

ECBA Hosts Successful GROW Event

By Tami Hubler

East Central Baptist Association's WMU GROW Night was a resounding success! This year's sold-out event was the largest one to date with thirty-one women in attendance from six churches within our association (Integris Community Church, Albany; Kingston Avenue Baptist Church, Anderson; New Day Baptist Church, Alexandria, Muncie and Pendleton; and North Delaware Baptist Church, Muncie). Wasson Nursery (Muncie) graciously provided the use of their facility and the event raised \$818.00 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

The acronym GROW stands for "Go Reach Our World". The evening provided a time to focus on missions and opportunities to support missionaries. Chris Conrades, Indiana WMU President and SCBI Staff Member, was the guest speaker. During the al fresco dinner amongst beautiful flowers, Chris shared her passion for missions and encouraged the women to utilize the WMU resources available to further missional activities in their churches and personal lives. She ended her presentation with a prayer for the missionaries around the world who were celebrating their birthdays. Then the group went



Chris Conrades, State WMU President, shares the importance of WMU in teaching, promoting, praying for, giving to, and doing missions.

to the greenhouses where they created beautiful pots of flowers to take home. These flower pots will serve as a reminder throughout the summer to pray for our missionaries.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to our churches who generously give to the ECBA. It is only through your support that these types of events are made possible. Thank you!

ECBA Hears Reports and Offers Grant to Churches

East Central Baptist Association met on Thursday, May 11, at Old Town Hill Baptist Church in Muncie. The church hosted a fellowship meal at 6 pm and the meeting began at 7 pm. Fourteen messengers representing 6 churches were present to conduct business.

The meeting began with a welcome and prayer by Moderator, Bill Peters, then Pat Storm led in the singing of "When We All Get to Heaven." The treasurer's report and team leader reports were presented and accepted (included in this newsletter). The nominating committee stated that all current team leaders, Tim Overton, Tami Hubler, and Sharon Armstrong, were willing to serve another term for the 2023-24 year and the group voted them in. Tim stated that Greg Haisley and Shawn Hollingsworth were both willing to serve on the church planting team. Tami Hubler

shared that she was willing to serve as WMU/ Women's Ministry coordinator and Brenda Brooks as VBS/Children's Ministry coordinator. She encouraged anyone who was aware of someone who was interested in serving as ECBA's Sunday School/Discipleship Training, Men's, Youth, Music, or Prayer Coordinator, to please let her

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Dr. Ron Ross

The Katecheo

Many of us have grown up singing the hymn "One Day" (#193 in *The Baptist Hymnal*), but in so doing have you ever questioned the words of the chorus which states. "Rising He justified"? The hymn was written by John Wilbur Chapman who was born and raised in Richmond, Indiana. The hymn was written in 1910, and according to our hymnal, is based on First Timothy 3.16; however, the part in question is actually described in Romans 4.25, with an entirely different meaning.

In an attempt to clarify the hymn's lyrics with a study of Scripture, consider Romans 4.25 ... it reads from the NKJV and NASB (1995 & 2020) - "He who was delivered over **because of** our transgressions, and was raised **because of** our justification." From the original language, this is the way the verse should have been translated (without getting into the technicality of the preposition and accompanying case). Perhaps, a better way of singing this chorus would be by substituting the hymn's "justified" for "verified," which would more accurately express the message of both Scripture and the hymn.

Thinking about this passage and hymn, another idea came to mind. In 1910, when Chapman wrote the words of this hymn, the only translation available in English were the King James Version of 1611 and the American Standard Bible of 1901. At that point, he was accurate with the Bible he had available, but he was still wrong. Christians, since 1910, have sung that hymn and perhaps have read Romans 4.25, and while so doing, did they ever wonder about the discrepancy of Romans 4.25 and John 19.30 (if they were not using either the NKJV or NASB) regarding the doctrine of "justification"?

What does this all mean, you may ask. It means we all must be careful to select a translation of the Bible that is referred to as "a word-for-word translation." Once again, even at that point we must be careful, such as the verse in question as translated by the English Standard Version (ESV) which is used by many pastors. Not only is the translation linguistically incorrect, but it violates the theological context of the New Testament's treatment of the sufficiency of Jesus' death on the cross. Please remember, Jesus stated just before He allowed Himself to die, "It is finished (or it has been fulfilled)."

Something to ponder as we desire to be Biblically-based and theologically accurate as we live the *person of Christ* in an ever-sinful society.



Pastor Dale Trego prepares to baptize new believer, Brayden Thomas, at New Day Baptist Church in Muncie on May 7.



