

ECBA Churches Reach Children through VBS

Four of our East Central Baptist Association Churches held Vacation Bible School this year. Children were taught that God's truths never change and learned Biblical principles while participating in fun activities. Some had Adult VBS and all were blessed with many adults who volunteered their time and energy for VBS. Churches were again able to share decorations and materials that were provided by ECBA. The following are reviews of each VBS and pictures can be found on pages 3 through 6.

*Old Town Hill Vacation Bible School:
A Week of Fun, Fellowship, and Faith
By Mellissa Reynolds*

Old Town Hill Church recently hosted a vibrant and engaging Vacation Bible School (VBS) from June 9-13. The event was themed around the beach, creating an exciting and inviting atmosphere for attendees of all ages. The church was transformed with beach-themed decorations, including beach balls, umbrellas, and ocean-themed murals, setting the stage for a week of fun and learning.

The VBS catered to children from 3 years old to adults, ensuring everyone had a meaningful and enjoyable experience. The children's classes rotated between class time, crafts, dinner, and game time.

One of the most significant outcomes of the VBS was the spiritual commitment made by three youths, who accepted Christ as their Savior during the week.

Adults were not left out of the fun. Pastor Bruce organized several engaging activities for the adults, ensuring they had a memorable experience. A highlight for the adults was the

Beach Boys lip sync contest, which added a light-hearted and enjoyable element to the VBS. You can check out our Facebook page for a couple of videos from that. ([Women Lipsync](#) and [Men Lipsync](#))

The Vacation Bible School at Old Town Hill was a resounding success, combining education, creativity, and fun for all participants. The event not only provided meaningful spiritual growth but also fostered a strong sense of community, making it a memorable week for everyone involved.

VBS at New Day Baptist
By Cerness Beane

New Day Baptist in Alexandria hosted their first Vacation Bible School in over a decade. A total of 27 children attended and 4 children made professions of faith! With over 20 volunteers from 2 of our campuses (New Day - Muncie and New Day - Alexandria) plus our sister church (Redeemer Baptist - Anderson), we were able to open our doors to kids from Pre-Kindergarten all the way up to teenagers.

The kids enjoyed participating in Bible study, worship, music, food, crafts, and games for 3 wonderful evenings. On Saturday, families were then invited to enjoy worship, watch their kids perform, and enjoy some delicious BBQ.

Throughout the week the kids were able to earn points for bringing friends, memorizing scripture, and participating. The winners of the points were given a "Summer Fun" basket, and all children who attended family day were given a prize and a chance to pie a leader in the face.

Overall, New Day's VBS was a wonderful adventure, and we can't wait until next year!

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Old Town Hill World Changers



Old Town Hill's World Changers are all loaded up and ready to head to Radcliffe, Kentucky to change the world!

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Dr. Ron Ross

The Katecheo

In paragraph six of the Ephesian Letter [2.8-10], it reads, “For **by** grace you have been saved **through** faith; and that not **of** yourselves, it is the gift **of** God; not **as** a result **of** works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created **in** Christ Jesus **for** good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk **in** them.” These familiar verses have been read by people down through the ages, but what do these verses teach us? In order to consider some of the lessons taught in these three verses, you will note seven prepositions which are printed in bold.

Prepositions, as we learn in English composition class, have a crucial role in designating a clear and exact presentation of a sentence. In these three verses, we turn our attention to seven clarifiers, please note:

1. Salvation came to believers **by** grace. Remember, grace is not earned. We do not come to God; instead, God comes to us (as was the case with Adam & Eve (God came to them);
2. Salvation is received **through** faith; however, nonbelievers do not possess the ability to exercise faith. Again, God provides the necessary faith to believe as mentioned in John 1.12.
3. Salvation is not **of** oneself. Everything about *salvation* is truly God's gift.
4. Salvation is the gift **of** God. The Greek word “*doron*” conveys “*the giving of a gift or present*,” in this case it is a gift from God.
5. Salvation is distinguished again with the words, “*not as a result of works*.” Once again, God's Spirit directs the writer to reinforce the concept that *salvation is a gift*, set apart from anything or any attempt by humans to enter a relationship with Creator God.
6. This idea of God's *gift* is further explained by a purpose clause, “*so that no one may boast*.” As humans, we enjoy boasting, some more than others and some boast while using an air of humility to hide the obvious.

