



FAMILY OF CHURCHES COMMITTED TO A MISSION

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Rudy's Review

I received this story and I thought I would pass it on to you. It is written by a pastor in Tennessee.

As a pastor I get many excuses why people cannot attend church on Sunday morning. One particular Sunday a woman called stating she was sick and could not make it to church. That Sunday we were short on food for a Men's Fellowship Breakfast. I was the one elected to go to Wal-Mart to pick up more food. While there I ran into

the sick woman I had talked to earlier. I said, "I just spoke to you a few minutes ago and you told me you were ill. What happened? Did you have a sudden recovery?" "Yep, I was just practicing that faith you preach about. I thought if I went to Wal-Mart on faith, I would have a miracle, and presto! I'm all better now." "Now that you've had a miracle," I replied, "are you coming to church?" "Nope, I'm going shopping. If I can receive a miracle at Wal-Mart, who knows what else I can find!"

I know many people go out starting on Black Friday to shop for that special gift that will make faces light up with pure joy. They are looking for that special gift; that one 'miracle' gift that will bring great joy and a smile to a face. If you have ever been out on Black Friday you know that the miracle is not in the gift but in the surviving of the experience.

As much as I like hunting for that special gift, looking for that 'miracle' that will bring joy to the face of people, I know that it will not be found at Wal-Mart, JC Penny, Bass Pro, or any other retailer. That special gift was given over 2000 years ago. God sent us that perfect gift in the package of a little baby; His precious Son Jesus. We can look all around the world for that thing that brings joy, but until we receive that gift from God, all our searching will be in vain.

What a miracle that God gave us. His Son left heaven to come to earth and live as one of us. But the Real Miracle is that God can take each of us, no matter how unimportant or insignificant we may feel, and through His work, turn us into something of incredible worth, value and significance!!

As we celebrate this Christmas season, let us realize that the big miracle is not in Wal-Mart; it is not in the gifts that we receive from others nor is it in the things that we give to others. The real true miracle of Christmas is that a Holy, Loving God came to this old earth and fills the heart of each person that is willing to accept that free gift from a Loving Father.

This Christmas as you think about the gift given to you by God, share that gift with someone this holiday season. Maybe with a waitress at your favorite restaurant, a clerk at a local retail store or just someone God puts in front of you. Share the real Miracle of Christmas.

Have a Merry Christmas and
 a Blessed Miracle sharing season
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FROM THE SANS BOIS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION STAFF

Carl & Shelba Rudek — Sonya Jackson



CHURCH MISSION GIFTS

CHURCH	%	November
Antioch	1	62.50
Bengal		-0-
Bowers	9	1,127.79
Calvary	5	249.09
Cambria	5	-0-
CP Wilburton	4	409.97
Enterprise	1	30.00
Featherston	5	148.00
Freedom	3.34	-0-
Gowen	3	94.52
Grace Country	1	-0-
High Bridge	1	-0-
Keota 1 st	3	272.85
Kinta 1 st	3.5	180.90
Lequire	6	455.00
Lutie	6	-0-
Main Street	2.5	234.20
McCurtain	5	-0-
Mountain Home	5	74.80
N Rock Creek	5	203.56
Panola	5	161.05
Quinton 1 st	8	-0-
Red Oak 1 st	4	556.63
Rocky Ridge	5	72.85
Southside	4	-0-
Stigler 1 st	3	908.65
Sulphur Springs	3	35.73
Trinity Stigler	5	160.00
Unity, Keota	5	358.00
West Liberty	10	1,344.00
Whitefield	6	598.51
Wilburton 1 st	5	-0-
TOTAL		\$7,738.60

CHURCH DECISIONS*

November	P	B	L	R	O
Cambria	3	4			1
Kinta	1	1			
Quinton				1	
Unity		2		1	
Whitefield		1			

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

JANUARY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Bud Vinson Center Point 2006	HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!				1 Teresa Brady Wilburton FBC	2
3 Joyce Vilhauer (retired)	4 Billie Maxwell (retired) Ken Rouviere (retired)	5	6	7	8	9 Johnny & Leigh Montgomery Red Oak FBC
10 Rita Rouviere (retired)	11	12 Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 pm Association Center Host: Cambria	13	14	15	16
17 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday	18 Office Closed Martin Luther King Dale Randol (retired)	19	20 Association Youth Rally	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	State Evangelism Conference Del City, First Southern Baptist		DOM Retreat			