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

Birthdays

June 3—Bruce Reynolds
(Old Town Hill, Muncie)

June 23—Cassie Kinney
(Remedy City)

June 28—Pam Watson
(Halteman Village, Muncie)

Pastor-Church Anniversaries

June 8—Tim Overton, Kingston,
Anderson, 6 years

Upcoming Events In June

June 10, 1-4 pm, **VBS** Carnival Kickoff
at Redeemer in Anderson

June 11-15, 6-8:30 pm, **VBS** at
Redeemer in Anderson

June 21-23 6-8 pm, **VBS** at New Day in
Muncie

June 25-29 6-8:30 pm, **VBS** at Old
Town Hill in Muncie

SBC Emphasis for June

June 4 —Disaster Relief Sunday

June 10—Crossover, New Orleans LA

June 11-12—WMU Missions
Celebration, New Orleans LA

June 13-14—SBC Convention, New
Orleans LA

June 25—Mission: Dignity Sunday

Quarterly Meeting Reports

Trustee Report

We are so thankful for our Disaster Relief equipment and the enormous help it offers in Disaster recovery. Unfortunately, it is not inexpensive to maintain and repair. So far this year we have spent over \$809 in maintenance and repairs and will be requesting funds to replace the engine of the Disaster Relief Truck at this meeting. Thank you all for the support of this vital ministry as we continue to help those in need and point them to Jesus.

New Day Baptist Church is continuing work on the inside of our new concession trailer. They are in hopes that it will be completed next week and that the air-conditioning unit will be installed shortly thereafter. Redeemer Baptist Church has already requested to use it and the bounce house for their VBS kick-off on June 10. If you are interested in using it, please make a reservation with Pat Storm.

Church Planting

We continue in talking and planning with Doug Jividen regarding church plants in our area. Right now, what we need more than anything, are church planters. If you are aware of anyone who is feeling called to this ministry, please let me know.

Evangelism Ministry

The Evangelism Ministry has been engaged in teaching evangelism and leading a small group study at Old Town Hill this past year for three sessions at eight weeks. *Share Jesus Without fear* was taught the first eight weeks with the following two eight weeks sessions being a study of *Twelve Extraordinary Women of The Bible*. It was a neat time of learning for myself, and the ladies (and some husbands too) of just how God used ordinary women like us for His pur-

poses, His plans and how they played a role in redemption history because of their extraordinary love for Christ and were obedient. Learning that these extraordinary women of the Bible were no different than women of today in their failures, sinful natures, their growth in faith and most importantly, of God's redemptive love for them which opened up some neat, honest and very real conversations of the struggles and joys of living out a life of faith as a Godly woman in today's society. I believe it is appropriate to say, I do not believe anyone walked away from this study unchanged.

Next, one area the Lord has led me to as a Christian counselor and Evangelist is to become better educated about the mental health crisis that is impacting and crippling our youth today. I believe the impact is just as much within the church as it is outside of the church walls. Regarding education training, I attended a course through AACC titled *"The Increase in Covert Teenage Suicide Ideation and Self-Injury: Practical Ideas for Changing Dynamics."* The core of this course was awareness that teenage suicide is the second leading cause of death among preadolescents and adolescents. A major contributor (but not the only) of this factor is social media and screen time and how it alters brain development when used for more than 1.5 hours at a time. The average screen time for adolescents is 10 hours per day. This not only impacts them mentally, and emotionally, but has a major impact spiritually as well. There is no doubt technology can be a good tool but "We need to teach our children connectivity to Christ and not to technology and its conveniences." As churches we need to "be aware, and be proactive."

Education Ministry

In October, 2022, your Educational Coordinator led a week long Bible study on selected Psalms, and then offered a guide to celebrate *Reformation Sunday* (last Sunday of October). Once again, he offered a five week devotional guide on the topic of *"Stewardship"* to assist ECBA congregations in this discipline. Still in the month of January, he prepared materials for *"Sanctity of Human Life"* Sunday.

In February, he provided materials for *"Racial Reconciliation Sunday"* with only one church using the materials. In March, he led a week-long study as part of the Winter Bible Study emphasis on the New Testament letter to the church in Ephesus. Materials were prepared for churches participating in *"Substance Abuse, Cure and Prevention Sunday."*

A word of clarification regarding his usual method of providing materials to assist busy pastors in their local ministries — your coordinator has experienced major electronic problems with his provider to the point of losing all his email addresses. He apologizes for this confusion and hopes to reclaim the address list.

In the past he has volunteered his time and resources to assist ECBA pastors and church leaders wherever he may be useful. He is available for pulpit supply, Bible Studies, and as a resource in church ministry.

