

ECBA Churches Are Off to a Busy Summer of Serving. Learning, and Sharing

School's out and our churches are busy reaching out to help others and tell them about Jesus. Already this June, Redeemer Baptist Church has held their Vacation Bible School, New Day Baptist Church teens have returned from a Mississippi Nailbender Mission Trip, and Redeemer and New Day teens have attend Super Jam Camp.

Next week Redeemer has a youth group traveling to Henderson, Kentucky for World Changers and Old Town Hill will be holding their Vacation Bible School. VBS at "the Hill" will be Sunday, June 24th through Thursday, June 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Also, North Delaware Baptist Church will be holding a Backyard Bible Club at the Oaklawn Addition, Monday, June 25th through Thursday, June 28th. Coming up in July, Old Town Hill will have a World Changers youth group traveling to New Jersey, July 8th – 14th.

Please pray for our churches and their outreach here in Indiana and in others states as we reach out to serve and tell others about Jesus.

Super JAM (Jesus, Arts, Music) Camp

God Definitely Used This Camp

By Danielle McLaughlin

The teens and adults had so much fun at Super Jam Camp. From a teachers perspective, it was awesome on the last night just seeing God show up and show off. There were teens gathered around each other and praying for each other; plus seeing kids get saved was incredible! The worship band was awesome and they loved to worship with the kids. All the teachers were well prepared for the classes and the kids learned whole songs in a week!

Here's what the teens had to say:

- Nevaeh McLaughlin said that she loved the drama class, "it was so cool to worship with drama."
- Savannah McLaughlin said, "I loved the lake and learning how to sing in worship team style."
- Savannah Kelly said that she really liked to

worship with the black light class; "it was really cool."

- Ariel Johnson said "I want to come back next year it was so fun!"
- Cycilia Syria said "drama was really awesome!"



Students form visual symbols for worship.

This is a week that the kids do not want to miss! God definitely used this camp to change these kids and help them explore their talents for Jesus!

"King of My Heart"

By Lucrecia Storm

"Teach me to do your will, for you are my God."

Psalms 143:10a

Through classes and worship, youth at Super Jam Camp came to see that making Jesus "King of your heart," means more than just knowing God's Word or going to youth group. Making Jesus "King of your heart" means obeying God's Word. Through studies in Colossians, Pastor Nate Tripp helped the youth better understand Christ's supremacy and the importance of

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Educational Matters

Obviously, the major denominational event of June has been the annual Southern Baptist Convention that took place in Dallas, Texas, June 12-13, with the hype generated by the resignation of the president of the SBC Executive Board, the termination of a seminary president, and that president's sermon during that meeting. Prior to the actual meeting, that speaker withdrew from addressing the delegates, thus reducing the tensions somewhat.

At the actual meeting, some 9,637 messengers gathered to conduct business electing a new president, vice-presidents, recording and registration secretaries. The elections went smooth, but a variety of recommendations brought into focus a growing number of so called "differences of opinions."

Apparently, some think the older and younger generations have differing views regarding the operation of the convention as evidenced by election results. Obviously, the world has changed with each passing year, and those born in the later years are naturally moved by their culture. A simply reading of the New Testament compared to today's practices support the changing of generations.

Apparently, some think women are not equals to men, as seemingly portrayed in the Old Testament; however, the New Testament paints a different picture. With the understanding both men and women, being equal in Christ, have distinct roles in the "Body of Christ," men and women are to complement one another in serving one

another as they endeavor to reach the unsaved with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Apparently, some favor the launching of new church sites rather than providing necessary nourishment to existing churches. Perhaps, there is a misunderstanding of biblical insights regarding the local church. The name on a building does not constitute a church; rather the church is the people called by that specific name. Obviously, we have several examples of this here in East Central Baptist Association. Though six ECBA churches have disbanded in recent years, most of the people are still alive, still in need of a covenant-fellowship of a caring church family.

With over sixteen-million members representing over forty-seven hundred individual churches, it is understandable that we would have a difference of opinions in reference to scripture, practices, identification with our world, as well as the place of government in religious life.

With an increase in sexual violence and racial injustices within the scope of the SBC, it would seem apparent...that we demand pastors and church leadership to strongly practice and promote purity and love of everyone within the framework of their own local church membership.

Something to consider as we near our September 20th ECBA Annual Meeting at Old Town Hill Baptist Church!



Please pray for our pastors and their wives on these special occasions.

Birthdays

None

Wedding Anniversaries

July 6—Nathan/Pam Watson

July 19—Bruce/Melissa Reynolds

Pastor-Church Anniversaries

July 20—Chris Hubler, New Day Baptist Church, Alexandria, 9 years

Indiana Baptists Plan Trip to Israel in February 2019

If you, or members of your church, have ever been interested in traveling

to Israel and walking in the steps of Jesus, you may be interested in the February 2019 trip planned by a few of your fellow Hoosiers. There are currently 25 seats on hold but they may go quickly. The trip, led by Rick Hillard, TH.D., is planned for February 16 - 25 and leaves from Chicago. The cost of \$3335 is based on 22 travelers and includes airfare from Chicago to Tel Aviv, Israel, hotels, land transportation, taxes, and most meals.

For more detailed information, view the brochure at: http://scbi.org/images/ministries/missions/IsrealTour/scbi_brochure.pdf or call Rick Hillard at 219-309-8750 (cell) or 317-481-2400 (office).

Upcoming Events In July

July 5—**CANCELED** No Leader Lab and Pastors' Luncheon at Remedy City as originally scheduled.

SBC Emphasis for June

July 1—Citizenship & Religious Liberty Sunday

July 22—Send Relief Sunday

Super JAM Camp (Continued from page 1)

showing love though obedience.

