

FAMILY OF CHURCHES COMMITTED TO A MISSION

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Rudy's Review

In the past few years have you noticed the downward swing of society? There are all kinds of issues that have been cropping up in the news. It is not only affecting society in general but also the family and in our churches. Things we never would have even dreamed of are happening on an everyday regular occurrence. The one that I want to address is the unwillingness to forgive.

Our unwillingness to forgive has really come to the forefront of our world today. Don't get me wrong, there are somethings being done in society that needs to be punished but we also need to forgive folks for some of these wrongdoings.

I heard a story of 2 young brothers, let's call them Harry and James. They had just finished supper and were playing until bedtime. Harry hit James with a stick and tears and bitter words followed. Charges and accusations were still being exchanged as mom prepared them for bed. Mom said, "Now James, before you go to bed you're going to have to forgive your brother because that is what Jesus would want you to do." James thought for a moment and then he replied, "Well OK, I'll forgive him tonight, but if I don't die before I wake up, he'd better look out in the morning."

I wonder if that is not the way we forgive sometimes. We forgive for just a moment and then later; bam we blast them again.

Every day in the news we see someone who has done something to someone or who has wronged another and we are quick to condemn them and practice forgiveness. I am not saying I think hitting a woman or doing some other unspeakable thing to another is right. I think they deserve to be punished but they also deserve forgiveness.

We even see that in our churches today. Someone does something in our church to offend us or it has wronged somebody, we are quick to condemn them and treat them as a leper. A place that should practice boatloads of forgiveness chooses not to.

Paul in *2 Cor 2:3-11* talks about one that offended him and was causing problems in the Corinth church. Did Paul say, "drive this one out of the church and have nothing to do with him?" No.

In 5-11 He says, *But if anyone has caused grief, he has not grieved me, but all of you to some extent—not to be too severe. This punishment, which was inflicted by the majority is sufficient for such a man, so that, on the contrary, you ought rather to forgive and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one be swallowed up with too much sorrow. Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your love to him. For to this end I also wrote, that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things. Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ. lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.*

What if Jesus practiced forgiveness as we do? Would we like it if Jesus forgave us like we forgive others?

-It seems the world has forgot all about the teachings of Christ about forgiveness. Maybe the world needs to see us model the forgiveness of Christ so they can see the example they need to live by.

Psychologist James Dobson reports seeing a sign on a convent in Southern California reading: "**Absolutely No Trespassing—Violators Will Be Prosecuted to the Full Extent of the Law.**"

Signed: The Sisters of Mercy

Where is the Mercy? Where is the forgiveness?

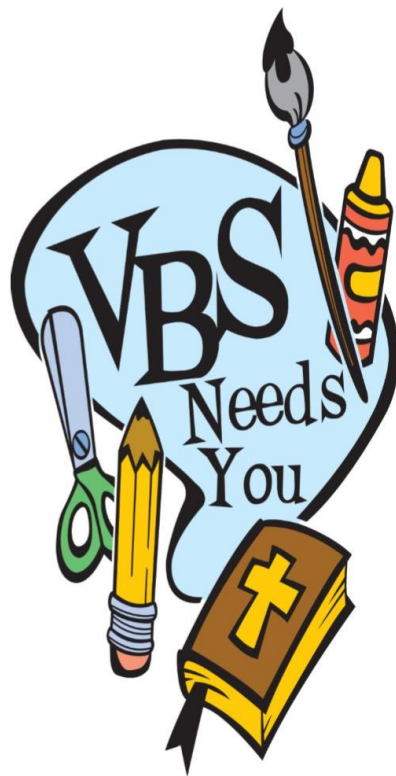
As Paul said in *2 Cor* let us practice forgiveness because of the *presence of Christ* within and because it is the right thing to do.

Let us as believers and followers of Christ lead the world in forgiving others as little better than the "sisters of Mercy".

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APRIL 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
John Bates (McCurtain 1987) Paul Brady (FBC Wilburton 2013)	1 Nikki Easley (Whitefield)	2	3	4 James & Nikki Easley (Whitefield)	5 Spring Explosion KBA Cost: \$35 after March 27 Speaker: Keno King Worship Leader: Trevor McBane	6
7	8	9 Executive Board meeting @ 7:00pm Association Center Host: Calvary	10	11	12 Carolyn Carpenter (retired)	13
14 Jeff Dover (FBC Stigler)	15	16 SBBA Assoc. - wide VBS Clinic 6:30-8:00 pm Quinton FBC James & Carolyn Carpenter (retired)	17	18	19	20
21 Easter	22 Elaine Mays (High Bridge)	23	24 John Pruett (retired)	25	26	27
28 Lance & Laramie Burnett (EOSC BCM)	29	30			May 2, 2019 National Day of Prayer	June 17-21 KBA Kids Camp July 8-12 KBA Youth Camp



Sans Bois Baptist Associational-wide VBS Clinic

April 16

**Quinton First Baptist Church
6:30 - 8:00 pm**

VBS Clinic Classes:

Connecting with Parents and Helping Parents Connect:
Conferees will consider practical strategies to help move VBS from an event at church to an influential family encounter at home.

Creating a Buzz:
We will discuss ways to promote and publicize VBS.