Disaster Relief

Since our annual meeting last year, Disaster Relief volunteers continue to be busy helping those in need. Our Indiana team stood ready to help those afflicted by Hurricane Ian. In October, the 11-person team headed to Florida where they there they worked on 7 homes, doing mud-outs,

Women and their plants from GROW



Stephanie Ross and Jama Marlow from North Delaware Baptist Church.



Deneia Trego from New Day Baptist Church in Muncie.



Tami Hubler from New Day Baptist Church.



Terra Haisley, Lisa Comer, Donna Healy, and Cathy Cunningham from Integris Community Church in Albany.



Cindi Oakley from Kingston Avenue in Anderson.



Sheliah Gross from New Day in Alexandria.

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know; she just asked that the coordinators plan at least one event during the year. Sharon Armstrong said that Ron Ross was willing to serve as Education Coordinator, Joe Fox as Disaster Relief Coordinator and she was willing to continue as Evangelism Coordinator. All of these recommendations were approved.

Joe Fox shared that the Disaster Relief diesel truck had a blown engine. This heavy duty truck was needed to haul the Disaster Relief trailers and equipment. He investigated purchasing a used or new truck but the cost was much more than just replacing the engine in this one. After talking with the

trustees, they agreed that we should replace the engine in the truck, which would cost around \$20,000. It could be possibly a little more as the technicians got into it and found others parts that needed replaced. The group voted to go ahead and have the engine replaced.

The messengers also accepted the resignations of Carol Mohler as WMU Assistant Coordinator, Jearme Ousley as Vice-Moderator and Melissa Ousley as Clerk, as they all were not currently attending any of our SBC/ECBA churches.

Tim Overton made a motion to set aside \$1,000 per church for new or upgraded street signs. There would be a 2 year window (ending May 11, 2025) to apply for this grant then the

money would be returned to the Church Planting and Health fund. This motion was approved.

The group discussed the possibility of having a booth at the Madison County and Delaware County fairs where we would offer to pray for people, provide evangelical information and share about our churches. The Evangelism Coordinator will check into this and head it up if there is interested in doing it.

The next ECBA meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 21 at Redeemer Baptist Church. There will be a fellowship meal at 6 pm and the meeting will begin at 7 pm. Dr. Ryan Strother will be the guest speaker.

More Pictures from GROW



Each woman was able to fill a pot with several plants and put a GROW appliqué on it to remind her to pray for missionaries.



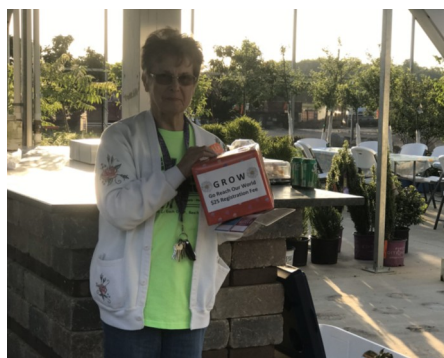
Each participant was able to walk through the greenhouses and find plants to put into their GROW pot.



Good fellowship among the churches was an extra blessing at the event. Potting plants together are (L to R) Cathy Cunningham (Integris), Deneia Trego (New Day), Terra Haisley, Lisa Comer, and Donna Healy (all from Integris).



Several of the ladies with their potted plants in the greenhouse.



Left: Sheliah Gross, New Day—Alexandria, gets ready to count the money received, which will all go for missions.



Right: Pat Storm, ECBA Administrative Assistant from Redeemer, pots her plant.

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cleaning up, cutting wood and providing tarps for coverage. Their most recent project has been in Breeman, IN where they helped rebuild a house for an elderly couple whose home was flooded. It was almost a complete rebuild. All the joists had to be replaced, new wiring and plumbing put in, new siding, all new appliances, and more. The community there was very supportive. The people next door fed the volunteers and the community pitched-in by providing food. Volunteers were also able to stay in a rent-free home across the street. God certainly provided!

In addition to the disaster relief efforts, the team continue to build wheelchair ramps in and around our area. They had 18 volunteers help build a wheelchair ramp in Yorktown.

Training is important for volunteers. Training sessions were held in Greenwood in November, Peru in January, most recently, in Dublin on May 6th.

Church Health

WMU:

- National Update: Tami Hubler (NDBC) attended the annual January board meeting in Birmingham Alabama representing Indiana WMU as First Vice President Indiana and ECBA WMU Coordinator. This was the first time since January 2020 that the National WMU board has met in person for the organization's January board meeting.

