Rudy's Review

Shelba and I were recently treated by our son with a vacation to the Dominican Republic. It was a great week; lots of sun, food and just a time of relaxing with family members. The resort was beautiful, the food was good, and there was plenty of sunshine. The one thing that I noticed was that the people were extremely friendly and very helpful during our stay there. As we got off the van to walk into the resort, I grabbed my bag and was immediately scolded by the young man that met us. He told me that I was on vacation and he would take care of it. The amazing thing was that was not a onetime thing. Everywhere we went people were greeting us with a smile and taking care of our every need. We did not have to do much of anything but to enjoy the beautiful surroundings. These folks had a desire to serve others and to make them feel welcome – showing hospitality to all. And they did it with a smile on their faces and joy in their voices.

As I got back home I wondered if anybody was going to wait on me like this? Don't think so.

As I reflect on this trip, I thought about how life would be different for us if we had this kind of mentality – to serve others instead of self. How would our churches look if we took on this mindset – serving others with a smile on our face and joy in our hearts and voices?

In the Bible Jesus said: *Mk 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.*

Jesus came to serve and we are called to do likewise. I know it was a blessing to be waited on all week, in fact it felt darn good. But now back in the real word it is time to be a servant and help in meeting needs. Let us become like Jesus, let us go and serve instead of waiting to be served by others.

Gal 5:13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Let us great others with a smile and be about meeting the needs of others in Jesus' name.

Have a blessed week and a great summer
Bro C

CHURCH MISSION GIFTS		
CHURCH	%	MAY
Antioch	4	228.28
Bowers	9	2,223.92
Calvary	5	262.13
Cambria	1	-0-
CP Wilburton	4	491.72
Enterprise	1	60.00
Featherston	5	398.00
Gowen	3	83.34
Grace Country	1	50.00
High Bridge	1	-0-
Keota 1st	3	301.80
Kinta 1st	3.5	186.84
Lequire	6	590.60
Lutie	6	-0-
Main Street	2.5	249.08
McCurtain	5	329.76
Mountain Home	5	-0-
N Rock Creek	5	286.00
Panola	5	187.00
Porum		-0-
Quinton 1st	8	875.32
Red Oak 1st	4	1,028.16
Rocky Ridge	5	94.00
Southside	2	-0-
Stigler 1st	3	1,165.96
Sulphur Springs	3	65.19
Thessalonian	3.34	-0-
Trinity Stigler	5	240.00
Unity, Keota	5	344.00
West Liberty	10	1,503.00
Whitefield	3	293.92
Wilburton 1st	4.5	982.97
TOTAL		**$12,520.99**

CHURCH DECISIONS*					
MAY	P	B	L	R	O
McCurtain				1	
Stigler		1			

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

JULY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Carl Rudek (DOM 2013)	**2** **Registration deadline for SBBA Week for Youth Camp**	**3** Mike & Tina Newberry (Keota FBC)	**4** **Office Closed Independence Day** Sheila Maxwell (retired)	**5**	**6**	**7**
8	**9** John & Jackie Bates (McCurtain)	**10 Executive Board Meeting @ 7:00pm Host: Kinta FBC**	**11**	**12** Tim & Jill Perkins (Lequire)	**13**	**14**
	----------------SBBA Week for Youth Camp, KBA, $70 per camper, Registration deadline -July 2----------------					
	---Sans Bois Baptist Association Week of Prayer & Special Offering---					
15	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19**	**20**	**21** Jerry Vilhauer (retired)
22	**23** James Easley (Whitefield)	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28** Daniel & Tara Milligan (Stigler FBC)
29	**30**	**31** Saundra Francis (Calvary)			**August 14** **Executive Board Meeting @ 7:00pm Host: Rocky Ridge**	**August 30** **Association Committee Reports Due**