



FAMILY OF CHURCHES COMMITTED TO A MISSION

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Rudy's Review

Recently I had the privilege of representing our Association on a Disaster Relief trip to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. We had 14 out of a group of 22 that spent a week working on a mud out team. The only way to sum up the trip was **WOW!!!!** The damage was incredible and extensive. There were mountains of people's possessions piled up on the curb to be hauled away to a dump site. Our crew did 9 jobs that week, which was relayed to us as an incredible feat. I was very proud of our group. They worked hard and worked well together. Mud out consisted of going into a house and removing all the flood damaged furniture, appliances (usually still filled with food that had spoiled – smelly stuff), personal possessions, the sheet rock walls, wooden floors, bathtubs & toilets (these 2 happened to be the jobs I was assigned to do). Mold was everywhere; the smells were at times outrageous. There was no complaining, just people working together as one to accomplish a big task.

What was even more incredible were the stories we heard from the individuals that lost everything. We heard all kinds of stories; stories of seeing walls of flood water coming down the streets, cars being stranded, people standing in neck deep water with garbage & sewage floating around them, others swimming out with pets and possessions being dragged behind them until boats could rescue them or they could swim to safety. All talked about losing everything they had; all their possessions tossed to the curb as garbage. Some had a hard time coming to grips with this. One lady wanted nothing to do with God, she was very angry and she was trying to hold on to as many of her possessions as she could, no matter the condition. I can't imagine losing everything like this. Don't even know how I would feel. But we did talk to some that praised God for His goodness because they did survive and that the things they lost were just that; **things**. I took away a couple of things from this trip: **1) Unity:** people can work together for the good of all. In a time and also a town where racial tensions have occurred, people of all race and color worked side by side to help make the best of this tragedy. Also our folks worked side by side doing the most disgusting, smelly, hard work imaginable and doing it with a smile on their faces and hearts. Incredible! **2) Possessions are just things that can be washed away in a moment.** We can't let our possessions possess us. If that happens we will be crushed in times as these. I saw people crushed because they lost their possessions, because their lives were wrapped in these things, but I also saw people whose lives were wrapped in the Lord who were bent but not broken through this tragedy.

¹⁹ ***"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; ²¹ for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*** Matthew 6:19-21 (NASB)

Let us continue to be Jesus to the crowds of hurting people that need our help. Let us work as one to accomplish the Kingdom Dream. You guys are awesome!

Bro C

CHURCH MISSION GIFTS

CHURCH	%	AUGUST
Antioch	1	53.81
Bengal		-0-
Bowers	9	1,421.76
Calvary	5	451.69
Cambria	5	-0-
CP Wilburton	4	1,033.45
Enterprise	1	-0-
Featherston	5	164.00
Gowen	3	74.48
Grace Country	1	50.00
High Bridge	1	2.36
Keota 1 st	3	299.40
Kinta 1 st	3.5	180.45
Lequire	6	442.00
Lutie	6	-0-
Main Street	2.5	261.44
McCurtain	5	245.60
Mountain Home	5	65.10
N Rock Creek	5	256.15
Panola	5	131.00
Quinton 1 st	8	930.42
Red Oak 1 st	4	662.76
Rocky Ridge	5	58.75
Southside	4	-0-
Stigler 1 st	3	-0-
Sulphur Springs	3	44.49
Trinity Stigler	5	351.00
Unity, Keota	5	348.00
West Liberty	10	1,603.00
Whitefield	6	621.47
Wilburton 1 st	5	940.08
TOTAL		\$ 10,692.66

CHURCH DECISIONS*

AUGUST	P	B	L	R	O
Bowers	4	6	1		
Lequire			1		
Whitefield	1				
Wilburton	8				

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

SBBA 57th ANNUAL MEETING, STIGLER FBC, 2:30-8:00 pm

OCTOBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Charles Watkins Lutie (2005)	Johnny Montgomery Red Oak FBC (2006)	Randall Pearce Featherston (2011)				1 State Disaster Relief Training OKC
2 Life Chain Sunday	3	4	5 Michael Conaway (Wilburton FBC)	6	7 Ministry Wives Weekend (7-8) Southern Hills Baptist Church, OKC	8 Disaster Relief Fall Associational Training Orientation Sessions (Leflore Association) Elbert Owens (retired)
9	10	11 Howard Head (Panola) Becky Nichols (Cambria)	12 Carl Rudek DOM	13 Praying for the Patch Stigler FBC Wilburton FBC	14	15
16	17	18 Don Duvall (Enterprise) Tony Randol (West Liberty)	19	20	21	22
23 SBBA Annual Meeting Stigler FBC 2:30-8:00 p.m.	24	25	26 Jeff & Terrie Bengs (Quinton FBC)	27	28 Tom Ratliff (retired)	29
30	31 Jacki Vinson (Center Point)					