More than 200 WMU leaders along with guests from the North American Mission Board, International Mission Board, the WMU Foundation, Baptist Nursing Fellowship and others gathered at national WMU in Birmingham January 7-9.

Over the weekend, 23 different conferences and a host of interactive ac-

tivities offered participants the opportunity to hear from missions personnel and learn more about a variety of topics such as age-level missions discipleship, resources WMU provides related to mental health, leadership development and more. The Executive Board approved \$200 million as the goal for the 2023 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and approved \$75 million as the goal for the 2024 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Willie McLaurin, interim president and CEO of the SBC Executive Committee, led a conference entitled "Reigniting Your Passion" on Saturday and preached the sermon on Sunday morning. Kevin Ezell, president of the North American Mission Board, brought a report to the group during lunch on Sunday. Todd Lafferty, IMB executive vice president, gave a report during the evening meal. All expressed gratitude to WMU for their prayerful and financial support to missions,

Indiana Update: Indiana WMU will launch a new website in the second quarter that will consolidate the numerous resources available to our state churches. These include resources for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Scholarships, grants and much, much more. More information will be available shortly!

ECBA Update

- o ECBA has sponsored 2 mission events as part of a post-Covid strategy to re-launch interest in missions with our churches.

- ✦ The first was an opportunity for our churches to attend the Operation Christmas Child shoebox processing event in Charlotte, North Carolina. Ten women from Redeemer, Kingston Avenue and New Day Baptist Church packed shoeboxes for a week which will be delivered globally, sharing the gospel message.

- ✦ The second event, the 3rd annual GROW (Go Reach Our World) evening at Wasson Nursery in Muncie,

will be held May 25th. WMU will share the needs of our missionaries and 100% of registration fees will go to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering,

- ✦ ECBA gifted their first youth scholarship to Ethan Ousley who just came back from a mission trip with his high school class to the Dominican Republic. ECBA financed the entire amount of \$1200. Please share with your churches the availability of the scholarship for youth and college aged individuals. Contact Pat Storm or Tami Hubler for information.

VBS

Vacation Bible School materials have been received and VBS is scheduled

Craig Standish Named SCBI DR Chaplaincy Head

Craig Standish, Old Town Hill Baptist Church in Muncie, has been named as the new State Chaplain Coordinator for Disaster Relief. Craig has volunteered with Disaster Relief since 2020 and has enjoyed getting to help those in need and share Jesus them.

As the state coordinator, Craig will be making sure we have chaplains deployed on each callout. He will serve as a support for them, getting to know them, praying for them, and offering support in the field. DR is hoping to also train chaplains to help with the aftermath of mass shooting in the future.

Currently, Craig works as the Muncie Community School Principal at the Youth Opportunity Center. He is married to Karen and they have 2 adult children and a son who is graduating from high school this year, and 5 grandchildren.

Craig is excited to be involved in this program and helping to take it to a new level. He is looking forward to this summer, as his principal position offers him more time to be involved. He said it is so rewarding to help others and to help them see how Jesus reaches out to them in their need.

ECBA Profit and Loss Statement for April 2023

	Apr 2023	Mar 2023 (PP)	Apr 2022 (PY)	Jan - Apr, 2023 (YTD)
REVENUE				
4000 Church Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4060 New Day	500.00	500.00	500.00	2,000.00
4120 Halteman - Muncie	221.92	299.62	157.06	959.48
4140 Kingston - Anderson	145.20	103.37	185.77	570.20
4160 North Delaware - Muncie	223.52	233.15	308.00	908.72
4170 Old Town Hill - Muncie	0.00	0.00	1,533.25	0.00
4180 Redeemer - Anderson	430.88	291.04	478.10	1,700.83
4190 First - Montpelier	0.00	0.00	82.00	0.00
4210 Faith Christian Fellowship	150.00	150.00	0.00	600.00
4220 Freedom International Ministries	0.00	0.00	0.00	905.00
4230 Integris	0.00	245.00	0.00	343.00
4240 Remedy City	114.87	135.53	120.17	516.89
4250 Muncie Chinese Christian Fellow	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,156.52
Total 4000 Church Receipts	1,786.39	1,957.71	3,364.35	9,660.64
6100 State Mission Offering	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,689.19
6990 Church P & H Endowment Income	0.00	453.33	0.00	975.21
Total Revenue	1,786.39	2,411.04	3,364.35	14,325.04
EXPENDITURES				
7000 Administrative Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7010 Other Expense	10.00	818.92	14.80	850.30
7021 Insurance	638.25	76.60	633.50	1,501.99
7090 Payroll	906.26	906.26	835.15	3,625.05
7091 Bookkeeping	50.75	101.68	0.00	254.43
Total 7000 Administrative Ministry	1,605.26	1,903.46	1,483.45	6,231.77
7100 Church Health	0.00	1,666.38	0.00	5,066.31
7300 Associational Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Disaster Relief	771.46	0.00	0.00	1,631.16
Total 7300 Associational Ministry	771.46	0.00	0.00	1,631.16
7500 Trustee	0.00	247.11	0.00	809.28
Total Expenditures	2,376.72	3,816.95	1,483.45	13,738.52
NET OPERATING REVENUE	-590.33	-1,405.91	1,880.90	586.52
NET REVENUE	\$ -590.33	\$ -1,405.91	\$1,880.90	\$586.52

