served.

Our quarterly WMU Leadership Team meeting will be Saturday, October 10, 2015, at the Association Office starting at 10 AM. I would love for every church in our Association to have at least one woman on this team. Pray about being that one, if your church doesn't already send someone.

Remember Surrender - Sacrifice - Serve!

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

PRAISE GOD for changing Seasons for everyone, not just us "Seasoned" Saints. FALL - October days are getting shorter, leaves are beginning to turn colors as well as turning loose, and we love the cooler weather.

Winding up our 11th wonderful year of SA-VBS: Paris FBC 119 attending with Mission Offering \$338.30. Average attendance of 5 Mondays was 116 with Total Missions Offering \$2,544.15 - Hallelujah - It just gets better 'n better! SA-VBS 2016 "Submerged: Jesus Sees, Jesus Knows, Jesus Saves" from Psalms 139:23-24 - Host Churches: Aug. 1 @ Cooper FBC, Aug. 8 @ Springlake BC, Aug. 15 @ Immanuel BC, Aug. 22 @ Southside BC, and Aug. 29 @ Paris FBC. Mark your calendars NOW; you don't want to miss it! Also announced at PFBC: Dr. Bill Tolar will lead another trip to the Holy Land in March, 2016 - unless the Lord returns for His Bride/His Church before then!

The Red River Valley Old Fashioned Hymn Singers sang at some of the VBSes. We're being blessed as we increase in numbers, and having so much fun singing God's Praises wherever we're asked to sing; we don't "perform." Singers, please note: TIME CHANGE for Oct. 8th Rehearsal will be 1:00 pm, and we'll sing at 2:00 pm at Heritage House of Paris on S.E. 47th St. Come and bring other singers with you to our Rehearsals on 2nd Thursdays of each month usually at 9:30 am. Promise: You'll get your sox blessed plumb off!

Revival in some of our RRVBA Churches is becoming more evident as God does what only HE can do with Scriptural Preaching, Teaching, and Singing to urge us Seniors to be ALL HE intends us to be as long as we're still breathing!

Sing with me in this: "A Tribute to the Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi" - LORD, make me an instrument of Your Peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow Love. Where there is injury, Pardon. Where there is despair, Faith. Where there is darkness, Light. Where there is sadness, Joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to Console; to be understood, as to Understand; to be loved, as to Love. For it is in Giving that we Receive; It is in Pardoning that we are Pardoned; It is in Dying that we are Born to Eternal Life."

KEEP LOOKING UP "SEASONED" SAINTS, JESUS IS COMING BACK SOON



**THE POWER  
of a  
SIMPLE  
GIFT**

## WMU MISSIONS PROJECT: Operation Christmas Child

The last mission project for 2015 is Operation Christmas Child. Fill a shoebox with items for a boy or girl (see suggestions at [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ)) then contact FBC Bogata, our local collection point, for pickup information. This makes a great church-wide project for adults and children!

**Life Chain** is a silent, non-confrontational display against abortion. If you would like to participate, meet at Ram-seur Baptist Church parking lot on Sunday, October 4. Sign in, pick up a sign and disperse from there along Hwy. 82 toward Wal-Mart and Chicken Express. It would be wonderful if the chain would be that long on both sides of the highway! We'll be standing on the right of way, not on private property. The chain will be in place from 2:00 pm—3:30 pm. For more information, call Jim Norris at 903-966-2817 or the Paris Pregnancy Care Center at 903-784-1555.

## NEWS FROM THE BSM. . .

Dear Family,

Super excited to report to you the start of our semester. There is a young lady who was invited to the BSM last semester by one of our faithful students. She would participate in fun stuff but wouldn't hang around for Bible study or have any spiritual conversation. At the first Monday lunch a few of us were talking about Beach Reach and she said to me that should really like to participate in that. I told her that she would need to be involved in Bible study in order to go. The following night she showed up early for Bible study and asked if we could visit. She shared about some trials she had been going through and that she was wanting to get her life right with God. She was concerned about coming to Bible study because she has been raised Catholic and was concerned it would interfere with her wanting to get her faith straight. After a long talk and sharing with her how to get her life straight through the gospel, she prayed to receive Christ as her savior! Super excited about the change I have seen in her in just the first couple of weeks! God is good and I praise Him for another life changed!

