

ECBA Churches Help with OCC Ministry

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse Ministry in which churches, groups and individuals can participate. This project began in 1993 when ministry president, Franklin Graham, got a call from a man in England asking if he'd be willing to fill shoeboxes with gifts for children in war-torn Bosnia. The shoeboxes were filled with simple gifts and a letter of encouragement and the first year they were able to send 28,000 shoebox gifts to



Sherri Hughey and Tami Hubler from NDBC (above) and Brenda Brooks from Redeemer (below) pack up the donated shoeboxes to be delivered to the Indianapolis distribution center.



children in the Balkans for Christmas. Every year since, Samaritan's Purse has collected shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world, serving more than 209 million children in more than 170 countries. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.

Three of our ECBA churches reported helping with this ministry this year; some have helped for several years. Kingston Avenue Baptist Church in Anderson filled and donated 37 shoeboxes. Redeemer Baptist Church in Anderson promoted this

ministry through their A W A N A program again this year and filled and donated 30 boxes. New Day Baptist Church in Alexandria, Pendleton, and Muncie filled and donated 200 shoeboxes. NDBC also served as a drop off center for churches, groups, and individuals donating shoeboxes to this project. They have done this since 2019. The total number of shoeboxes collected from their local communities

was 2,222 - the largest number of shoeboxes ever collected at the New Day sites. It required 2 large trailers to deliver the shoeboxes to the Indianapolis collection center. Alexandria collected 1,178 shoeboxes and Pendleton collected 1,044 shoeboxes. Franklin Graham says, "Every box is an opportunity to reach a child with the Gospel of Jesus Christ."



Volunteers load up the donated shoeboxes to take to the Indianapolis Distribution Center (above and below)..



Remedy City Hosts Preschool

By Pastor Jeremiah Kinney

Remedy City is going to become the host to a Christian preschool beginning Monday November 20th, that needed a space until summer 2024. We are welcoming 27 staff and 85 kids which represent 50+ working families to the facility God has blessed us with. We have seen two other churches open their doors to us (Riverside United Methodist Church and Halteman Village Baptist Church), so now it is pretty cool that we get to say thank you to God by taking care of some of His other children in need.

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Dr. Ron Ross

The Katecheo

As we reflect on the arrival of the One referenced in Genesis 3.15 and our annual Christmas Season, may we truly rejoice in the unfailing wisdom of our Heavenly Father and His plan for His Own.

Millions and millions have lived on the earth since the six days of Creation, and our Father has known each one by name and practice. Truly, we stand amazed in His Presence, that He chose us before the Creation of everything created.

Since we are tainted by the “*sin of Adam*,” our “*flesh*” often interferes with the Holy Spirit’s workings in our lives. We are, indeed, always thankful for the choice of our Father and the workings of His Spirit. We are also thankful for the Father’s design in providing the “*full payment for sin*”

through His Only Begotten Son, Jesus the Christ (the Messiah).

With a fuller view of God at work in the lives of His Own, we rejoice in the miracle of Jesus’ birth. As we view the time, method, and location of His birth, we again, rejoice — Emmanuel, “*God with us!*”

With the struggles of daily life, may this Christmas Season become the most memorable of them all. May our hearts be lifted in celebration — “*truly the WORD became flesh*” ...thank you, Father. Through Your choice of us, the forgiveness of our sin through Your Son, and the indwelling presence of Your Holy Spirit within each of us ... THANK YOU!

Plan Now for Winter Bible Study on The Sermon on the Mount

For many years Southern Baptists have offered a January (or Winter) Bible Study. This year’s study is on the Sermon on the Mount. Although it is scheduled on the SBC 2024

Calendar as January 7 – 14, it can be held at anytime.

