

Remedy City Walks 32 “Miles in My Shoes”

Every February the Muncie Mission hosts their “Walk a Mile in My Shoes” fundraiser. Usually, the walk begins at the Muncie Fieldhouse and the volunteer fundraisers walk from there to the Muncie Mission. Having it in February allows the participants to get a glimpse of what it's like for people experiencing homelessness and addiction to be out in the cold. Because of Covid, they couldn't do the walk like they had in the past, so they devised a plan to set up online teams who could walk on their own; in their homes, in their neighborhoods, at local parks, etc.

Remedy City wanted to help with this event. They had 27 people volunteer to participate. Approximately 20 of these were BSU students. It was 21 degrees out when they walked about 1.3 miles for a total of 32 miles walked. They were able to raise \$1,400 for the Muncie Mission. They prayer walked in the church neighborhood, praying for their neighbors as well as people experiencing homelessness and addiction. When they returned to the church they also prayed in small groups for these



Remedy City had 27 walkers prayer walking the neighborhood where they gather on Sundays. (See more pictures on page 3.)

concerns.

Remedy City is now planning to hold a monthly prayer walk in their neighborhood. Later, when conditions improve, they plan to ask for prayer requests from their church neighbors and develop relationships from this. This also works to achieve one of their aspirations, to connect BSU students to the Muncie Community. Pastor Jeremiah Kinney tells them, “If God called you to Ball State, He called you to love Muncie people.”

God At Work: Baptismal Waters Stirred at Muncie New Day

God is touching hearts at New Day Baptist Church in Muncie and the baptismal waters are being stirred. On Sunday, February 7th, Bonnie Carter was baptized and she also dedicated her daughter, Amara, to the Lord. On Sunday, February 14th, Case Trego, the grandson of Pastor Dale Trego and his wife, Deneia, was baptized. We praise God for these additions to His/our family.



Following her baptism, Bonnie Clark also dedicated her daughter, Amara, to the Lord.



Pastor of New Day Baptist Church in Muncie, Dale Trego, prepares to baptize his grandson, Case Trego.

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The Katecheo

The caption of this article by the ECBA Education Coordinator is the Greek word, “katecheo.” The word is defined in “A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament,” a second edition of William Arndt and F. Wilbur Gingrich, as:

“Information brought to ones’ attention; a report; to inform” as seen in Acts 21.21, 24

“to teach or instruct” as seen in Acts 18.25; Romans 2.18; 1 Corinthians 14.19 and Galatians 6.6.

Using both definitions to bear on today’s article, let’s reflect on Article I of our Baptist Faith & Message of 2000 - the teaching of The Scriptures [the authority for all faith and practice). In our posture of reflecting, what really serves as our authority for faith and practice? Is it really what God’s Word says or is it what I believe God’s Word says? After all, there is a difference.

Earlier today a writer was conveying her early childhood memories of her rural Baptist church. The building did not have any running water nor any inside plumbing. The building was very modest. The music was not polished, but from her reflections, the preaching of God’s Word was authoritative; in fact, it was that authority of God’s Word that led her into teaching and she is now a professor of English in one of our seminaries.

The Word of God was inspired by God...it was actually His breath that was exhaled and conveyed by the Holy Spirit to those chosen of God to record and send to specific churches or persons. Over the years those manuscripts have been examined, studied, and translated into various modern languages. The process of translation is very specific, even in the instance of a variant entry. It is an accurate statement when one says, “We have in our hands the Word of God.” We can, and should have, confidence in our copies of those “word for word” translations. This, after all, is that final authority of faith and practice.

Having made such a statement, it surfaces another issue - is God’s Word, God’s Word without any audio? Think of this very simple question — can I alter what God says simply by ignoring commas and periods? Have we ever consider that by simply reading a text using the various “signs” of punctuation can and is a form of “interpretation?” This thought came to mind when reflecting on the ancient Essenes sect of Judaism. This sect was a monastic order that merely copied Scripture without a word being spoken. They became popular through the findings of the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947. This group of pious Jews treated their work with reverence, after all, they were handling the WORD OF GOD. Oh, that we today, would handle His Word, His Words (the very words of God - 2 Timothy 3.16)

with the honor and respect they deserve.

The modern day pulpiteer appears more concern about lighting, color schemes, the catchiness of the music and his dress, than the centrality of God’s Word. Unfortunately, many church-going people are intrigued with the ingredients of the modern church, without the realization of a weak or nonexistent presence of the Word of God in what they believe and practice. The history of Revelation’s Seven Churches should serve as a warning to the churches of today.

Upcoming Events In March

March 6—9:00 a.m., Leadership Team Meeting via Zoom

March 6—10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., VBS Training, Redeemer Baptist Church, 3230 Lindberg Road, Anderson IN 46013

March 11—6:00 p.m., Possible Fellowship Meal at Integris Community Church, 356 W State Street, Albany IN 47320

March 11—7:00 p.m., ECBA Semi-Annual Meeting, Integris Community Church, 356 W State Street, Albany IN 47320

SBC Emphasis for March

March 7 - 14 —NAMB Week of Prayer & Mission Study & Annie Armstrong Offering

March 7 - 14 — Youth Week

March 21 —Church Planting Emphasis

March 21 —Substance Abuse Prevention



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

Birthdays

March 9—Jearme Ousley (Redeemer, Anderson)

March 28—Kim James (The Cross, Anderson)

Pantry Ministry Continues during Winter Weather

Old Town Hill continues to operate their Food Pantry in Muncie. The weather conditions have reduced the numbers of clients, but increased the importance of it. Joe Fox wants to thank the church and all of the people who volunteer to help. This month they had 15 volunteers, including 4 youth from their church, helping at the pantry. Also, thanks to those who give to support this ministry. Joe says, "Thank you all and thank you Jesus Christ our Lord for being our Savior!"



Clients line up for food distribution.



Volunteers give out prepared food packages.

More Remedy City "Walk a Mile" Pictures



Jeremiah Kinney and Brock Glaze pick up T-shirts for their church walking team at the Muncie Mission and pose in front of the "big red shoe."



It was 21 degrees, but the spirits were high.

Below: After the walk, the walkers divided up into several prayer groups.



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MEN RETREAT DON'T MISS THIS!

**This Saturday
February 27, 2021
9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.**

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