



FAMILY OF CHURCHES COMMITTED TO A MISSION

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Rudy's Review

Here we are at the 1st of February. As everyone knows February is the love month. Valentine's day is around the corner, that time when we tell that certain someone we love them.

It reminds me of the story of Ole and Olga. They lived on a farm in Iowa. Olga was living on a starvation diet of affection. Ole never gave her any signs of love, and Olga's need to be appreciated went unfulfilled. At her wit's end, Olga blurted out one night, "Ole, why don't you ever tell me that you love me?" Ole stoically responded, "Olga, when we were married I told you that I loved you, and if I ever change my mind I'll let you know."

At times in our lives we get so busy that we forget to tell those close to us how we feel about them, we kind of take them for granted. When we love someone we want to let them know, in fact we let everyone know that we love that person. We usually buy gifts, flowers, candy, all kinds of stuff at Valentine day to show our love.

But sometimes our relationship with those we love becomes stale and we don't tell them how we really feel. After all they should know how we feel because we haven't told them of any changes in our feelings.

I wonder if we do that with God. We get so comfortable with our relationship with God that we fail to let Him know how much we care for Him. He becomes like that comfortable pair of shoes that we slip on when needed and go through life taking them for granted.

If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make our home with him. Jn 14:23

In Mt 22:37 Jesus tells us we are to *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind*

There is no holding back, no Olesims (if my love for you changes I'll let you know), we are to be in a constant love relationship with our God, giving every part of our life to fanning the flames of our love for Him.

I found this story by a preacher named Dr. David Sylvester:

Jim and Betty were a successful couple with an expensive home, clothes, and an MG convertible that Jim was so proud of. In fact, he would not let anyone drive it. On one occasion he had to fly out of town on business. Betty just could not resist the temptation to drive the car. A child came running out from behind another car and she had to swerve to miss the child and in doing so she wrecked the car. A patrolman came and asked to see her driver's license and registration papers. She looked in the glove compartment and found an envelope that had her name on it. She opened it and found a note from Jim which read, "Betty, if you're reading this you've evidently had a wreck. If you're reading this, you're obviously okay. Betty, I want you to know it's not my car I love. It's not even myself I love. Betty, it's you I love."

Love is for keeps in God's eyes.

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friend Jn 15:13

In your life, your relationship with God may seem stale, and out of touch. You may have put other things in front of that relationship with God. Always remember He loves us no matter what we do or where we are. His desire is a Relationship with you. As we think about the things we love, let us remember Jn 15:13, that He laid down His life for us because He loves US.

How do you plan to show Christ that you love Him

Let us show the love by being Jesus to all that are around us today.

Bro C.

FEBRUARY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 Paul Brady (Wilburton)	5	6 Rose Day Pro-Life Rally Oklahoma City State Capitol Bldg. Dottie Minshall (Sulphur Springs)	7	8 Janet Parker (Trinity)	9
10	11	12 Executive Board meeting @ 7:00pm Association Center Host: Kinta FBC	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Charles Karch (Southside)	16
17	18	19 Daniel Milligan (Stigler FBC)	20 Gene & Betty Murry (retired)	21	22	23
24	25 <div>Priority of Preaching Conference Edmond First Baptist Church</div>	26	27	28	March 3-10 Week of Prayer for N. American Missions/Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	March 12 Executive Board meeting @ 7pm Association Center Host: Gowen



Bella Pregnancy Center News

Some of you may be wondering about the Bella Pregnancy Center.

We are still in the process of getting things together to open. Our original opening date was scheduled for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday January 20th. Everything was in place and just before our opening the lady that was to be our Center Director felt it best that she should step down. We are now in the process of looking for a new center director and until this happens we feel it best not to open up the center. We have several names that we plan to interview so everything is going well.

Churches and individuals continue to give to the center which is great. We started an account to purchase a sonogram machine (which costs in the neighborhood of \$20,000) but we have been informed that one has been given to us when we get ready to use one. God is good.

So continue to pray for the ministry, for the new Director, the Board as we help shape this ministry and for the volunteers and patients we will be seeing in the future.

Future Events on the Horizon



In March we will be having a chaplaincy training for anyone interested in becoming involved in this ministry.

This training will be for those interested in ministering to those in need: how to lead a recovery group (Divorce, Alcohol, Drug related areas), marketplace chaplaincy (being a minister to storefronts).

This training will help people facilitate and lead group sessions and minister to the public.

It will be held at the associational center on either the 1st or 2nd Saturday of March. More details to come. Contact your pastor or the Associational office for more details.

CHURCH MISSION GIFTS

CHURCH	%	December
Antioch	4	512.18
Bowers	9	834.75
Calvary	5	195.27
Cambria	1	34.30
CP Wilburton	4	-0-
Enterprise	1	30.00
Featherston	5	80.00
Gowen	3	76.83
Grace Country	1	-0-
High Bridge	1	174.48
Keota 1 st	3	158.49
Kinta 1 st	3.5	-0-
Lequire	6	540.85
Lutie	6	-0-
Main Street	2.5	-0-
McCurtain	5	182.01
Mountain Home	5	-0-
N Rock Creek	5	155.00
Panola	5	101.86
Porum		-0-
Quinton 1 st	8	766.14
Red Oak 1 st	4	-0-
Rocky Ridge	5	35.75
Southside	2	-0-
Stigler 1 st	3	981.23
Sulphur Springs	3	-0-
Thessalonian	3.34	-0-
Trinity Stigler	5	-0-
Unity, Keota	5	363.00
West Liberty	10	1,779.00
Whitefield	3	228.51
Wilburton 1 st	4.5	-0-
TOTAL		\$7,229.65

CHURCH DECISIONS*

November	P	B	L	R	O
Antioch	3				
Quinton	1	1			
W. Liberty	1				

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