Lifeway shares this about the study: “The Sermon on the Mount is Jesus’s most well-known

teaching, containing some of the best-loved verses in all of Scripture. In it, Jesus discloses what it means to take part in the good life—the kingdom of heaven that He has brought to the present with His incarnation that will extend into eternity. Through three chapters, Jesus challenges the assumptions of our earthly kingdom and shows how to strive for and participate in a better one.” The study is designed for 6 small group

sessions.

Here are some of the benefits of this study according to Lifeway:

- Learn directly from Jesus.
- Embrace the source of true blessing.
- See what it means to follow God.
- Find a path to fulfillment and flourishing that is not built on things that pass away but rather on foundations that are secured in heaven.
- Become familiar with a well-known Bible passage.
- See what is required to live as a citizen of the kingdom of heaven.
- Pursue blessing from God’s perspective.

- Begin to see Jesus’s perspective on our hearts.
- Follow Jesus as He transforms your will and intentions to reflect His.

Study guides can be ordered through Lifeway. If you’d like to offer the study but need someone to lead it, our ECBA Education Coordinator, Dr. Ron Ross is available to lead it. You can call or text him at 765.748.6633.



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

Birthdays

None

Anniversaries

None

Pastor-Church Anniversaries

None

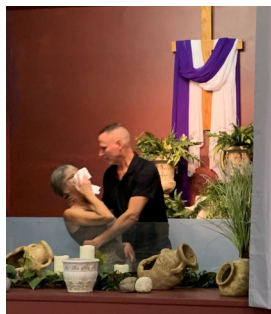
Upcoming Events In December

SBC Emphasis for December

December 3-10—IMB Week of Prayer & Mission Study plus Lottie Moon Offering

New Day—Muncie Welcomes New Believer to the Family

Dale Trego, Pastor at New Day Baptist Church in Muncie baptized new believer, Renea Vaught on Sunday, November 19th. The church welcomed her to their family with a fellowship meal.



Redeemer Hosts Thanksgiving Dinner for AWANA Families

Redeemer Baptist Church in Anderson held a traditional Thanksgiving meal for their AWANA children and families on Wednesday, November 15th at 6:00 PM. Volunteers from the church prepared turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, stuffing, cranberry salad, rolls and pumpkin delight and hot fudge brownies for dessert.. They also used this time to fellowship with the children and their family members.

Except for the Covid shut down in 2020, Redeemer has offered the AWANA program since 2007, reaching out to children and their families in the surrounding area. AWANA stands for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed" and is a Christ centered

program to introduce children to Jesus. The AWANA website states, "Our proven and adaptable curriculum will have you developing leaders and discipling kids to walk with Christ for life." "Large group teaching, small group discipleship, and engagement time make up the flexible structure



AWANA children and their families enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal.

of AWANA approach. Gametime provides flexibility and allows for creativity."



AWANA teachers as well as parents got to enjoy the meal that was served.



Redeemer volunteers helped cook and serve the meal.

New Day's God's Praise Warriors Minister in EC Indiana

By Tami Hubler

Do you have a love for Jesus and a love for worshipping through dance? God's Praise Warriors is a praise dance team led by Danielle McLaughlin from NDBC Alexandria. This ministry consists of men, women and children from churches all over east central Indiana. The focus is Jesus - if you've accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior and want to learn how to be a worship warrior, then you are welcome!

The ministry uses the worship arts to

share the love of Jesus and to minister to others. The group travels to churches, nursing homes and outdoor events to bless others with their visual ministry. "It's not about us. Our hope and prayer is for God to use us as a vessel so God can do the rest in others on a personal basis" said Danielle. "We always pray that God puts whatever people need on their hearts. Our job is a ministry to you! We understand that the spiritual battle is real and we are the front lines, the first targets. Worship confuses the enemy, just like it did with the singers and dancers in Jehoshaphat's army. Worship was the weapon."

To find out more about God's Praise Warriors, contact Danielle McLaughlin on Facebook Messenger.



