

FAMILY OF CHURCHES COMMITTED TO A MISSION

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Rudy's Review

I don't know about you but I have a tough time buying Christmas gifts. Oh, I love to go shopping, but trying to find that right gift for that special person makes me a little crazy.

I heard of a couple of guys that had a solution to this problem. A man tells the story that he asked his wife what she wanted for Christmas, and she said, "Oh, just surprise me." So at 3:00 Christmas morning,

he leaned over and went "BOO!" He said she did not speak to him for a couple of months.

Another man says about a week before Christmas, his wife said to him, "I had a wonderful dream last night. I dreamed you gave me \$1000 for a new Christmas wardrobe. You wouldn't want to do anything to spoil a perfect dream like that would you?" He thought for a moment and said, "Of course not, you may keep the \$1000." As we try to describe the gifts we would love to receive, look at how Isaiah the Prophet describes the gift all mankind was to receive:

Isa 9:6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders;

And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

Luke tells us of the gifts delivery:

<u>Lk 2:4-7</u> Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, ⁵ in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. ⁶ While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and <u>she wrapped Him in cloths</u>, and <u>laid Him in a manger</u>, because there was no room for them in the inn.

There wrapped in cloths and lying in a cow's dinner plate was the **GREATEST GIFT** of all: Jesus Christ. As this is the season for gift shopping and family gatherings let us remember that special gift that Our Heavenly Father gave us; the gift of His precious Son Jesus.

From Sonya, Shelba and I we want to wish each and every one of you out there a very Merry Christmas and may 2017 be a tremendous year for you, your families and the Kingdom of God.

| CHURCH MIS | SSI | ON GIFTS |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| CHURCH | % | November |
| Antioch | 1 | 38.71 |
| Bowers | 9 | 1,166.38 |
| Calvary | 5 | 246.19 |
| Cambria | 5 | -0- |
| CP Wilburton | 4 | 470.95 |
| Enterprise | 1 | 30.00 |
| Featherston | 5 | 343.00 |
| Gowen | 3 | 70.17 |
| Grace Country | 1 1 | 50.00 |
| High Bridge Keota 1 st | 3 | 16.26 252.39 |
| Kinta 1 st | 3.5 | 232.39 |
| Lequire | 6 | 488.00 |
| Lutie | 6 | -0- |
| Main Street | 2.5 | 238.55 |
| McCurtain | 5 | 233.45 |
| Mountain Home | 5 | 61.00 |
| N Rock Creek | 5 | 265.40 |
| Panola | 5 | 124.00 |
| Quinton 1 st | 8 | 1,264.95 |
| Red Oak 1st | 4 | 781.86 |
| Rocky Ridge | 5 | 168.60 |
| Southside | 4 | -0- |
| Stigler 1 st | 3 | 1,780.88 |
| Sulphur Springs | 3 | 46.08 |
| Thessalonian | | -0- |
| Trinity Stigler | 5 | 272.00 |
| Unity, Keota | 5 | 445.00 |
| West Liberty | 10 | 1,884.00 |
| Whitefield | 6 | 623.99 |
| Wilburton 1 st | 5 | 946.08 |
| TOTAL | | \$12,556.36 |
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| CHURCH DECISIONS* | | | | | | | | |
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| November | P | В | L | R | O | | | |
| Antioch | 2 | | 5 | | | | | |
| Bowers | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Gowen | | | 4 | | | | | |
| Lequire | | 4 | 2 | | | | | |
| Main St. | 3 | 4 | | | | | | |
| Mt. Home | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |

*Legend: P=Professions, B=Baptisms, L=Letter, R=Rededication, O=Other

JANUARY 2017

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|---|--|----------|--|--|
| 1 Bud Vinson (Center Point) 2006 | 2 Office Closed New Years | 3 Joyce Vilhauer (retired) | 4 Billie Maxwell (retired) | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Teresa Brady (Wilburton FBC) | | | Ken Rouviere (retired) | | | |
| 8 Randy Waldrop (Bowers) | 9 Johnny & Leigh Montgomery (Red Oak FBC) | 10 Executive Board Mtg 7pm Association Center Host: Quinton Rita Rouviere (retired) | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday | 16 Office Closed Martin Luther King | 17 | 18 Youth Game Night Wilburton FBC 6:00-8:00pm Dale Randol (West Liberty) | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | Del City, | 31 lism Conference First Southern 5. Sooner Rd | | | FEBRUARY 8 Rose Day OKC State Capitol Building | FEBRUARY 16 State Association VBS Team Training Muskogee FBC |