Sharing the Gospel with Kids:
How to share the Gospel with the kids who attend VBS.

Guiding Behavior:
Explore ways to guide kids' behavior during VBS. Participants will take a close-up look at 8 ways to help you and your kids not get too wild during VBS.

Making Sure Everyone is Safe and Secure:
Helping you make sure the children who come to VBS at your church feel safe and secure.

Teacher Appreciation:
Come discover practical ideas to show appreciation to volunteers before, during and after VBS.

Disaster Relief Training

April 27 8:00am-2:00pm

First Baptist Church Tulsa

\$15.00 new volunteers

\$10.00 returning volunteers
needing badges



Upcoming:

June 1st in McAlester

Details to follow

CHURCH MISSION GIFTS

CHURCH	%	February
Antioch	4	390.40
Bowers	9	939.15
Calvary	5	-0-
Cambria	1	64.07
CP Wilburton	4	634.68
Enterprise	1	30.00
Featherston	5	114.00
Gowen	3	62.45
Grace Country	1	-0-
High Bridge	1	87.75
Keota 1 st	3	230.25
Kinta 1 st	3.5	257.70
Lequire	6	384.50
Lutie	6	-0-
Main Street	2.5	-0-
McCurtain	5	-0-
Mountain Home	5	-0-
N Rock Creek	5	218.00
Panola	5	-0-
Porum		-0-
Quinton 1 st	8	581.48
Red Oak 1 st	4	769.35
Rocky Ridge	5	61.50
Southside	2	-0-
Stigler 1 st	3	972.37
Sulphur Springs	3	77.91
Thessalonian	3.34	-0-
Trinity Stigler	5	130.00
Unity, Keota	5	344.00
West Liberty	10	1,059.00
Whitefield	3	228.50
Wilburton 1 st	4.5	1,330.44
TOTAL		\$8,967.50

CHURCH DECISIONS*

February	P	B	L	R	O
Antioch		5			
Bowers			2		
McCurtain	1				
Wilburton	1				

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

KLOVE SPONSORED TRAINING

Wednesday, June 5 through Saturday, June 8, 2019

(8:30 am to 5:00 pm each day – lunch is on your own)

Instructors: Dr. Naomi Paget, FBI Chaplain and Crisis Interventionist +others

Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma Leadership Center 4th Floor
3800 North May Avenue Oklahoma City, OK

The training will be **Managing School Crisis (MSC)**

[Wednesday, June 5 – Thursday, June 6, 2019; 8:30 am – 5:00 pm]

Individual and Group Crisis Intervention (GRIN)

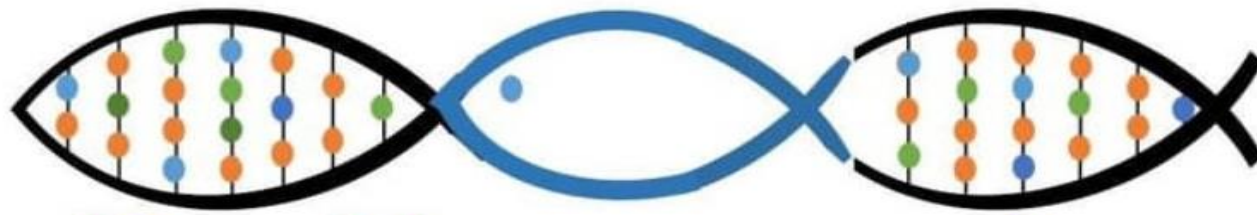
[Thursday, June 6 – Saturday, June 8, 2019; 8:30 am – 5:00 pm]

Strategic Response to Crisis (SRC)

[Friday, June 7 – Saturday, June 8, 2019; 8:30 am – 5:00 pm]

Registration opens 90 days prior to class & remains open until seats are filled.

To register & learn more about KLOVE's Crisis Response Care go to www.crisisresponse.org



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Genesis 1: 26-27

SAVE THE DATE



Speaker: Keno King
Cherokee Hills
Baptist Church



Worship Leader:
Trevor McBane

Spring Explosion 2019

April 5th-6th KBA Campgrounds in Talihina

Cost: \$25 per person by March 27th
\$35 Starting March 28th

KBA CABINS FOR SALE:

Falfa Baptist Church has a KBA Cabin for sale, it is a sealed bid \$20,000 min. 30x60, sleeps 40, mattresses are new. Highest bid will win, bids close May 1. Must be in Leflore, Atoka-coal, Frisco, Sans Bois, or Pittsburg Association. Mail to Bro Russell Fincher 162600 N. 4346 Lane, Tuskahoma, OK 74574. Call or text for more info or pics to 918-465-7357.

Heart O' Hills Baptist Church has a KBA Cabin for sale, it sleeps 12-14 in both of the designated boys and girls rooms, with sponsor quarters on each side. It has newly renovated boys and girls showers, new wooden bunk beds and mattresses, two refrigerators and one chest freezer, washer and dryer, both dining and living rooms, stocked kitchen, covered back porch, new basketball court, and location is close to the tabernacle. We are asking \$28,000 for the cabin and we are able to consider a down payment with additional payments until paid in full. Please call Brian Farris with questions at 918-413-2535.