7. In order to convey His wide-scope picture of salvation, the Spirit directs Paul to record how God, in eternity past, ordained and prepared a way for those He had chosen to “*walk in them*.” Additional Epistles contain numerous individualized concepts that if obeyed produces the will of God.

The Father's will for every believer is “*conformity to the person of Jesus Christ*” (Romans 8.29).

Just a few insights from a familiar and loved portion of God's Word — something to ponder on this warm or hot day.



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

Birthdays

August 5 — Terra Haisley (Integris, Albany)

August 12 — Jim Marlow (North Delaware, Muncie)

August 23 — Dale Trego (New Day, Muncie)

Anniversaries

August 12 — Paul & Renae Storm (Redeemer, Anderson)

August 15 — Jeremiah & Cassie Kinney (Remedy City, Muncie)

Pastor-Church Anniversaries

August 6 — Dale Trego, New Day—Muncie, 8 years

August 18 — Dana Jones, Faith Christian—Anderson, 11 years

August 20 — Paul Storm, Redeemer—Anderson, 1 year

SBC Emphasis for August

August 4—Send Relief Sunday

August 14—SBC Serve Sunday

August 25—Global Hunger Sunday

VBS Continued

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VBS at Redeemer Baptist By Brenda Brooks

Redeemer Baptist Church held their annual Vacation Bible School June 3 – 7 from 6:00- 8:20 pm with a Parent's Night on Sunday evening June 9 at 6 pm. VBS actually kicked-off with a Carnival on Saturday, June 1, where children could enroll for VBS while enjoying free food and games. It was very well attended and although there was not an official count of adults and kids at this event. they did know that they served more than 340 hot dogs! Also, Outreach Director, Tina Brooks, had to run to the store to replenish the abundant supplies while

the carnival was going on. Kids enjoyed playing in the ECBA bounce house, playing the small carnival games, throwing balls at the dunk tank, and winning prizes.

Fifty-four children were enrolled in VBS for the week. Redeemer was blessed to have 32 volunteers help teach and serve where needed. Children were able to attend the Bible study classes, music class and worship rally, crafts, recreation and missions. One highlight was having Cerness Beane from New Day Baptist Church in Alexandria come and share with the children about her mission

trip to Cuba. The VBS team is already looking forward to next year.

VBS at New Day—Muncie By Deneia Trego

It was an exciting time watching God work as we pulled our resources together to expose 23 kids each night to God's truths at the New Day Baptist Church - Muncie Campus. This was the first year for a teen class where all 8 began new friendships. We enjoyed lots of food, fellowship, and fun while learning and growing in His Word. Each night ended with a skit from a "surfer dude" talking about God's plan.

New Day—Muncie VBS Pictures



Old Town Hill VBS Pictures



New Day—Alexandria VBS Pictures



Redeemer Carnival and VBS Pictures



Bounce House Fun



Ring toss wins a pop..



In line for the dunk tank.



This miniature donkey was a hit with kids.



Outreach Director, Tina Brooks was happy the carnival was a hit even though rain moved it inside



Face painting is fun, even if this face doesn't show it



Pastor Paul shares during Family Night.



Dinner was served each night prior to VBS.



Lisa Storm teaching the children a Bible story.



Carmen Halls teaches older children their Bible story.



Ceress Beane from New Day shared her mission trip.



Recreation time is always fun!



Gathering in for Family Night.

