



FAMILY OF CHURCHES COMMITTED TO A MISSION

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Rudy's Review

A father took his son into a local toy store. The boy got away from his dad and found a statue of a man made of balloons. The boy looked at it for a minute, and then he drew back his fist and hit the balloon man just as hard as he could. The man fell over and then popped right back up. The confused boy backed off and looked at him again and then backed up and hit him again as hard as he could. Again the man fell over, and again he popped right back up. The boy's father had walked around the corner and was observing his son as he was 'punching out' this man. The man asked his son, 'Why do you think he comes back up when you hit him and knock him down?' The boy thought for a moment and said, 'I don't know; I guess it's because he's standing up on the inside.'

I like that line, ***standing up on the inside***. Sometimes things in life hit us and knock us down. We need to decide whether to get back up or just stay down.

As I have read in Scripture this year, there are many times the children of Israel were knocked down. They would stay down for a while but eventually they would get back up. I was reading in *Ezra 8-10* about how Jerusalem was in ruins and it was breaking the hearts of the people. Upon the reading of God's Word the people realized they were far from being what God wanted for their lives. They fasted and prayed and went to work to repair the damaged relationship with God. They discovered one of the big sins was they were marrying pagan spouses and having children. This broke the heart of God as well as Ezra and the others. This could have been the big knock down and stay down situation. How many of us would be willing to destroy our families in this situation? But instead of staying down the children of Israel got up and decided to do what needed to be done to draw closer to Almighty God.

Sin can come to us in many packages; things like desiring to serve family more than God, making money, buying stuff, using our time for our glory instead of God's, etc. Satan will use whatever he can to knock us down and keep us down. When you go down are you down on the inside or standing up on the inside. If you are standing up on the inside you will bounce back much easier and quicker.

When situations take us to the canvas (knock down term in boxing), let us remember to be ***"standing up on the inside"*** by doing this we can spring back up and serve God.

Keep on "bouncing back"
 Bro C.

CHURCH MISSION GIFTS

CHURCH	%	JUNE
Antioch	1	68.11
Bowers	9	1,842.35
Calvary	5	593.06
Cambria	5	-0-
CP Wilburton	4	404.13
Enterprise	1	-0-
Featherston	5	234.00
Gowen	3	59.91
Grace Country	1	50.00
High Bridge	1	21.64
Keota 1 st	3	176.52
Kinta 1 st	3.5	191.59
Lequire	6	437.25
Lutie	6	-0-
Main Street	2.5	228.88
McCurtain	5	109.75
Mountain Home	5	33.45
N Rock Creek	5	208.20
Panola	5	134.14
Quinton 1 st	8	1,273.17
Red Oak 1 st	4	644.31
Rocky Ridge	5	137.30
Southside	4	-0-
Stigler 1 st	3	1,080.90
Sulphur Springs	3	45.48
Thessalonian		-0-
Trinity Stigler	5	207.85
Unity, Keota	5	370.00
West Liberty	10	1,198.00
Whitefield	6	480.33
Wilburton 1 st	5	-0-
TOTAL		\$10,230.32

CHURCH DECISIONS*

JUNE	P	B	L	R	O
Antioch	4	1		2	
High Bridge	1				
Unity	2				

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

AUGUST 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jim White N Rock Creek (2009)	Jeff Bengs Quinton (2011)	1	2 Tommie & Janet Parker (Trinity)	3 Bobby Nichols (Cambria)	4	5
6 David Ward (retired)	7	8 Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm Assoc. Center Host: Main St.	9	10	11	12 Disaster Relief Training for SE Oklahoma at KBA Pre-reg. @ www. okdisasterhelp.org W. Liberty Revival
13 Jerry & Joyce Vilhauer (retired)	14	15	16	17 Barbara Owens (retired)	18 John & Addie Pruett (retired)	19
West Liberty Revival – Doug Miller Evang.						
20 Del Allen (retired)	21 Tony & Dale Randol (West Liberty)	22	23	24	25 Bud & Jacki Vinson (Center Point)	26 John Bates (McCurtain) Willard & Sandra Francis (Calvary)
27	28	29	30 Anti-Gambling September 3	31 Edna McMillan State Missions September 3-9	SBBA Women's Conference feat. "Voice of One" Keota First Baptist Sept. 16, 2017 10:00am-12:30pm	SBBA 58 th Annual Meeting Center Point Wilburton, OK October 22, 2017 2:45-8:00pm