We also had our first big game night. We played "Zombies" (or progressive hide and go seek) downtown. Several of us hit the dorms about 30 minutes before game time and God blessed us with having about 45 students come downtown to play. We were able to talk to many of them about joining us for Bible study, Monday lunch and invited them to join us for future game nights. Please be in prayer as God continues to open doors for us at PJC.

So God has impressed on my heart over the last few months the reality of Luke 9:23-27

*"And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."*

I know from experience there are a lot of people out there who claim they are Christians but do nothing more than claim it. Jesus says if we are to have a personal relationship with him we must first deny ourselves, take up a cross of humility and rejection and walk in His steps. With so many people making the claim that they are Christians, this semester we will be focusing on what scriptures say a true Christian looks like, how they behave, what they should do and say. We will look at what it means to "come after", "deny ourselves", "take up our cross", and "follow me". It's a truth that God has taught me over the last year and a truth I think we could all spend more time learning.

Thank you all for your prayers for my family this last year. My wife continues to improve. My children continue to get better. God continues to bless and we continue to praise Him!

Living God, Loving Life

Scott Powell

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## Red River Valley Baptist Association

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### *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

#### October Birthdays

1st	Mike Redus, pastor	Salem
2nd	Jan Barnes, spouse	Providence
4th	Misti Clark, spouse	Maxey
4th	Fred Fangio, music	Springlake
5th	Donnie Edwards, pastor	East Paris
6th	Rene Moore, spouse	Immanuel
6th	Nancy Redus, admin. asst.	RRVBA
6th	D.J. Wulf, youth	FBC Blossom
7th	Heather Law, spouse	FBC Paris
8th	Jessica Rickman, spouse	Lakeway
12th	Debbie Janeway, secretary	Leesville
13th	Jimmie Woodard, pastor	FBC Annona
16th	Haley Sharrock, spouse	Novice
16th	Rachel Young, spouse	East Paris
17th	Carla Spann, spouse	Southside
18th	Deborah Bolton, spouse	FBC Cooper
20th	Johnny Wright, spouse	FBC Paris
25th	Ivy Fendley, MSC/education	Mt. Olive
25th	Karen Julian, spouse	East Paris
27th	Kerrie Morris, spouse	Bounds
28th	Mark Gossett, pastor	FBC Clarksville
28th	Jim Semple, music	Howland
29th	Brent Bolton, education	FBC Cooper

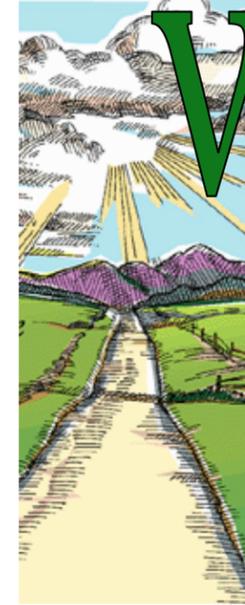
#### October Wedding Anniversaries

11th	Mike & Nancy Redus, 46 yrs	Salem
11th	Gary & Sharon Lynch, 28 yrs	FBC Clarksville
17th	Gary & Cheryl Reed, 34 yrs	Emberson
23rd	Brad & Marsha Crosswhite, 16 yrs	Lamar Point

#### October Church Anniversaries

1st	Gale Smith, secretary, 8 yr	Brookston
11th	Jody VanDeaver, pastor, 6 yrs	Bethel
14th	Charlos Ralson, music, 8 yrs	FBC Blossom
21st	Mike Redus, pastor, 3 yrs	Salem

The ladies of Leesville Baptist Church invite all ladies in the area to attend "Victorious Living" Women's Conference on Saturday, October 17, from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. The conference is free and includes lunch. Speakers are Teresa Harmening and Norvi Mayfield. For more information call 903-272-9453.