ECBA Profit and Loss Statement for May 2024

	May 2024	Apr 2024 (PP)	May 2023 (PY)	Jan - May, 2024 (YTD)
REVENUE				
3025 Mission Building Fund	115.00	115.00	115.00	575.00
4000 Church Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4060 New Day	500.00	500.00	500.00	2,500.00
4120 Halteman - Muncie	0.00	0.00	272.92	0.00
4140 Kingston - Anderson	197.91	253.82	162.94	1,956.04
4160 North Delaware - Muncie	180.75	290.85	307.94	1,068.55
4170 Old Town Hill - Muncie	3,854.71	0.00	3,018.08	3,854.71
4180 Redeemer - Anderson	0.00	0.00	0.00	772.32
4210 Faith Christian Fellowship	35.00	35.00	35.00	175.00
4230 Integrus	183.00	178.00	235.00	859.00
4240 Remedy City	180.07	0.00	201.25	266.59
Total 4000 Church Receipts	5,131.44	1,257.67	4,733.13	11,452.21
Total Revenue	5,246.44	1,372.67	4,848.13	12,027.21
EXPENDITURES				
7000 Administrative Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7010 Other Expense	10.00	615.68	32.40	874.62
7021 Insurance	196.60	644.00	196.60	1,484.60
7090 Payroll	1,024.79	1,024.79	906.27	5,123.94
7091 Bookkeeping	32.00	13.00	31.25	374.10
Total 7000 Administrative Ministry	1,263.39	2,297.47	1,166.52	7,857.26
7100 Church Health	0.00	500.00	1,816.06	5,968.81
7200 Church Planting	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
7300 Associational Ministry	802.41	0.00	0.00	802.41
7310 Disaster Relief	2,104.00	0.00	14,191.80	2,104.00
Total 7300 Associational Ministry	2,906.41	0.00	14,191.80	2,906.41
7500 Trustee	0.00	0.00	7,600.70	2,049.94
7700 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
Total Expenditures	6,169.80	2,797.47	24,775.08	21,682.42
NET OPERATING REVENUE	-923.36	-1,424.80	-19,926.95	-9,655.21
NET REVENUE	\$ -923.36	\$ -1,424.80	\$ -19,926.95	\$ -9,655.21

ECBA Balance Report May 2024

	As of May 31, 2024	As of Apr 30, 2024 (PP)	Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
1000 ONB	-12,010.13	-11,259.14	-750.99
1010 General Budget	22,209.23	20,277.60	1,931.63
1011 Discretionary Admin Team	7,493.99	7,493.99	0.00
1020 Disaster Relief	-1,629.72	474.28	-2,104.00
1025 Mission Building Capital Fund	9,957.19	9,957.19	0.00
1035 Church P&H Fund	22,204.92	22,204.92	0.00
1040 OMC	407.84	407.84	0.00
1051 ECBA Endowment	0.00	0.00	0.00
1055 Funds Temporarily Restricted	7,366.43	7,366.43	0.00
1111 Church P&H ROI	7,363.17	7,363.17	0.00
1125 BCMH Temp Restricted	149,357.73	149,357.73	0.00
Total 1000 ONB	212,720.65	213,644.01	-923.36
1100 Indiana Baptist Foundation	-281.77	-281.77	0.00
1110 ECBA Endowment	12,930.37	12,930.37	0.00
Total 1100 Indiana Baptist Foundation	12,648.60	12,648.60	0.00
Total Bank Accounts	225,369.25	226,292.61	-923.36
Total Current Assets	225,369.25	226,292.61	-923.36
TOTAL ASSETS	\$225,369.25	\$226,292.61	\$ -923.36
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	189,917.42	189,917.42	0.00
Net Revenue	-9,655.21	-8,731.85	-923.36
Total Equity	225,369.25	226,292.61	-923.36
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$225,369.25	\$226,292.61	\$ -923.36

OTH Reaches Out with RC Racing

RC racing today was like a party! 20 people came, and 14 of them were guests. Who knew RC racing was the new cool thing?



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Plan now to attend!

Annual ECBA Associational Meeting
Thursday, September 26th, 2024

Old Town Hill Baptist Church

3000 S Burlington Drive

Muncie IN 47302

7:00 p.m. Associational Meeting

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal

**Speakers: Bill Peters and Shawn Hollingsworth, sharing
about their Paris Olympics Mission Trip**