ECBA Quarterly Meeting Features IMB Missionary Speakers

The East Central Baptist Association Quarterly Meeting was held on Thursday, November 9th at Kingston Avenue Baptist Church in Anderson. A fellowship meal was provided by Kingston at 6:00 pm and the meeting began at 7:00 PM. Fifteen messenger representing 7 churches and church plants were there to conduct business.

Reports were presented and approved. Pat Storm, ECBA Administrative Assistant, reported that 4 of our 10 churches and church plants had completed their 2023 ACP: Faith Christian, Halteman Village, Redeemer, and Remedy City. She shared that New Day has their information ready but is having technical difficulties. She is working

with the SCBI and Lifeway to get this resolved. Tim Overton, Church Planting Team Leader asked that if anyone knew of a church planter, to send him their contact information. We have money in the bank to support a church plant but do not have a church planter. Tami Hubler, Church Health Team Leader, shared in her written report that WMU plans to host a 4th annual GROW (Go Reach Our World) event in late spring. She also provided a link for ordering Lottie Moon Christmas Offering materials and said that the State WMU has a new website. There is a NAMB mission trip opportunity for us at the Chanku Waste Ranch in Porcupine, South Dakota in September 2024 that our churches

can participate in. She can be contacted for further information. Also, the state Transformed Women's event will be held in April 2024, more information will be forthcoming. She is also looking for a men's ministry coordinator for ECBA and asked that if anyone was aware of someone who was interested in this to let her know. Disaster Relief reported that they had ministered in Greenwood and Paoli where tornadoes had struck and had used the new Quick Recovery Feeding unit at the SCBI Annual Summit. They also built 2 more wheelchair ramps. Trustees Chair, Greg Haisley, shared that there had been an accident with the Disaster Relief truck. The other vehicle needed

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repairs but the DR truck didn't. Fortunately, our insurance covered the costs. In 2024, we anticipate needing to spend approximately \$1200 for new tires for the DR truck and about \$800 for beet juice for the trailer tires.

Under new business, the group approved the 2024 budget and the members of the Constitution and By-laws Review committee: Chris Hubler, Dana Jones, Ron Ross, and Pat Storm. They also voted to have Lisa Miller (our bookkeeper), Stephanie Ross (treasurer), and Pat Storm (assistant treasurer) as authorized signers on our bank account so each had access to the information they needed.

IMB Missionaries, Ron and Veronica (alias names), were the guest speakers for the evening. They shared about their work in SE Asia. They have been there 11 years now and are seeing people come to Christ. It is a predominately Muslim area and believers are disowned by their Muslim families. They have faced many challenges but God is working among the people there.

Place on your calendar now

ECBA Semi-Annual Meeting

Thursday, March 14, 2024

Old Town Hill Baptist Church
3000 S Burlington Dr
Muncie IN 47302

Featured Speaker:

