

## IMB Missionaries to Speak at Meeting

The East Central Baptist Association Quarterly Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9, at 7 PM at Kingston Avenue Baptist Church, 5304 Kingston Avenue, Anderson IN 46013 and International Mission Board (IMB) missionaries will be the guest speakers. Because of the danger in the area where they serve, their names cannot be shared publicly. We encourage our ECBA churches to come and bring any of their people who are interested in hearing about all God is doing in and through them and how our gifts to the Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering are supporting this work in Southeast Asia. Undoubtedly, it will also spark a desire to share Jesus here.

This couple has had an amazing journey in their ministry. Last year they were even wondering if

they should continue.

Many of their fellow missionaries had retired or had to return home. They faced illnesses

and difficult living circumstances. The business they had established was floundering. BUT GOD, turned this around and did some amazing things! Come hear about it. Also come and enjoy fellowship with other believers as Kingston provides dinner for us prior to the meeting at 6 PM.



## New Day's 7th Annual Fall Festival Draws Around 170 People

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival was held at New Day Baptist church in Muncie on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, from 6 pm to 9 pm. Perfect weather helped to attract around 170 people, young and old. This year was designated to intentional ministry of the Gospel after building a bridge of friendship with the community.

The New Day campuses came together and provided food, fun, and fellowship. The gospel message, "depends on whose hands it's in" was presented. This presentation to the kids used a basketball, baseball, golf ball, and football (a ball for all the sports) and explained to the kids that whoever's hands the ball was in made the difference. For example, a basketball in Michael Jordan's hands was worth millions of dollars.



Pastor Dale Trego shared examples in each sport and then held up nails and explained what the nails were worth in Jesus' hands. Each of the kids received some kind of ball and were told about the free gift of salvation. Matthew 11:15, "he that has ears, let him hear."



Pastor Dale said, "We are thankful and blessed that all 3 campuses represented the unity and love of Christ! We looking forward to next year!"

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Dr. Ron Ross

# The Katecheo

As we have been recently bombarded with the saddening news in Israel, especially if we have friends living in that country, we have different takes on the story. In thinking about those words, *“we have different takes on the story,”* is this not also true when thinking about Scripture?

We read the same words of Scripture, but end up with different *takes* on what it says. This is when the study of *biblical hermeneutics* comes into play. Ignoring it generally ends in hurt feelings, separations, and, too often, divisions. This has certainly been the history of the church. We’ve had the apostles, the first-century churches, and the divisions around the fourth century. Today, in this twenty-first century, we have multiple denominations, inter-denominations, non-denominations and, of course, independents. One might ask, *how did we come to all this from one Bible?*

The answer to the question is rather easy — it is either because of lostness or ignorance, and either comes down to *self-centeredness*. With that in mind, let us return to the

situation in Israel. When did this difference of opinion start? In turning to Genesis 16.1-6, we see where this “difference of opinion” was birthed (sounds much like a repeat of Genesis 3.6). This, however, is not a male-female issue, it is an issue of “God vs. man.” Why does humankind fail to fully take God at His Word?

Why is our take on God’s Word generally mixed with insights secured from the flesh? Why not take a few minutes to read Romans 7.14-25. This passage provides “sovereign insights” that, if followed, could alter our human inclinations. Since the situation in the Middle East involves people who do not understand the whole matter of Messiah, only His sovereignty will prevail.

Something to ponder in these, indeed, changing days!

Katecheo\* This word is generally used *“of information coming to someone’s attention, of a communication that one receives as a report; to inform”* [Acts 21.21, 24].

## Redeemer Baptist’s Truck and Treat Attracts Community

Redeemer Baptist Church in Anderson offered a Trunk and Treat to the community on Friday, October 27 and even though they were praying and hoping for a good response, they were amazed at the approximately 200 people who came. By the end of the evening they were almost out of treats to pass out. Nine cars and trucks were decorated and many of the hosts dressed in costume to pass out candy. Each family who came also received information about the church. There was a welcome table offering cider and donuts and an



*Signing up for a pumpkin full of prizes and candy provided contact information, allowing the church to follow-up with prospects.*

opportunity to sign up for a pumpkin full of candy and prizes. Several of the parents who came were interested in the church and plans have already been made to follow up with them. Outreach Coordinator, Tina Brooks, remarked she heard several good reviews from the people attending. “I enjoy doing it!” she said, “Everything to glorify His Name!”

