

Churches Prepare for Vacation Bible School

Again this year, our ECBA churches are helping each other by sharing Vacation Bible School materials. The Association has purchased over \$1400 in Vacation Bible School materials that will be shared by the churches. Included are teaching materials, decorations, and music.

Currently, we have 3 churches who are planning to host VBS. Redeemer Baptist Church in Anderson will be first. They will transfer the materials to Old Town Hill Baptist Church in Muncie for their Vacation Bible School. When Old Town Hill is finished, New Day Baptist Church in Muncie will get the materials to use.

This year's theme is "Sparks Studio." Lifeway states, "In summer 2022, kids will learn that God's creativity didn't stop in Genesis. The Master Artist is working to redeem, reclaim,

and transform us – His creation—to the design He planned for us. Kids will see the beautiful truth that they are God's

workmanship as they learn to use their talents to bring glory to Him."

It is not too late to schedule and host a VBS, whether it be just for 1 day or for a week. If you have any questions or need any help with VBS, please contact ECBA's Children's and VBS Coordinator, Brenda Brooks from Redeemer Baptist Church, at 765-393-1458.



Leader Lab Begins Again

Back in 2013, Doug Jivden began a 6-month study on Biblical Leadership Principles to help strengthen our East Central Baptist Association pastors and leaders, called "Leader Lab." At the conclusion of the 6-month study, the group decided to continue these meetings. They met nearly every month up until 2019 when Covid struck and Doug's job responsibilities changed.

This month, the first Leader Lab since 2019 was held at Redeemer Baptist Church on February 17th from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Vice-Moderator, Bill Peters (Kingston Avenue) said, "Really good time talking about how to recognize and grow leaders within the church; how pastors are working to develop leaders, and so much more. It was also a good time of just meeting with other pastors and church leaders." The group decided to continue these meetings on a quarterly schedule. The next meeting will be on May 19th at 9:30 a.m. at Old Town Hill Baptist Church in Muncie.



Two of the Youth from New Day Baptist Church in Muncie helped the community by shoveling snow. The Salvation Army's Major was recovering from back surgery and the boys cleared the building's walkway and steps so it could open. They also cleared driveways for elderly church members. Landon and Dylan served Christ by serving others.

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Dr. Ron Ross

The Katecheo

Recently, this writer was preparing for a Bible Study on the Apostle John's Three Epistles. In the process he interjected the concept - "What If." Using that caption, imagine today that the Apostle was born in A.D. 9, and if so, then Jesus called him around A.D. 26 at age 17. If so, then John observed the Crucifixion in A.D. 30 at age 21.

At Jesus' direction from the Cross (John 19:26-27), John was directed to care for His mother, Mary. According to tradition, he did so for the next twelve years until her death in A.D. 42 when John was age 33.

According to Galatians 2:9, John was declared to be a "pillar of the church" in Jerusalem in A.D. 49 at age 40. Historians record John leaving Jerusalem for Ephesus to establish the first Christian community. Following the Apostle Paul's death in A.D. 64, he oversaw the Ephesian

ministry until his arrest.

Now exiled on the Isle of Patmos, God chose him to pen the Revelation around A.D. 95 at the age of 86. Eusebius, called the "Father of Church History" [A.D. 260-339] states John was released from exile, enabling him to return to the mainland and Ephesus where he died of natural causes at age 89.

For John, the meaning of life was to obediently serve the One who chose, called, and equipped him to assist those who were susceptible of receiving false teachings. Today, we are grateful to God for His direction in John's life from the teen years to the golden years. For us all — regardless of age, God's design for each believer is to bring glory to Himself.

Something to ponder on this wintery morning in Indiana!

How Do You Say That?



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Not sure how to pronounce "that" name in the Bible? There is a free app available that can help you.

Biblical Pronunciations is a simple app that you can get on your phone or computer. It just has a list of Biblical words.

You can search by typing in the word or you can scroll down to the word or even click on the alphabet heading to find it. Just by clicking on the word, you will hear the correct pronunciation. Dr. Ron Ross suggested this app and thought you might find it helpful.

What's New

Version 1.3.2

- Compatible with new iOS
- Fixed Palestine audio
- Fixed layout for iPad

Version History

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

Birthdays

March 9—Jeame Ousley (Redeemer, Anderson)

Upcoming Events In March

March 5—10:00 a.m., Leadership Team Meeting, Redeemer Baptist Church, 3230 Lindberg Road, Anderson IN 46012

March 10—6:00 p.m., Fellowship Meal at New Day Baptist Church, 100 S Holland Street, Muncie IN 47303

March 10—7:00 p.m., ECBA Semi-Annual Meeting at New Day Baptist Church, 100 S Holland Street, Muncie IN 47303. Guest speaker: John Horn

SBC Emphasis for March

March 6 - 13 —NAMB Week of Prayer & Mission Study & Annie Armstrong Offering

March 27 —Church Planting Emphasis

New Day Helps Serve Their Community by Making Noodles

On February 8, volunteers at New Day Baptist Church met together to make noodles for Church Street Commons. Church Street Commons is a 501(c)-3 non-for-profit ministry birthed by Scott Owens in 2000 with the vision of bringing the Body of Christ together



in Alexandria, Indiana. They were given the old Baptist Church which is where their ministry is headquartered. The group offers several ministries to Alexandria and the surrounding area. They have a

tutor-mentor program where adult and high-school volunteers spend one hour weekly in the local intermediate school. They offer Heaven's Warehouse where people in need can come and get clothing and household items for free. Spirit of Recovery is a group that meets weekly to help those who are struggling with addictions. The Commons Theatre exists to provide opportunities in the Performing Arts for youth and adults in Madison County through education, events, and performances.

Several of the churches in Alexandria support this ministry and one way is by helping make chicken noodle dinners once a month. The dinners are sold and the proceeds go to finance the ministries. New Day Baptist Church has helped several times. Some of these pictures are from previous times when they helped.



Certainly, this is the Body of Christ working together to share Jesus throughout the community.



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Don't Miss It!

Semi-Annual ECBA Associational Meeting

Thursday, March 10, 2021

New Day Baptist Church

100 S Holland Street

Muncie IN 47303

7:00 p.m. Associational Meeting

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal

Guest Speaker: John Horn