

### FAMILY OF CHURCHES COMMITTED TO A MISSION

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#### Rudy's Review

Here we are at that time of year: the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, celebrating our Independence, and the freedoms we have as Americans. As Americans we love our freedoms, free to do what we want, when we want and how we want.

Webster describes freedom as the state of being free, the absence of necessity, coercion or constraint in choice or action,  $\underline{a}$  liberation from slavery or restraint or from the power of another.

It's kind of like the story of a man taking his 8 yr old son to school one day when the boy noticed a large flatbed truck with a forklift on the back. The boy's eyes widened and he said, "Boy, I sure would like one of those." Curious as to why an 8 yr old would want a forklift, the father asked, "Jonathan, what would you do with a forklift?" With a real determined look on his face he said, "Pretty much anything I want to do."

That is what freedom does for some – anything we want to do. In today's world we see and hear of people saying that they have the freedom to do what they want. Why? Because they are free. No one can tell them what to do.

As a youth minister I had one student that was really a challenge. No one could tell him what to do. He was very determined to be that way. When I asked him what he wanted to do after he got out of school, his reply was that he couldn't wait to get out of school, to get away from his parent's authority, from school authority and even the authority of the church. He was making big plans for that day when he would escape all possible authority because he was going to go sign up with the United States Marine Corp! Boy was he going to be in for a rude awakening. (by the way, he did not make it, surprise)

I am seeing that we are a people that are a Me first people. No one can tell us what to do. As bad as we see this in society, it is starting to filter into the church. People want to do church on their own terms, they want to do it their way. In the area of salvation, sin and holiness in our lives the idea of doing it our way 'ain't gonna cut it'.

Salvation is still one way through Jesus Christ. It is a gift from God through the shed blood of Jesus. Not through works or anyone else!

Sin is still in the eyes of God. No matter how much freedom we have, no matter how you dress up your sin. It is still sin in the eyes of a Holy God. It's like dressing up a pig. No matter how much makeup, perfume, or how pretty the dress, it is still a pig.

1 Cor 6:9-10 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolater, nor adulterers nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

We can pretty up our sin as much as we want, say that it is ok, that everyone is doing it or say the government says it is politically correct; you can do whatever you want to it to make it palatable, but it still is a dressed up pig!!

God has called us to freedom in Christ but to be holy is He is holy (1 Peter 1:16)

I guess what I want to say I can say it in one sentence (I know some of you are thinking, why didn't you just give it in one sentence! Simple I needed 500 words to fill my page)

Freedom of religion is the God-given right for each individual to choose to go to hell the human way or to go to heaven God's way. We have the freedom to choose. Choose well in everything you do!

Freedom was not and will never be cheap.

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Mondays & Thursdays 1:00-4:00 p.m.

# **Executive**



NO MEETING IN JULY Next meeting August 13 Host: Lequire

# Kiamichi Baptist Assembly

Sans Bois Baptist Association Cabin

### **July 8-12**

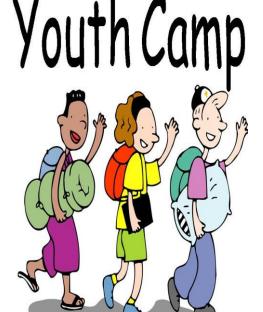
Registration deadline—July 1

Students having completed 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade

\$75 per camper Website:

www.kbacamp.com

for all camp forms and more information



<b>CHURCH MISSION GIFTS</b>						
CHURCH	%	MAY				
Antioch	4	344.97				
Bowers	9	1,055.79				
Calvary	5	479.39				
Cambria	1	82.12				
CP Wilburton	4	450.64				
Enterprise	1	55.00				
Featherston	5	82.00				
Gowen	3	93.38				
Grace Country	1	-0-				
High Bridge	1	-0-				
Keota 1st	3	261.60				
Kinta 1 <sup>st</sup>	3.5 6	86.57 556.40				
Lequire Lutie	6	-0-				
Main Street	2.5	200.87				
McCurtain	5	401.37				
Mountain Home	5	-0-				
N Rock Creek	5	209.00				
Panola	5	173.00				
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Porum 1 <sup>st</sup>	0	-0-				
Quinton 1st	8	837.16				
Red Oak 1st	4	711.00				
Rocky Ridge	5	61.00				
Southside	2	-0-				
Stigler 1st	3	661.28				
Sulphur Springs	3	38.07				
Thessalonian	3.34	-0-				
Trinity Stigler	5	104.00				
Unity, Keota	5	369.00				
West Liberty	10	1,066.00				
Whitefield	3	249.92				
Wilburton 1st	4.5	567.64				
TOTAL		\$9,197.17				

CHURCH DECISIONS*					
MAY	P	В	L	R	О
McCurtain		1			1
Wilburton		2	2		

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

## **JULY 2019**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Watch for ACP PROFILES being mailed to the church. Due date is September 12.	1 Association Week Youth Camp Registration Deadline Carl Rudek (DOM 2013)	2	3 Mike & Tina Newberry (Keota FBC)	4 OFFICE CLOSED Independence Day Sheila Maxwell (retired)	5	6
7	8	9 NO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING John & Jackie Bates (McCurtain FBC)	10	11 eek of Praver & Specia	Tim & Jill Perkins (Lequire)	13
				Youth Camp at KBA		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Antioch Bar	otist Church – VBS Full	Armor of God – 6:00	0-8:30 pm – Pre K thru	6 <sup>th</sup> grade	
<b>21</b> Jerry Vilhauer (retired)	22	<b>23</b> James Easley (Whitefield)	24	25	26	27
<b>28</b> Daniel & Tara Milligan (Stigler FBC)	29	30	31 Saundra Francis (Calvary)			August 13 Executive Board Meeting Host: Lequire