

ECBA Churches Celebrate Easter

Easter is always a special weekend for our churches. We celebrate the sacrifice Jesus made for us and His glorious resurrection from the dead. And, we want other to know about this and the eternal difference it makes. All of our churches commemorated this historical event, and we heard from some of them. Here are a few of the ways Easter was celebrated.

Old Town Hill

By Melissa Reynolds

Our Good Friday service at Old Town Hill was really special. The theme for Easter weekend was *Behold*, and it set the stage for a powerful night. We held it in the gym so there'd be plenty of space for all the different scenes, taking us through the journey from Jesus' arrest all the way to the tomb. Every part of it was a moving reminder of His love for us.

We had a great crowd—so many people showed up that we had to grab extra chairs! It was such a meaningful time to stop, reflect, and remember all that Jesus did for us.



Old Town Hill built several scenes to depict the events leading up to Jesus' resurrection.

Redeemer

By Tina Brooks

Easter activities began with Redeemer Baptist Church's 1st Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 12 from 12 – 2 pm. On this sunny Saturday, approximately

150 people came for the event. Roughly 1600 eggs were filled with candy and were "hidden" for children in 3 age categories. Two door prizes were given



Redeemer's Egg Hunt drew nearly 150 people who also heard the gospel.

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New Day Women Attend NAMB Conference in Atlanta

By Tami Hubler

In March, New Day Baptist Church sent a group of eight women from three different campuses to the highly anticipated 2nd Annual NAMB Women's Evangelism Conference in Alpharetta, GA. This marked the second year that New Day women attended this impactful event.

The conference centered around the powerful message that as followers of Jesus, we are all called to share the hope of the gospel. Each of us also has a unique calling to lead and make



Front Row Left to Right: Dixie Mullins (Muncie), Tami Hubler (Alexandria & Pendleton), Rhonda Arnold (Alexandria), Kim Smith (Alexandria)
Back Row Left to Right: Deneia Trego (Muncie), Sherry Finley (Alexandria), Lesta Anderson (Pendleton), Sherri Hughey (Pendleton),

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Dr. Ron Ross

The Katecheo

May 4 was "**SBC Seminary Sunday**" on our Southern Baptist Convention calendar. As our churches recognize this day, it is intended to familiarize our people with the nature and purpose of seminaries, as well as show how their monies contribute 22.16% of the Cooperative Program budget to support our seminaries.

Many members are unaware that we have six seminaries spread across America. The oldest seminary is Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, now located in Louisville, Kentucky. The second seminary is Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, followed by New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans. Gateway Theological Seminary is located in Ontario, California, while Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary is located in Wake Forest, North Carolina. The

sixth is Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri. Each seminary offers degree programs in theology, music and education; with classes on campus as well as on-line. The basic Master's programs range from two to three years to complete, depending on the specific program of study.

While a number of seminaries throughout the United States struggle with enrollment and finance problems, our six schools offer scholarships to students who are members of a cooperating SBC churches. This provides those members, the best quality Master's degree at the lowest price. The ability to offer this to incoming students is only possible because of Baptists like yourself.

Just a few thoughts as we remember SBC Seminary Sunday!

New Day Baptist Church Continues Ministry to Cuba

Three members of New Day Baptist Church headed to Cuba the first part of April. Pastor Chris Hubler, Nan

Orr and Becky Galbreath went there to share Jesus and found Him actively at work in Cuba. There were 146 professions of faith while they served in this ministry in Cuba. This was Chris' 10th trip in the past 3 years of reaching out to Cuba.



Pastor Chris Hubler speaks the gospel as the translator shares it with the people of Cuba.



Pictured with the mission team is Pastor Chris Hubler, Nan Orr, and Becky Galbreath

Upcoming Events In June

May 31, 1-4 pm, VBS Carnival
Kickoff at Redeemer in Anderson

June 2-6, 6-8:30 pm, VBS at
Redeemer in Anderson

June 11-13, 6-8:30 pm, VBS at
New Day in Muncie

June 15-19, 6-8:30 pm, VBS at
Old Town Hill in Muncie

June 23-25, 6-8:30 pm, VBS at
New Day in Alexandria

SBC Emphasis for June

June 1 —Disaster Relief Sunday

June 7—Crossover, Dallas TX

June 8-9—WMU Missions
Celebration, Dallas TX

June 10-11—SBC Convention,
Dallas TX

June 22—Mission: Dignity Sunday



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)

Pastor-Church Anniversaries

June 8—Tim Overton, Kingston,
Anderson, 7 years

Send Relief Mission Trip Available

There is a Send Relief mission trip to South Dakota August 30 – September 5 and several people from New Day Baptist Church are

SOUTH DAKOTA MISSION TRIP |
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South Dakota



South Dakota Mission Trip |
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South Dakota's Pine Ridge Reservation is about an hour southeast of Rapid City where Send Relief has partnered with the Chanku Waste Ranch (pronounced "wash-tay"). Through their ongoing ministry, we have the opportunity to give practical assistance, make personal connections, and share the gospel by showing mercy and compassion through hands-on engagement.

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disciples in our specific contexts. Over the course of two days, the 300+ attendees from the US, Canada and Hawaii were not only encouraged but also equipped to create a culture of evangelism within their own ministries. Speakers included Catherine Renfro (National Director of Women's Evangelism, NAMB), Missie Branch (Author, My BLVD CO CEO/ED, Women & Work Podcast co-host, SBC Racial Reconciliation Steering Committee Member, and CSU and Lifeway Trustee), Melanie Ratcliffe (Director of Relational Evangelism, South Carolina Baptist Convention) and Babbie Mason (2 time Dove Award singer/songwriter and author). Guest speaker Kevin Ezell, President of

going. Do you want to go, too? The cost for the week is \$270 plus your individual travel expenses. During this time the mission team will be doing vision screenings in the schools on the Pine Ridge Reservation. There will also be some construction work taking place but all of those positions have been filled to date.

Pine Ridge Reservation is in Porcupine, South Dakota. The Send Relief Ministry is at the Chanku Waste Ranch, located on the Pine Ridge Reservation. To help with this, New Day has purchased one of the four vision screening machines for the ranch, which was around \$10,000. Different churches bought the other three.

For more information, check with Tami Hubler, 765-356-3648. Don't wait until all the positions are filled.

the North American Mission Board, encouraged the women to share the hope we have in Christ backed with scripture and humor.

The conference provided attendees with the necessary tools and inspiration to invite people to know Jesus and empower others to do the same. The women from New Day left the conference with a renewed passion for evangelism and a deepened understanding of how to effectively share the gospel message.

In line with the conference's teachings, New Day Baptist Church has exciting plans to host local evangelism events in Alexandria, Pendleton, and Muncie this summer. The conference served as a wonderful time of fellowship, teaching, and personal challenge for the women,

Women's Bible Study Fellowships

Redeemer's Monday Morning Ladies Bible Study group finished up the discipleship study, "The Forge" then held a luncheon at Olive Garden on March 31. They enjoyed good food and good fellowship and God even provided an opportunity for ministry. While at Olive Garden a couple came up to the group and asked for prayer. The wife has a brain tumor and was getting ready to see a doctor in Anderson. So, the group took time to pray for them and also give them some needed directions to the doctor's office.

On April 7, they began Laura Story's Bible study on "When God Doesn't Fix It." The group includes not only women of Redeemer but also women from other churches. Any and all women are welcome to join this Bible study each Monday at 10 AM.



urging them to utilize their newfound training to spread the gospel in their respective communities.

Overall, the 2nd Annual NAMB Women's Evangelism Conference was a resounding success, leaving the attendees from New Day Baptist Church inspired and ready to make a lasting impact in their ministry and beyond.

The NAMB conference is free and includes meals and lodging at a local large-chain hotel. To find out more, go to the following links:

<https://www.namb.net/evangelism/womenconference2025/>

<https://www.namb.net/evangelism/>

Easter Celebrations, continued

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away, one for a parent and one for a child. For fun, the parent's door prize contained a dozen eggs along with a basket of egg coloring supplies. There were 3 prizes for each age group, 0-5 years, 6-9 years and 10-12 years. Also, the Easter Bunny made an appearance! Of course, the purpose of this event was to share the good news. Pastor Paul Storm gave a short devotion about the death and resurrection of Jesus before the egg hunt started. When he said, "Even the Easter Bunny knows the real reason for Easter; it's celebrating that Jesus is alive!" the silent Easter Bunny jumped up and down, nodding his head and clapping his hands. It was a great day, reaching out to others to share the true meaning of Easter!

Good Friday brought a solemn time of worship, remembering the death of Jesus. The service was held at 6 pm on April 18 and included the commemoration with serving the Lord's Supper.

Easter Sunday morning began with a Sunrise Service at 7:30 am. It was a



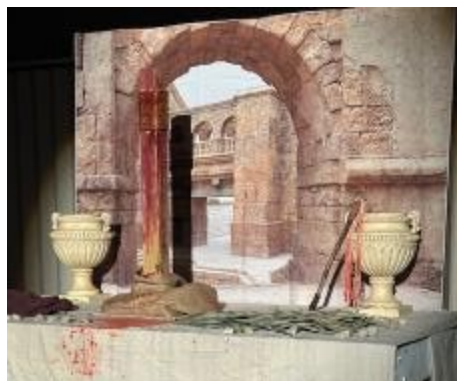
joyful time of celebrating that "He is risen. He is risen, indeed!" Following the Sunrise Service was a fellowship breakfast feast that concluded in time for Sunday School to begin. At the morning worship service, the choir presented the Easter cantata, "Hope Alive in Me." The program, filled with wonderful songs telling the story of

Jesus, was only enhanced by the narration that pinpointed the significance of this historic event and the invitation that is still available today.

New Day

By Deneia Trego

As we faded into the darkness of Good Friday and allowed scriptures to bring to light the passion God displayed on the cross, we realized that "Love hurts." The New Day Baptist Church campuses gathered together at the Muncie campus to commemorate the death of Jesus. Men of New Day (Dale, Josh, Tim, Greg, Tom, Chuck, and Eric G.) read the scriptures. Candles were lit to represent Christ's betrayal, denial, accusation, aloneness, suffering, crucifixion, and death. Throughout the evening, Tami Hubler played songs that drew our hearts deeper into the message of Good Friday to a full house. To God be the Glory!



Left, above & below: Good Friday scenes created at Old Town Hill.



Pastor Dale Trego solemnly shares the events surrounding Jesus' crucifixion.



Above & below: Various men in the church read scripture during the Good Friday service at New Day—Muncie.



ECBA Profit and Loss Statement for March 2025

	Mar 2025	Feb 2025 (PP)	Mar 2024 (PY)	Jan - Mar, 2025 (YTD)
REVENUE				
3025 Mission Building Fund	0.00	0.00	115.00	0.00
4000 Church Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4060 New Day	1,150.00	500.00	500.00	1,650.00
4140 Kingston - Anderson	77.60	86.38	0.00	317.46
4160 North Delaware - Muncie	553.35	0.00	173.65	884.25
4170 Old Town Hill - Muncie	647.66	684.69	0.00	9,621.57
4180 Redeemer - Anderson	0.00	0.00	361.02	470.79
4210 Faith Christian Fellowship	150.00	150.00	35.00	450.00
4230 Integrus	0.00	239.00	0.00	469.00
4240 Remedy City	93.78	83.76	86.52	331.92
4250 Muncie Chinese Christian Fellow	0.00	0.00	0.00	957.88
Total 4000 Church Receipts	2,672.39	1,743.83	1,156.19	15,152.87
Total Revenue	2,672.39	1,743.83	1,271.19	15,152.87
EXPENDITURES				
7000 Administrative Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7010 Other Expense	83.99	69.00	150.94	762.62
7021 Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	672.75
7090 Payroll	1,024.79	1,024.78	1,024.79	3,103.86
7091 Bookkeeping	91.01	60.00	111.90	170.01
Total 7000 Administrative Ministry	1,199.79	1,153.78	1,287.63	4,709.24
7100 Church Health	1,608.91	204.36	3,251.70	2,184.54
7300 Associational Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7310 Disaster Relief	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.11
Total 7300 Associational Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.11
7500 Trustee	0.00	3,201.72	0.00	3,928.74
7700 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	2,808.70	4,559.86	4,539.33	10,831.63
NET OPERATING REVENUE	-136.31	-2,816.03	-3,268.14	4,321.24
NET REVENUE	\$ -136.31	\$ -2,816.03	\$ -3,268.14	\$4,321.24

ECBA Balance Report March 2025

	As of Mar 31, 2025	As of Feb 28, 2025 (PP)	Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
1000 ONB	-20,247.90	-22,232.90	1,985.00
1010 General Budget	35,988.07	38,109.38	-2,121.31
1011 Discretionary Admin Team	7,493.99	7,493.99	0.00
1020 Disaster Relief	-11,232.67	-11,232.67	0.00
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	6,929.24	6,929.24	0.00
1125 BCMH Temp Restricted	149,357.73	149,357.73	0.00
Total 1000 ONB	208,224.84	208,361.15	-136.31
1100 Indiana Baptist Foundation/WatersEdge	12,943.10	12,943.10	0.00
Total Bank Accounts	221,167.94	221,304.25	-136.31
Total Current Assets	221,167.94	221,304.25	-136.31
TOTAL ASSETS	\$221,167.94	\$221,304.25	\$ -136.31
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	171,739.66	171,739.66	0.00
Net Revenue	4,321.24	4,457.55	-136.31
Total Equity	221,167.94	221,304.25	-136.31
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$221,167.94	\$221,304.25	\$ -136.31

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Due to a lack of imminent business, the ECBA Quarterly Meeting scheduled for May 8 at Redeemer Baptist Church has been canceled. We will meet again for our Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 18, at 7 PM at Kingston Avenue Baptist Church in Anderson. Hope to see you there!