*(See pictures on next page.)*

### Upcoming Events In November

**Thursday, November 9**—6:00 pm, ECBA Fellowship Meal, Kingston Avenue Baptist Church, 5403 Kingston Avenue, Anderson IN 46013

**Thursday, November 9**—7:00 pm, ECBA Quarterly Meeting, Kingston Avenue Baptist Church, 5403 Kingston Avenue, Anderson IN 46013 **IMB Missionaries will speak.**

*SBC Emphasis for November*

**November 6**—Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

**November 13**—Orphans and Widows Sunday

#### **Birthdays**

**November 15**—Jama Marlow (North Delaware, Muncie)

**November 24**—Tim Overton (Kingston, Anderson)

#### **Anniversaries**

**None**

#### **Pastor-Church Anniversaries**

**None**





# Redeemer Trunk and Treat





# More Pictures from New Day's Fall Festival



## ECBA Involved in SCBI Annual Summit

The State Convention of Baptists Annual Summit was held Thursday and Friday, October 26 – 27 at Northside Baptist Church in Indianapolis and ECBA people were certainly involved. Arriving at the Annual Summit on Thursday, one of the first things you saw was the Indiana Disaster Relief Quick Response Unit mobile food truck (QRU) outside the front doors. This new piece of equipment will enable volunteers to provide food during disaster times in a quick and efficient manner. The Disaster Relief Team quickly served a good, hot lunch to the over 250 attendees. Joe and Darla Fox from Old Town Hill Baptist Church in Muncie were on hand to help. Joe is our ECBA Disaster Relief Coordinator as well as the SCBI State Flood Recovery Coordinator and Darla serves as the State Disaster Relief Executive Administration/Training Coordinator.

Tami Hubler from New Day Baptist Church made history in her service to Baptists in Indiana. Tami serves on the Executive Board and is the first woman in the history of the SCBI to serve as the vice-chairperson of the board. Tami is also intricately involved in women's ministries. She serves on the SCBI Women's Ministry Team and heads up the Wives in Ministry group. The group is for women whose husbands are in a ministry staff position or for a woman who serves in a ministry staff position at one of the SCBI churches. Tami hosted the Fellowship Gathering for Wives in Ministry on Thursday evening following the dinner provided by New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Additionally, Tami serves on the SCBI WMU team that exists to support and encourage missions.

Of course, there were several others from ECBA churches who attended as messengers at the Annual Summit. It was a good time of fellowship and encouragement, plus a celebration of what God is doing through Indiana Baptists.

## ECBA Profit and Loss Statement for September 2023

|                                           | Sep 2023            | Aug 2023 (PP)       | Sep 2022 (PY)     | Jan - Sep, 2023 (YTD) |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>REVENUE</b>                            |                     |                     |                   |                       |
| 4000 Church Receipts                      | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00              | 0.00                  |
| 4060 New Day                              | 500.00              | 1,000.00            | 500.00            | 4,500.00              |
| 4120 Halteman - Muncie                    | 0.00                | 202.04              | 94.16             | 1,830.76              |
| 4140 Kingston - Anderson                  | 216.44              | 253.51              | 171.20            | 1,324.27              |
| 4160 North Delaware - Muncie              | 222.00              | 206.80              | 247.37            | 2,013.20              |
| 4170 Old Town Hill - Muncie               | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00              | 3,018.08              |
| 4180 Redeemer - Anderson                  | 0.00                | 488.91              | 0.00              | 2,623.00              |
| 4210 Faith Christian Fellowship           | 0.00                | 35.00               | 150.00            | 245.00                |
| 4220 Freedom International Ministries     | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00              | 905.00                |
| 4230 Integrity                            | 106.00              | 471.00              | 230.00            | 1,363.00              |
| 4240 Remedy City                          | 259.61              | 78.92               | 306.15            | 1,240.89              |
| 4250 Muncie Chinese Christian Fellow      | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00              | 1,156.52              |
| 4270 Liberty Christian                    | 0.00                | 150.00              | 0.00              | 150.00                |
| <b>Total 4000 Church Receipts</b>         | <b>1,304.05</b>     | <b>2,886.18</b>     | <b>1,698.88</b>   | <b>20,369.72</b>      |
| 6100 State Mission Offering               | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00              | 3,689.19              |
| 6990 Church P & H Endowment Income        | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00              | 453.33                |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                      | <b>1,304.05</b>     | <b>2,886.18</b>     | <b>1,698.88</b>   | <b>24,512.24</b>      |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                       |                     |                     |                   |                       |
| 7000 Administrative Ministry              | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00              | 0.00                  |
| 7010 Other Expense                        | 20.00               | 95.52               | 286.27            | 1,149.45              |
| 7021 Insurance                            | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00              | 2,336.84              |
| 7090 Payroll                              | 906.26              | 906.26              | 835.16            | 8,156.38              |
| 7091 Bookkeeping                          | 57.50               | 28.00               | 0.00              | 481.18                |
| <b>Total 7000 Administrative Ministry</b> | <b>983.76</b>       | <b>1,029.78</b>     | <b>1,121.43</b>   | <b>12,123.85</b>      |
| 7100 Church Health                        | 2,346.71            | 0.00                | 0.00              | 9,229.08              |
| 7300 Associational Ministry               | 0.00                | 395.97              | 0.00              | 395.97                |
| 7310 Disaster Relief                      | 102.70              | 0.00                | 0.00              | 16,900.16             |
| <b>Total 7300 Associational Ministry</b>  | <b>102.70</b>       | <b>395.97</b>       | <b>0.00</b>       | <b>17,296.13</b>      |
| 7500 Trustee                              | 332.92              | 7,555.46            | 500.00            | 17,176.89             |
| 7700 Miscellaneous                        | 360.00              | 0.00                | 1,010.00          | 360.00                |
| Uncategorized Expenditure                 | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00              | 3,000.00              |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                 | <b>4,126.09</b>     | <b>8,981.21</b>     | <b>2,631.43</b>   | <b>59,185.95</b>      |
| <b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>              | <b>-2,822.04</b>    | <b>-6,095.03</b>    | <b>-932.55</b>    | <b>-34,673.71</b>     |
| <b>NET REVENUE</b>                        | <b>\$ -2,822.04</b> | <b>\$ -6,095.03</b> | <b>\$ -932.55</b> | <b>\$ -34,673.71</b>  |

