



FAMILY OF CHURCHES COMMITTED TO A MISSION

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Rudy's Review

WOW! What a great annual meeting. Thanks to Antioch Baptist for hosting and providing all the things needed to make this run smoothly. Bro Doug and the church were great hosts. To all who lead breakout sessions thanks for your hard work in making the sessions a big success. Dr Hance Dilbeck the Executive Director/Treasurer for the BGCO came and delivered a powerful message for the church. All in all it was as I said a great meeting.

With that being said we now turn our focus to Thanksgiving and Christmas. What a wonderful time of the year.

As we think about these 2 holidays so back-to-back we think of what it means: the message to all the world. The 1st is where we thank God for how He has blessed us and the 2nd is where God says thank you with His special gift to us.

This reminds me of a story. A pastor in a small town church in mid 1900's sent one of his parishioners to the big city to order a Christmas sign to be hung outside on the church door. The man lost the note which the pastor had given him with the dimensions of the sign and the inscription that was to be printed on it. So he went to the Western Union office and sent a message to the pastor, "Rush copy of motto and dimensions." A new clerk in the Western Union office got the reply and almost fainted. It read: **"Unto us a child is born. Eight feet long, three feet wide." That would be some baby!!**

Today we have a message that is many times bigger than that. *Lk 2:11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

God has given us some gift, His Son as the Savior of the world, to take away our sin. What a huge message to receive.

As you spend time getting ready for the holiday's don't forget what it is about. I'm not talking about football, food, and family. How to do plan to show God how thankful you are for His great gift He gave you? That can always be a challenge with the busyness of the holidays. Don't forget about that **some baby**.

Have a great rest of the year

Bro C

Couple of announcements:

Annual SBBA Christmas Party is Dec 7 at 6:30 at Assn office. All church staff and spouses, Executive Board members and spouses are invited. Bring a dessert.

Also December will be the last wrap around for the Baptist Messenger as they are discontinuing the service. We are planning a bigger, better newsletter. All we need is your email address or someone in your church that has an email address. We will send it out by email and someone can be designated to print it off for your church to hand out. Please, please, please, please; every church get us some name or names of people that have emails so we can get you a copy of the new newsletter.

Thanks again and let's serve the Master with our best.

CHURCH MISSION GIFTS

CHURCH	%	October
Antioch	4	369.70
Bowers	9	1,286.48
Calvary	5	301.72
Cambria	1	6.61
CP Wilburton	4	521.65
Enterprise	1	65.00
Featherston	5	135.00
Gowen	3	79.58
Grace Country	1	50.00
High Bridge	1	161.82
Keota 1 st	3	296.73
Kinta 1 st	3.5	204.23
Lequire	6	637.00
Lutie	6	-0-
Main Street	2.5	298.40
McCurtain	5	402.90
Mountain Home	5	-0-
N Rock Creek	5	234.90
Panola	5	124.00
Porum		-0-
Quinton 1 st	8	1,571.94
Red Oak 1 st	4	947.84
Rocky Ridge	5	60.00
Southside	2	-0-
Stigler 1 st	3	1,227.96
Sulphur Springs	3	-0-
Thessalonian	3.34	-0-
Trinity Stigler	5	263.00
Unity, Keota	5	420.00
West Liberty	10	1,477.00
Whitefield	3	310.85
Wilburton 1 st	4.5	814.76
TOTAL		\$12,269.07

CHURCH DECISIONS*

October	P	B	L	R	O
Gowen	3	3			
High Bridge		1	2		
Stigler FBC					1

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

DECEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January 8 Executive Board Mtg @ 7:00pm Host: McCurtain	January 16 Youth Rally					1
2	3	4	5	6	7 Assoc. Pastor/Staff/ Board Members Christmas Gathering 6:30pm	8 Jackie Bates (McCurtain FBC) Teresa Karch (Southside)
-----Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering – December 2-9-----						
9	10	11	12	13 Gene Murry (retired)	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Fred Wegert (Retired)	22 Melba Wegert (Retired)
23	24 Bud Vinson (Center Point)	25	26	27	28 Joye White (N. Rock Creek)	29
30 Joyce Dover (Stigler FBC)	31	-----Office Closed – Christmas Break/New Year – December 24-January 1-----				