# Voice of the Valley

The monthly publication of the Red River Valley Baptist Association

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#### Who Are We?

The Red River Valley Baptist Association ... who are we? What does it mean to be a part of an association? We live in a day when the American population, especially our younger generations, do not display the same loyalty to religion, denominations, even loyalty to their own home church, as their parents and grandparents did. As a result of this trend we have seen major denominations in major decline and many Baptist groups in decline, plateau or showing only minimal growth. The end result is many Baptist churches and associations are simply trying to maintain what they have!

The church has been given a mandate to "Go" and as we are going we are to win the lost, make disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and teach them the commands of Christ, Matthew 28:19-20. Is that our goal, our focus as a local church or as a group of association churches? We have 47 churches who are members of this association and yet a number of our churches never give, never attend the meetings, never take advantage of the fellowship or participate in our ministry/mission opportunities or trainings! That causes me to ask myself this question ...WHY?

In seeking an answer I've talked with people in our churches and have been told ... "All they want is our money, we aren't doing anything as an association, or all we're doing is paying a bunch of big salaries." I take this opportunity to address those thoughts ... the big salary, the DOM's, has been cut by over \$24,000.00 dollars. We as an association are focused on missions and ministry and we have been very active with various ministries and trainings for all ages! Finally, we want to join our hands and our hearts and fellowship, serve the Lord together, encourage and build up the body of Christ whether your church can afford to give or not!

October 20<sup>th</sup> is an important day in the life and ministry of our association. It is the annual meeting. The Annual Meeting is an opportunity for every church pastor, church messenger and/or member of our churches (only messengers can conduct business but all are encouraged to attend) to come together for a time of food and fellowship, a time of praise and worship through music and message, and a time to learn what this association is all about, what we have done and what we are planning to do in the upcoming year. The meeting will be at East Paris Baptist Church with the schedule listed below and on the back page of the newsletter.

Who are we? We are the Red River Valley Baptist Association! Why do we exist and why should our churches take part? Because we can do more for the Lord and His kingdom work together than we can do by ourselves!

Bro. Mike

P.S. ShareNow is coming on November 14th. This is a program for our youth that will teach them how to share their faith. Begin praying now that God will use this as another outreach arm for our churches!

#### OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Oct. 1: Secretaries/Support Staff Lunch, 11:30 am, RRVBA
- Oct. 3: Ladies' Retreat sponsored by WMU, 9:30 am, Love Civic Center, Cost: \$10
- Oct. 4: Life Chain (contact Paris Pregnancy Care Center at 903-784-1555 for more information)
- Oct. 10: WMU Leadership Team, 10:00 am, RRVBA
- Oct. 12: COLUMBUS DAY
- Oct. 13: Finance Committee meeting, 5:30 pm, RRVBA
- Oct. 17: "Victorious Living" Women's Conference, Leesville, 9:00 am-3:00 pm
- Oct. 20: RRVBA Annual Meeting at East Paris Baptist Church      Booths open: 5:00—6:45 pm  
Dinner: 6:00—6:45 pm      Business Session & Worship Service: 7:00 pm

### Red River Valley Baptist Association

#### ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

East Paris Baptist Church

Booths: 5:00—6:45 pm

Dinner: 6:00—6:45 pm

Business & Worship Service: 7:00 pm

Call 903-785-2890

to make your dinner reservations!

**Churches:** Please make sure you have turned in the names of your elected Messengers so they may vote at the meeting. Also, the office needs the names of any new staff members and the names of those members who passed away during this last year. This information, along with that provided in your Annual Church Profile, will be compiled in the Annual Book of Reports.

All information must be provided to RRVBA no later than Monday, October 12!

Mt. Olive Baptist Church is looking for a Youth Director. Resumes may be e-mailed to brenda@mobcparis.com. For more information call the church at 903-785-7953.

#### **SECRETARIES & SUPPORT STAFF LUNCH**

Thursday, October 1, 11:30 am, RRVBA Office  
Bring your lunch; tea/coffee are provided.

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