

FAMILY OF CHURCHES COMMITTED TO A MISSION

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Rudy's Review

Hard to believe that it is almost March. There are several things happening in March that makes it an exciting month.

For those that like to celebrate, we have St. Patrick's Day. We go around wearing green and pinching those not wearing green. We eat stuff like cabbage and corned beef.

For the basketball fanatic this is the most wonderful time of the year. It is a time called 'March Madness.' I always look forward to this time of year. The excitement & enthusiasm during this event is, as the title states, is madness. People all around us picking their favorites to win & watching with great anticipation as the games are played. For a basketball fan there is nothing like it. People talk about it & it draws people to a common goal. There is something about people that are full of this enthusiasm that just brings out that joy in others, & it becomes contagious.

For the believer in Christ this year Easter comes early and falls in March. I always liked to see the Easter bonnets, baskets, all the new dresses and clothes people come to church in. We remember and celebrate the most remarkable event in history; Jesus Christ being risen from the dead giving mankind the hope of eternal life. There are lots of stories and family events, with ham and easter eggs and all the trimmings.

I recently came across this story and it reminded me of this wonderful season:

Capt. Eddie Richenbacker was the commander of a ship during the height of World War II. His ship took a direct hit and sank in the icy waters. Several men escaped drowning by climbing on a 5'x9' raft. Sharks swarmed the area and devoured the soldiers who were left to float in the water. After several days, starvation became a real concern. Men became sullen and were unwilling or unable to talk. A seagull mysteriously landed on the edge of the raft and looked at the men as if offering himself as food. One soldier grabbed the bird and the men ate for several days. Rescue came soon. Years later, Eddie became an old man and was seen each day carrying a bucket of shrimp. A flock of seagulls surrounded him and gladly received his offer of food. When asked why he feed the birds each day, Eddie replied, "I am remembering the many for the sacrifice of one."

Jesus and Jesus alone gave Himself as our sacrifice. Because of that we remember the many for whom He died. With March madness, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Spring Break coming up we can get busy and forget to "remember the one that sacrificed for many."

We need to remember why Jesus came, to seek and save the lost. Let's remember that and invite someone to church on Easter. Let's help them see the love of our Savior and the sacrifice He made for us.

Keep remembering, Bro C

Upcoming Activities: March 5 – Work day at KBA cabin 9:00-?? Lunch provided April 2 DR Training – New Beginnings Bixby – 8:30-4:00

April 4 B2B Sunday School Forum - Calvary Wilburton 7-8:30

April 11 B2B Sunday School Forum – Main Street Stigler 7-8:30 For SS teachers, workers or anyone interested in working in SS.

CHURCH MISSION GIF 15						
CHURCH	%	January				
Antioch	1	81.05				
Bengal		-0-				
Bowers	9	1,016.15				
Calvary	5	368.95				
Cambria	5	-0-				
CP Wilburton	4	518.72				
Enterprise	1	30.00				
Featherston	5	105.00				
Gowen	3	97.68				
Grace Country	1	-0-				
High Bridge	1	195.56				
Keota 1 st	3	294.99				
Kinta 1 st	3.5	183.52 333.00				
Lequire Lutie	6 6	-0-				
Main Street	2.5	185.38				
McCurtain	5	107.00				
Mountain Home	5	71.64				
N Rock Creek	5	182.10				
Panola	5	157.00				
Quinton 1 st	8	1,089.41				
Red Oak 1st	4	651.98				
Rocky Ridge	5	57.79				
Southside	4	1,344.91				
Stigler 1st	3	841.76				
Sulphur Springs	3	41.31				
Trinity Stigler	5	208.00				
Unity, Keota	5	410.00				
West Liberty	10	1,079.00				
Whitefield	6	669.93				
Wilburton 1 st	5	-0-				
TOTAL	\$10,321.83					
CHURCH DECISIONS*						

CHURCH MISSION GIFTS

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L R Antioch 2 Bowers 2 Mt Home Whitefield 3 3

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

MARCH 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 SBBA CABIN WORK DAY
6	7	8 Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 pm Association Center Host: Lequire	9	10	11	12 Mike Newberry Keota FBC
We	eek of Prayer	for North Ameri	can Missions ,	/ Annie Armstr	ong Easter Offer	ring
13 Week of Prayer for North American Missions / Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	14	15	16	17	18 Lance Burnett BCM EOSC	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Easter	28 Patricia Abel (retired)	Johnny Montgomery Red Oak FBC	30 Elbert & Barbara Owens Antioch	31	Disaster Relief Training April 2 8:30am-4:00pm Bixby-New Beginnings	Sunday School B2B Forum April 4 – Calvary April 11 – Main St. 7:00pm-8:30pm





Week of Prayer for North **American** Missions / **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

March 6—March 13



Disaster Relief Training April 2—8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Bixby—New Beginnings Will be taking a van



Save the Date!



Sunday School Training Opportunities

Sunday School B2B Forum

April 4 - Calvary April 11 - Main Street

7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.