ECBA Balance Report April 2023

	As of Apr 30, 2023	As of Mar 31, 2023 (PP)	Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
1000 ONB	-6,752.57	-6,162.24	-590.33
1010 General Budget	43,907.67	43,907.67	0.00
1011 Discretionary Admin Team	7,493.99	7,493.99	0.00
1020 Disaster Relief	474.28	474.28	0.00
1025 Mission Building Capital Fund	9,957.19	9,957.19	0.00
1035 Church P&H Fund	26,502.33	26,502.33	0.00
1040 OMC	1,307.84	1,307.84	0.00
1055 Funds Temporarily Restricted	10,458.78	10,458.78	0.00
1111 Church P&H ROI	13,981.23	13,981.23	0.00
1125 BCMH Temp Restricted	149,357.73	149,357.73	0.00
Total 1000 ONB	256,688.47	257,278.80	-590.33
1100 Indiana Baptist Foundation			
1110 ECBA Endowment	12,262.70	12,262.70	0.00
1120 Church P&H Fund (deleted)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 1100 Indiana Baptist Foundation	12,262.70	12,262.70	0.00
Total Bank Accounts	268,951.17	269,541.50	-590.33
Total Current Assets	268,951.17	269,541.50	-590.33
TOTAL ASSETS	\$268,951.17	\$269,541.50	\$ -590.33
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Total Liabilities			0.00
Equity			
30000 Opening Balance Equity	45,107.04	45,107.04	0.00
32000 Unrestricted Net Assets	223,257.61	223,257.61	0.00
Net Revenue	586.52	1,176.85	-590.33
Total Equity	268,951.17	269,541.50	-590.33
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$268,951.17	\$269,541.50	\$ -590.33

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INTRODUCTION TO DISASTER RELIEF 101 & CHAPLAINCY TRAINING!

DR 101 & VOLUNTEER TRAINING

JULY 18, 2023

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

NEW LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH
51 RIDGEWAY ST
GREENCASTLE IN 46135

SCHEDULE
REGISTRATION/PICTURES
8:00am-9:00am
INTRODUCTIONS/ PRAYER
9:00am-9:15am
DISASTER RELIEF 101
9:15am-11:30am
LUNCH AND PICTURES
11:30am-12:30pm
CHOOSE YOUR CLASSES:
*You may choose more than one
• CHAIRMAN
12:30pm-2:00pm or 2:00-3:30pm
• FLOOD RECOVERY
12:30pm-2:00pm or 2:00-3:30pm
• FIRE/HAZARD/ALCOHOL/DRUG
12:30pm-2:00pm or 2:00-3:30pm
• SHOWER/LAUNDRY
12:30pm-2:00pm or 2:00-3:30pm



Cost:
Orientation \$45.00
Recertification \$25.00
*Free if certification is current

Contact:

Builds:
• Pastor
• Elder
• Deacon
• Layman
• Youth Leader
• Sunday School Teacher
• Music Minister
• Family Life Coordinator
• Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

CHAPLAINCY TRAINING

JULY 14-15, 2023

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

NEW LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH
51 RIDGEWAY ST
GREENCASTLE IN 46135

SCHEDULE
FRIDAY:
1:00pm- 5:00pm
DINNER (on your own)
SLEEPING AT NEW LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH
*Bring an air mattress for DR camp-style sleeping
SATURDAY:
*Chaplaincy Training continues
8:00am-11:30
LUNCH
(provided by the church)
12:30pm-2:00pm
*YOU MUST BRING A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM A PASTOR, ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR, OR DEACON/ LAYMAN TO ATTEND!



DR 101 & Saturday Training

Register Online at scbi.org
or by scanning the QR Codes



DR Chaplaincy Training

Must be 18 years old to register

Walk Ins Welcome