This theme was also carried out as youth went to classes for developing the gifts God has given them. They participated in photography, arts, vocal techniques, creative movement, signing, praise team and a variety of instrumental classes. They had fun in recreation and special activities; such as, Family Feud and the talent show.

Hearts were changed and decisions were made; some to accept Christ, some to be more obedient, and some to life callings.

God was at work! Because the Holy Spirit interrupted plans and called everyone to prayer, Pastor Nate did not bring a message the last night. The entire service was spent in worship and prayer.

What a week!



Amber Morgan from Redeemer enjoys the photography classes at Super JAM Camp.



At the Worship Center



Learning to worship through Praise Dance



Worshipping through art: Savannah McLaughlin from New Day displays her art work that says "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on ur own understanding."



Teens quickly made friends from across the state as they participated in activities together.



Fun games also were "cooling."



Left: Teens from New Day: L-R Cyclia Syria, Savannah McLaughlin, Savannah Kelly, Ariel Johnson, and Nevaeh McLaughlin.

Right: Twins, Amber and Autumn Morgan from Redeemer, attended Super JAM Camp along with Abby Blower and Ben Cottrell, whose pictures were not available.



NDBC Youth / Adults Join Mississippi Nail Benders in Mission Project

By Jamie Brown

When planning a building project, the Mississippi Nail Benders map out each week of the 5 week project. Weeks 2 and 4 include using youth and this year, the building project in Campbellsville, Kentucky, included adults and youth from Indiana (**New Day Baptist Church**), Mammoth Springs, Arkansas (First Baptist Church) and Mississippi (Cato Baptist

Church). Ms. Rhonda and her team from Mammoth Springs, Arkansas planned the community outreach projects for week 2, which included VBS, Block Party, volunteering at a Food Pantry/Homeless Shelter and witnessing using quarters at local laundry mats and car washes. Here are some pictures from this week.



Missions Team prays before heading out to Kentucky.



The Mississippi Nail Benders and church members wrote messages and favorite scriptures on the wood frame!



The block party was a fabulous way to reach out to the community!



This worksite is their new church!! They had their first church service on Wednesday, just as it is!!

Redeemer Vacation Bible School Reaches and Teaches Children

By Brenda Brooks



Grades 1 and 2

Redeemer Baptist Church held their Vacation Bible School Monday, June 4th through Friday, June 8th, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Using the "Game On" materials from Lifeway, the program reached an average of 36 children per night with an additional 36 teachers and volunteers. The students spent time in classroom Bible study, learning about missions, participating in recreation, creating various crafts, singing action songs, watching video dramas, and enjoying good food each night.

At the closing program on Friday night, the children received certificates and got to spend their "Game On Bucks" to purchase a variety of items at the VBS

store. A total of 126 children, parents, and teachers/volunteers were served a meal of hot dogs, chips, applesauce, and cookies. VBS co-director, Brenda Brooks, was particularly thankful for all of the volunteers who stayed after the program on Friday to breakdown the rooms and stage all of the materials in one room to pass along to Old Town Hill Baptist Church for their VBS. She said, "We have a great church family at Redeemer and I couldn't have pulled off VBS without everyone's help. This week the teachers will be sending out postcards to all of the children who attended as outreach especially for those who are un-churched."



Preschool



Grades 3 and 4



Teen College

East Central Baptist Association Profit and Loss Statement for May 2018

Income

4000 · Church Receipts

4120 · Halteman - Muncie	487.53
4140 · Kingston - Anderson	195.21
4160 · North Delaware - Muncie	253.31
4190 · First - Montpelier	100.00
4210 · Faith Christian Fellowship	125.00
4230 · Integris	342.84
4240 · Remedy City	34.42
4250 · Muncie Chinese Christian Fellowship	143.68

Total 4000 · Church Receipts	<u>1,681.99</u>
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Total Income	<u>1,681.99</u>
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Expense

7000 · Administrative Ministry

7010 · Other Expense	231.61
7090 · Payroll	697.70

Total 7000 · Administrative Ministry	<u>929.31</u>
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7500 · Trustee	<u>400.00</u>
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Total Expense	<u>1,329.31</u>
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Net Income	<u><u>352.68</u></u>
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East Central Baptist Association Balance Report for May 2018

	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
1000 · ONB			
1010 · General Budget	37,238.50	36,063.89	1,174.61
1011 · Discretionary Admin Team	9,233.69	9,233.69	0.00
1015 · BCM Rent Deposit	0.00	0.00	0.00
1016 · BCM Capital Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
1025 · Mission Building Capital Fund	4,597.93	4,482.93	115.00
1035 · Church P&H Fund	6,297.89	6,297.89	0.00
1040 · OMC	1,307.84	1,307.84	0.00
1051 · ECBA Endowment	0.00	0.00	0.00
1055 · Funds Temporarily Restricted	2,599.78	2,599.78	0.00
1000 · ONB - Other	<u>-0.99</u>	<u>-0.99</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 1000 · ONB	61,274.64	59,985.03	1,289.61
1100 · Indiana Baptist Foundation			
1110 · ECBA Endowment	9,866.01	9,866.01	0.00
1111 · Church P&H ROI	1,132.40	1,132.40	0.00
1120 · Church P&H Fund	17,978.09	17,978.09	0.00
1125 · BCMH Temp Restricted	<u>146,996.00</u>	<u>146,996.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 1100 · Indiana Baptist Foundation	<u>175,972.50</u>	<u>175,972.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>237,247.14</u></u>	<u><u>235,957.53</u></u>	<u><u>1,289.61</u></u>

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