

New Day Baptist Leads Community Water Drive for Alexandria Families in Need

By Ceress Beane

When more than 25 homes in a local mobile home park had their water shut off on Monday, August 11, the community of Alexandria wasted no time stepping up to help.

The very next day, New Day Baptist Church organized an emergency water drive to provide relief to affected families, whose water is expected to remain off for several weeks. In just a few short hours, the church and community collected more than 600 gallons of water for residents.

Church member, Ceress Beane, quickly connected with community Facebook pages and local schools, who sent out all-calls to parents spreading the word about the urgent need. Donations poured in between 4–7 p.m., and church members personally delivered the water to families in the mobile home park that same evening.

Support also came from area businesses, with Rural King of Muncie donating an entire pallet of water to the cause.

“What we witnessed was incredible,” organizers said. “An entire community came together in a matter of hours to make sure no one went without.”



For the families facing weeks without running water, the generosity of neighbors, churches, schools, and businesses brought not only much-needed relief but also hope.

Indiana Missions Lifeline Encourages Attendees

By Tami Hubler

On Saturday, August 16, 2025, Calvary Baptist Church in Greenwood hosted Missions Lifeline 2025, a day focused on “Tuning in to God’s Heart for Missions.” Sponsored and funded by the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana (SCBI) and Indiana WMU, the event brought together churches and families from across the state for a day of worship, teaching, and fellowship.

Worship, offered in both English and Korean, was led by New Hope Korean Baptist Church. They also blessed everyone with an authentic Korean lunch featuring bulgogi and chapjae.

Attendees heard powerful messages from leaders with the International Mission Board (IMB) and



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Dr. Ron Ross

The Katecheo

As members of the Southern Baptist Convention, which was organized in 1845, we understand that the two most important words are *evangelism* and *missions*. While both concepts are important and have their place in a Christian's life, the placement of such may not be in keeping with the New Testament presentation of both. *Evangelism* is an interesting word conveying the "*sharing of the Good News*." But what is the "*Good News*?" For many, "*it is the presentation of being born again!*" Indeed, this is a good response, however, it is not the entire answer. Consider a believer contemplating marriage; in that instance the *Good News* involves who, when and why they should marry. When a Christian has been wronged in business with another believer and the only solution is going to trial; the *Good News* for them is the counsel of First Corinthians 6, and how God will be glorified. The *Good News*, in other words, becomes the totality of God's Word. One of our enemies is our own flesh. Our flesh seeks attention and honor producing subconsciously, a good feeling about ourselves, which we conclude is God's way of showing His approval. But wait...

Consider these two words - *doing* and *being* - which of the two words would appear to be more important to God? In reading Scripture, it would appear that *being* supersedes *doing*. What we are dictates what we do. If we believe God is sovereign and shows His sovereignty through pages of Scripture, then we conclude that our relationship with God is far more important to Him than what we do. Consider a *carnal believer* sharing with a nonbeliever the message of

salvation from the Word of God, to which the person receives Christ. The *carnal believer* believes the person received Christ because of him, when in instance God honored His Word. In recent years, we know of the many instances where that was the case. Though we are a new person in Christ Jesus, many times we operate in the strength of our flesh and that is sin.

Recently, this writer was sharing with a group of Christians about the usage of *spiritual gifts*, and the comment was made that *Spirit-filled believers using their spiritual gifts faithfully bring glory to the Father, edify fellow-believers, and may even evangelize nonbelievers to justification in Christ*. That is evangelism the Bible way, commonly called *lifestyle evangelism*.

Regarding the *missionary* -- this was initially referenced in Ephesians 4.11 as an *evangelist*. The Greek word conveys a person taking the message of salvation to those areas of the world which had never heard such a message. As you can see from this month's study, modern-day Christianity has twisted the precious Word of God to fit the mindset of the world and ones' personal flesh, and many do not understand the difference.

Something to consider this September morning.



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

Birthdays

None

Wedding Anniversaries

October 25—Dale and Deneia Trego (New Day, Muncie)

Church Anniversaries

October—Jim Marlow, North Delaware Baptist Church, Muncie, 20 years.

Upcoming October Events

Monday & Tuesday, October 27-28,—State Convention of Baptists in Indiana Summit: Hope—Highland Lakes Baptist Camp, 1591 W Highland Lakes Baptist Cap N Road, Martinsville IN 46151

SBC Emphasis for October

Month of October—Focus on Cooperative Program

October 5 — *CP Sunday*

October 19 — *Day of Prayer for Associational Missions*

October 26 — *Student Baptism Sunday*

Missions Lifeline, Continued

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Hawaii Pacific Disaster Relief. In addition, they learned about ministry projects taking place in Indiana, across the nation, and around the world.

This year's Indiana Spotlight featured presentations from Indiana Disaster Relief and New Life Ministries in Huntington, IN. Opportunities were shared on how churches and individuals can get involved in serving through these vital ministries.

We are especially thankful for the participation of Redeemer Baptist Church and New Day Baptist Church from the East Central Baptist Association, who joined in this celebration of God's mission.



Lynn Mitchell (L) and Diana Johnson from Redeemer.

Missions Lifeline 2025 inspired all who attended to live out the Great Commission with renewed passion, both locally and globally.

Diana Johnson from Redeemer, shared the following about this event:

It was such a privilege to attend the Mission Lifeline Conference in Greenwood. The host church and committee provided a wonderful place to learn more about mission programs and about what missionaries do each

day. Keynote speaker, Jeff Ginn from the International Missions Board (IMB) shared the heart of missions; it is presenting the truth of our Lord and Savior Jesus while living out the truth.

Our own Indiana Disaster Relief Team displayed highlights from their work in Indiana and other states. They showed people who do mudding, use chain saws, cook, do



laundry and special trained chaplains who work and pray with the victims.

The head of the Disaster Relief Team for Hawaii gave a presentation about the hard work needed after the devastating fires on Maui. The Korean Southern Baptist Church from Carmel led music with a very talented praise team. Their church provided



Left to right-Dr Jeff Ginn (IMB), Gay & John Williams (Hawaii Pacific Disaster Relief)

real Korean food as part of the lunch menu. New Life Church in Huntington, Indiana highlighted their ministries all over their city. