

ECBA Churches Celebrate Christmas

The Christmas season brought about some traditional events and some new ones at our churches. These are the ones we heard about.

On December 7th, Redeemer Baptist



Christmas program at New Day—Alex.



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Church held their annual White Elephant Christmas gift exchange for the adults, which is always a time of good food and fellowship and a lot of fun. New Day Baptist Church held their Christmas

Party for adults and kids on December 8th and Remedy City also held their annual Christmas party



Redeemer presented "His Name is Jesus"

On Sunday evening, December 9th, Old Town Hill had a special evening of worship, a Christmas drama,

and a candlelight service to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. On December 22nd, New Day Baptist Church in Alexandria, got to see the children



Christmas party at New Day—Muncie

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DR Chaplains Help Hurricane Victims; See Salvation

By Craig Standish, ECBA and Indiana State Chaplin Coordinator

During Thanksgiving weekend, seven Indiana Disaster Relief Chaplains took a trailer load of kitchen supplies to Bakersville, N.C. Through circumstances orchestrated by the Lord, we set up in the Dollar General parking lot in Bakersville. Over a six-hour period we listened to people's stories, prayed with them, had them pick out much needed kitchen items from what we had, and gave out \$4,000 in gift cards to storm victims so they could get what they needed. This was nothing short of a beautiful experience of sharing God's love. We were able to bless one family (a single father with three children) with a donated vehicle. His truck was swept away in the flood. One lady prayed to receive Christ as her Lord and Savior. One of our chaplains followed up by sending Christmas cards to the families that shared their mailing address with us. We plan to return to Bakersville, most likely in February, to distribute more gift cards and whatever items they may need at that time. Please continue to pray for Southern Baptist Disaster relief volunteers and their ongoing service to the Lord.



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Dr. Ron Ross

The Katecheo

**“The CAPACITY to learn is a GIFT;
the ABILITY to learn is a SKILL;
the WILLINGNESS to learn is a CHOICE”
— BRIAN HERBERT**

Recently this writer saw the above quote, and the concepts involved in the statement began a process of introspection. For some, their capacity to learn is enormous — some take that capacity and allow it to grow. For many their ability to learn has propelled into recognition in a specific field. For us all with the capacity and ability to learn, it is of necessity that the two are coupled with a willingness to learn, *and* that is a CHOICE.

Today, this writer takes a literary journey with the word CHOICE and some of its possibilities. First, none of us ever knew we could have eternal life — it was the choice of God, actually prior to Creation itself. Secondly, having been called to salvation by the Spirit of

God through His convicting ministry as well as being prompted to receive the *word of the gospel* and He also provided the faith to believe ... His choice!

Thirdly, God's choice was predicated upon a purpose for such — that, now, we might be conformed (Romans 8.29) into the image of Jesus Christ; again, His choice. At that juncture, the choices we make determines the degree of conformity we will allow God to achieve in our lives.

Futuristically, the rewards we receive by God will be dependent upon the choices we make during our lives. We must always remember, God knows our motives for service and rewards faithfulness. In closing, we must always remember that His thoughts and ways ARE NOT like ours. Our ways and thoughts are guided by our flesh, an enemy of God's.

As we launch a new year, “*let us pursue the way of the ever pursuing God.*” Think upon such things!

More Christmas Event Pictures

presented the “The Light of the World Has Come” Christmas story. On that same Sunday morning, Redeemer Baptist Church Choir presented the Christmas Cantata, “His Name is Jesus.” On Christmas Eve, New Day Baptist Church in Pendleton held a Christmas Eve Service.

All the events were held to celebrate Jesus' birth, encourage good fellowship, and to honor the Lord we love and adore.

Christmas party at New Day—
Muncie— aboveEnjoying cookies at the Remedy City
Christmas party.White Elephant Gift Exchange Christmas party
at Redeemer.

Upcoming Events

SBC Emphasis for January

- February 2: - George Liele Church Planting, Evangelism, and Missions Sunday
- February 16: Focus on WMU Sunday
- February 23: Racial Reconciliation Sunday

February

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

Birthdays

February 12—Greg Haisley, Integris

Anniversaries

None

Church Anniversaries

None

New Day—Muncie Shares Christmas Around the World

By Deneia Trego

On December 15th New Day - Muncie presented a non-traditional Christmas program, "Christmas around the world" to the morning worship congregation.

Thirteen groups and/or families presented a country of their choice complete with statistics, traditions, foods, music,



and costumes. From barbecues on the beach to fireworks in the streets, there are many ways to celebrate Christmas around the world. The true meaning of

Christmas was presented by Deneia Trego while wearing an all elf costume and displaying the American flag. While we know we won't be adopting all these traditions, it was interesting to learn about the different ways other countries and cultures celebrate.



The program ended with a mission message from Pastor Dale Trego with a challenge to all to "go, tell it on the mountain."

ECBA Profit and Loss Statement for November

	Nov 2024	Oct 2024 (PP)	Nov 2023 (PY)	Jan - Nov, 2024 (YTD)
REVENUE				
3025 Mission Building Fund	150.00	115.00	115.00	1,401.31
4000 Church Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4060 New Day	500.00	500.00	500.00	5,500.00
4140 Kingston - Anderson	114.90	181.28	119.24	2,814.98
4160 North Delaware - Muncie	225.60	281.25	259.15	2,503.80
4170 Old Town Hill - Muncie	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,795.81
4180 Redeemer - Anderson	470.00	0.00	273.48	2,814.86
4210 Faith Christian Fellowship	0.00	35.00	35.00	350.00
4230 Integrity	0.00	246.00	202.00	1,602.00
4240 Remedy City	113.11	120.95	150.26	1,045.02
Total 4000 Church Receipts	1,423.61	1,364.48	1,539.13	22,026.47
Total Revenue	1,573.61	1,479.48	1,654.13	23,427.78
EXPENDITURES				
7000 Administrative Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7010 Other Expense	0.00	69.00	10.00	1,695.96
7021 Insurance	0.00	2,259.75	0.00	4,388.35
7090 Payroll	1,024.79	1,024.78	906.26	11,272.66
7091 Bookkeeping	32.00	118.50	35.00	654.70
Total 7000 Administrative Ministry	1,056.79	3,472.03	951.26	18,011.67
7100 Church Health	0.00	180.00	80.00	8,126.99
7200 Church Planting	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
7300 Associational Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	802.41
7310 Disaster Relief	0.00	583.71	0.00	4,507.71
Total 7300 Associational Ministry	0.00	583.71	0.00	5,310.12
7500 Trustee	393.14	0.00	0.00	7,768.95
7700 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
Total Expenditures	1,449.93	4,235.74	1,031.26	42,117.73
NET OPERATING REVENUE	123.68	-2,756.26	622.87	-18,689.95
NET REVENUE	\$123.68	\$ -2,756.26	\$622.87	\$ -18,689.95

ECBA Balance Report November 2024

	As of Nov 30, 2024	As of Oct 31, 2024 (PP)	Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
1000 ONB	-18,977.38	-18,432.99	-544.39
1010 General Budget	26,048.01	24,986.80	1,061.21
1011 Discretionary Admin Team	7,493.99	7,493.99	0.00
1020 Disaster Relief	-7,535.99	-7,142.85	-393.14
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	203,685.91	203,562.23	123.68
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	216,334.51	216,210.83	123.68
Total Current Assets	216,334.51	216,210.83	123.68
TOTAL ASSETS	\$216,334.51	\$216,210.83	\$123.68
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	-18,689.95	-18,813.63	123.68
Total Equity	216,334.51	216,210.83	123.68
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$216,334.51	\$216,210.83	\$123.68

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