## ECBA Balance Report September 2023

|                                              | As of Sep 30, 2023  | As of Aug 31, 2023 (PP) | Change              |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                |                     |                         |                     |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                        |                     |                         |                     |
| <b>Bank Accounts</b>                         |                     |                         |                     |
| 1000 ONB                                     | -5,854.46           | -3,523.99               | -2,330.47           |
| 1010 General Budget                          | 21,326.09           | 20,457.66               | 868.43              |
| 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           | 9,152.19            | 9,152.19                | 0.00                |
| 1035 Church P&H Fund                         | 22,704.92           | 23,704.92               | -1,000.00           |
| 1040 OMC                                     | 1,307.84            | 1,307.84                | 0.00                |
| 1051 ECBA Endowment                          | 0.00                | 0.00                    | 0.00                |
| 1055 Funds Temporarily Restricted            | 7,940.47            | 8,300.47                | -360.00             |
| 1111 Church P&H ROI                          | 7,932.89            | 7,932.89                | 0.00                |
| 1125 BCMH Temp Restricted                    | 149,357.73          | 149,357.73              | 0.00                |
| <b>Total 1000 ONB</b>                        | <b>221,835.94</b>   | <b>224,657.98</b>       | <b>-2,822.04</b>    |
| 1100 Indiana Baptist Foundation              |                     |                         |                     |
| 1110 ECBA Endowment                          | 12,262.70           | 12,262.70               | 0.00                |
| <b>Total 1100 Indiana Baptist Foundation</b> | <b>12,262.70</b>    | <b>12,262.70</b>        | <b>0.00</b>         |
| <b>Total Bank Accounts</b>                   | <b>234,098.64</b>   | <b>236,920.68</b>       | <b>-2,822.04</b>    |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>                  | <b>234,098.64</b>   | <b>236,920.68</b>       | <b>-2,822.04</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                          | <b>\$234,098.64</b> | <b>\$236,920.68</b>     | <b>\$ -2,822.04</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>                |                     |                         |                     |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                           |                     |                         |                     |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                     |                     |                         | <b>0.00</b>         |
| <b>Equity</b>                                |                     |                         |                     |
| 30000 Opening Balance Equity                 | 45,107.04           | 45,107.04               | 0.00                |
| 32000 Unrestricted Net Assets                | 223,665.31          | 223,665.31              | 0.00                |
| <b>Net Revenue</b>                           | <b>-34,673.71</b>   | <b>-31,851.67</b>       | <b>-2,822.04</b>    |
| <b>Total Equity</b>                          | <b>234,098.64</b>   | <b>236,920.68</b>       | <b>-2,822.04</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>          | <b>\$234,098.64</b> | <b>\$236,920.68</b>     | <b>\$ -2,822.04</b> |



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**Quarterly ECBA Associational Meeting**

**Thursday, November 9, 2023**

**Kingston Avenue Baptist Church**

**5403 Kingston Avenue**

**Anderson IN 46013**

**6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal**

**7:00 p.m. Associational Meeting**

**Guest Speakers—IMB Missionaries**

