

FAMILY OF CHURCHES COMMITTED TO A MISSION

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Rudy's Review

A man in his middle years was on a Caribbean cruise. On the 1st day he noticed an attractive woman about his age smiled at him in a friendly way as he passed her on the deck. This caught his attention. That night he managed to get seated at the same table with her for dinner. As the conversation developed, he commented that he had seen her on the deck that day and had appreciated her friendly smile. When she heard this, she smiled again and commented, "Well the reason I smiled was that when I saw you I was immediately struck by your strong

resemblance to my 3rd husband." At this, he perked up his ears and said, "Oh, how many times have you been married?" She looked down at her plate, smiled and said, "Twice!"

There was a plan in the making.

God has a plan for every man, woman, and child. It's a plan of unstoppable grace, of compassion, and love, and restoration. But did you know that Satan also has a plan for *you*?

Jesus defined these two competing plans in one verse when He said, "The thief," speaking of Satan, "comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

Jesus came so that we could have *life*. Whereas, Satan's plan can be described in one word as well: *death*. Satan's goal is to kill, steal, and destroy anything that is positive, wholesome, and winsome.

His plan is diabolical. It's not passive. It's not "kind of bad." It's extremely wicked and cruel, evil and vicious, demonic and deplorable.

Satan deceives, lies, and brings temptations to us get us to sin – whether it's to treat someone poorly or to get a good thing in a bad way or at a bad time. He also gets us to do things that bring shame to our heart, make us depressed, and ruin our relationships.

I think that most of the time when we think about Satan we either err on the side of thinking too much about him or thinking too little about him.

But here's what we need to know: Satan is real. And all of us are in an invisible war with temporal and eternal consequences.

God's Word reminds us: "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." (Ephesians 6:12)

We're in a battle for our soul, and our relationships. Our life is constantly being bombarded by agents of grace while at the same time being bombarded by agents of evil.

Most of the time, these agents of evil aren't the more obvious sinister things going on in the world such as the sexual abuse of children, murder, and genocide. Instead, I would say that probably 99 percent of the time, all of the demonic activity that we'll ever face will come packaged so sweetly, so subtly, and so deceptively that we'll be on a course toward destruction and we'll never know it.

Satan wants to divide and conquer. He wants to divide us with our friends and with our spouses. He wants to divide us with our small groups, with our parents, with our kids, and with the people at our workplace. He also attacks us with lies, condemnation, and the feeling that we just don't measure up. In 2 Corinthians 2:10-11, the Apostle Paul reminds the church to forgive those who have wronged them and who were trying to cause division, "in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes."

Sadly, I don't think Paul could write that to most churches today, as I believe that most churches, and most people, are absolutely ignorant of the enemy's schemes.

What we need to realize is that we have a formidable foe. The Bible describes him as "a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour." (1 Peter 5:8) Yet knowing this shouldn't make us intimidated. We can take comfort and strength in knowing that Satan is a defeated foe. We don't have to fight for victory because we're not trying figure out who is going to win this battle. We already know who wins – and it's Jesus!

"The Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world." (1 John 4:4)

I found this article written by Chip Ingram. I think it is something that fits us in our world today.

Let us beware of the enemies plan and aware of God's great plan for us

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CHURCH MISSION GIFTS							
CHURCH	%	JULY					
Antioch	4	370.42					
Bowers	9	1,241.46					
Calvary	5	317.64					
Cambria	1	25.40					
CP Wilburton	4	392.13					
Enterprise	1	-0-					
Featherston	5	81.00					
Gowen	3	64.59 50.00					
Grace Country High Bridge	1	90.11					
Keota 1st	3	-0-					
Kinta 1 st	3.5	-0-					
Lequire	6	508.00					
Lutie	6	-0-					
Main Street	2.5	240.48					
McCurtain	5	212.24					
Mountain Home	5	-0-					
N Rock Creek	5	274.05					
Panola	5	223.00					
Porum		-0-					
Quinton 1st	8	940.34					
Red Oak 1st	4	793.99					
Rocky Ridge	5	45.60					
Southside	2	-0-					
Stigler 1st	3	789.16					
Sulphur Springs	3	31.68					
Thessalonian	3.34	-0-					
Trinity Stigler	5	178.50					
Unity, Keota	5	345.00					
West Liberty	10	1,043.00					
Whitefield	3	288.03					
Wilburton 1st	4.5	748.81					
TOTAL		\$9,294.63					
CHURCH DECIS	SIONS	*					

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CHURCH DECISIONS*								
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Antioch	1							
Bowers	3	6	1					
Gowen		1						
Red Oak		5						
Unity	3	3						
W Liberty	1	2						
Whitefield	1	3						
*Legend: P=Professions, B=Baptisms,								
L=Letter, R=F	Reded	licatio	n, O=	Othe	er			

SEPTEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SBBA 59 th Annual Meeting Antioch Baptist Stigler, OK October 21 2:45-8:00 pm	Howard Head (Panola) 2013					1
2 Anti-Gambling Sunday	3 Office Closed Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8
		Season of Prayer for	State Missions & Ed	na McMillan Offering		
9 Season of Prayer for State Missions & Edna McMillan	10 Leigh Montgomery (Red Oak FBC)	11 Executive Board Meeting @ 7pm Host: Sulphur Springs Charles Watkins	12 Coetta Head (Panola)	13 Annual Church Profiles due	14 Fred & Melba Wegert (retired)	15
16	17	18 Cindy Waldrop (Bowers)	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Jeff Bengs (Quinton FBC)	Ken & Rita Rouviere (retired)	See You At the Pole See You After the Pole Rally			Apologetics on Fire Dr. Jim Burkett Center Point Baptist Sept. 29-Oct. 3