Dr. Jamison Work, IMB

Fellowship Meal 6:00 PM

Meeting 7:00 PM

ECBA Profit and Loss Statement for October 2023

	Oct 2023	Sep 2023 (PP)	Oct 2022 (PY)	Jan - Oct, 2023 (YTD)
REVENUE				
3025 Mission Building Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	805.00
4000 Church Receipts	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
4060 New Day	500.00	500.00	500.00	5,000.00
4120 Halteman - Muncie	0.00	0.00	141.66	1,830.76
4140 Kingston - Anderson	85.94	216.44	111.82	1,410.21
4160 North Delaware - Muncie	216.75	222.00	209.95	2,229.95
4170 Old Town Hill - Muncie	1,983.46	0.00	0.00	5,001.54
4180 Redeemer - Anderson	456.84	0.00	190.22	3,079.84
4210 Faith Christian Fellowship	0.00	0.00	150.00	245.00
4220 Freedom International Ministries	0.00	0.00	0.00	905.00
4230 Integris	0.00	106.00	0.00	1,363.00
4240 Remedy City	108.42	259.61	137.37	1,349.31
4250 Muncie Chinese Christian Fellow	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,156.52
4270 Liberty Christian	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Total 4000 Church Receipts	3,501.41	1,304.05	1,441.02	23,871.13
6100 State Mission Offering	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,589.19
6990 Church P & H Endowment Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	453.33
Total Revenue	3,501.41	1,304.05	1,441.02	28,813.65
EXPENDITURES				
7000 Administrative Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7010 Other Expense	10.00	20.00	0.00	1,159.45
7021 Insurance	2,265.00	0.00	1,903.34	4,601.84
7090 Payroll	906.27	906.26	835.15	9,062.65
7091 Bookkeeping	47.75	57.50	0.00	528.93
Total 7000 Administrative Ministry	3,229.02	983.76	2,738.49	15,352.87
7100 Church Health	0.00	2,346.71	0.00	9,229.08
7300 Associational Ministry	574.04	0.00	0.00	970.01
7310 Disaster Relief	0.00	102.70	0.00	16,900.16
Total 7300 Associational Ministry	574.04	102.70	0.00	17,870.17
7500 Trustee	0.00	332.92	0.00	17,176.89
7700 Miscellaneous	0.00	360.00	0.00	360.00
Uncategorized Expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
Total Expenditures	3,803.06	4,126.09	2,738.49	62,589.01
NET OPERATING REVENUE	-301.65	-2,822.04	-1,297.47	-34,170.36
NET REVENUE	\$ -301.65	\$ -2,822.04	\$ -1,297.47	\$ -34,170.36

ECBA Balance Report October 2023

	As of Oct 31, 2023	As of Sep 30, 2023 (PP)	Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
1000 ONB	-8,933.48	-5,704.46	-3,229.02
1010 General Budget	24,155.62	20,654.21	3,501.41
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	22,704.92	22,704.92	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	7,366.43	7,940.47	-574.04
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
Total 1000 ONB	221,817.41	222,119.06	-301.65
1100 Indiana Baptist Foundation			
1110 ECBA Endowment	12,262.70	12,262.70	0.00
Total 1100 Indiana Baptist Foundation	12,262.70	12,262.70	0.00
Total Bank Accounts	234,080.11	234,381.76	-301.65
Total Current Assets	234,080.11	234,381.76	-301.65
TOTAL ASSETS	\$234,080.11	\$234,381.76	\$ -301.65
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Total Liabilities			0.00
Equity			
20000 Opening Balance Equity	45,107.04	45,107.04	0.00
22000 Unrestricted Net Assets	223,143.43	223,143.43	0.00
Net Revenue	-34,170.36	-33,868.71	-301.65
Total Equity	234,080.11	234,381.76	-301.65
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$234,080.11	\$234,381.76	\$ -301.65

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Last winter was record breaking for freezing weather with ministries in more than 40 states reporting damage. Check out these tips and tools for protecting ministry buildings before temperatures plunge again.

Set the thermostat. When outside temperatures dip below freezing, it's important to keep a building's temperature **above 55 degrees**. This includes maintaining a consistent temperature for unused portions of the building, where it's tempting to turn the heat down too low.

Insulate pipes. Inspect attics, basements, and other places where pipes run. You may need to better insulate those areas or fit exposed pipes with easy-to-install pipe sleeves. **Crawl spaces and riser rooms may be at higher risk for freezing pipes**, since heat may not reach those areas as easily.

Service your generator. Winter storms over the past two years have tested the power grid in many states, causing outages that lasted from a few hours to weeks. Now is the time to test and service your generator, well before a major storm causes downed power lines and inaccessible roads. Backup power from a permanent or portable generator can help maintain a consistent building temperature and reduce the risk of freezing pipes.

Check buildings regularly. Burst pipes can cause greater damage in buildings that go unused for days at a time. During extremely cold weather, consider checking buildings more frequently. **Designate two or three people to be on call** in case one individual is out of town or can't access the property. Those on call should know a few basics, like how to manually shut off the water if there is a problem and who to contact for help.