



FAMILY OF CHURCHES COMMITTED TO A MISSION

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Rudy's Review

I don't normally watch or read any news but this past week I have made an exception. Now I realize why I don't do those things. School & church shootings, republicans blaming democrats & democrats blaming republicans, school kids telling us what to do & walking out of school to show us what we are doing wrong. Everybody seems to be blaming the other person & no one is taking responsibility for what is going wrong.

I read a news story about a woman in NY that went to Florida for a vacation & left her 2 kids at home alone for a week at a time. Upon being arrested she stated "I didn't know it was against the law to leave my kids at home alone!" UGH! Yet another one about how far we as a society have sunk: A teenage girl committed suicide because of being bullied by her friends & school administrators! Before she did it, she was on the phone with a friend & told her friend she had just tried to kill herself. The "friend" told her to do a better job at it next time. She did.

What is going on in the world! Here is a story I thought was appropriate:

Back when electricity was first being introduced to a little Scottish village, almost everybody in a particular church switched from propane lanterns to electricity just as soon as it could be hooked up. However, the oldest couple in the congregation couldn't get their electricity because they were waiting for the poles to go up & the wiring to be strung. So they continued to use their propane lanterns.

The day finally came when the electricity was brought into their home. Everyone came for the festive event. The old man waited for it to get extra dark; then he told his wife to go turn on the switch. When she did, the light filled the room, & everyone rejoiced. The old man grinned from ear to ear, picked up a propane lantern & said, "It sure makes lighting my lamps easier." With that he lit a lamp & his wife turned off the electricity.

Sometimes we're like that. Maybe we can't see the light for our desire to hang on to the past.

Church we **"have the light."** It is Christ Jesus our Savior. For so long we have hidden our light under the bushel basket not wanting to offend others. It is time to take the light out into the world to help others to see that the light can be beneficial to them.

Parents love your children. School kids instead of walking out of class to protest, go to someone that may be bullied & love them. Let the light of Christ shine so that all can see His goodness. Let others see Jesus in us.

We have the light in Jesus Christ. Church let us turn on that light and not let the darkness of our past, or from the world extinguish it in any way.

Keep on Shining til Jesus comes
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CHURCH MISSION GIFTS

CHURCH	%	February
Antioch	4	445.31
Bowers	9	1,157.67
Calvary	5	475.76
Cambria	1	7.90
CP Wilburton	4	-0-
Enterprise	1	60.00
Featherston	5	-0-
Gowen	3	-0-
Grace Country	1	-0-
High Bridge	1	98.92
Keota 1 st	3	234.30
Kinta 1 st	3.5	-0-
Lequire	6	453.00
Lutie	6	-0-
Main Street	2.5	269.24
McCurtain	5	251.50
Mountain Home	5	-0-
N Rock Creek	5	297.28
Panola	5	121.49
Porum		-0-
Quinton 1 st	8	715.76
Red Oak 1 st	4	734.32
Rocky Ridge	5	42.75
Southside	2	-0-
Stigler 1 st	3	694.33
Sulphur Springs	3	74.88
Thessalonian	3.34	-0-
Trinity Stigler	5	189.00
Unity, Keota	5	400.00
West Liberty	10	1,025.00
Whitefield	3	276.84
Wilburton 1 st	4.5	1,392.59
TOTAL		\$ 9,417.84

CHURCH DECISIONS*

January	P	B	L	R	O
Antioch	1				
High Bridge		1	3		
Red Oak	5	4	3		
Stigler FBC		1			
Unity	2				

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

APRIL 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 John Bates McCurtain (1987) Paul Brady Wilburton (2013) Nikki Easley (Whitefield)	2	3	4 James & Nikki Easley (Whitefield)	5	6	7
8	9	10 Executive Board Meeting @ 7:00pm Association Center Host: N. Rock Creek	11	12 Carolyn Carpenter (retired)	13	14 Jeff Dover (Stigler FBC)
-----Kinta FBC Revival- Sunday AM & PM services – 9 th -11 th @ 7:00pm-----						
15	16 James & Carolyn Carpenter (retired)	17 Associational-wide VBS Clinic Kinta FBC 6:30-8:30pm	18	19	20	21
					Spring Explosion 2018 God wants to do MORE Youth Retreat at KBA \$25.00 pre-registration \$35.00 after April 12th	
22	23	24 John Pruett (retired)	25	26	27	28 Lance & Laramie Burnett (EOSC BCM Director)
29	30				May 3 National Day of Prayer	May 8 Executive Board Meeting @ 7:00pm Association Center Host: Panola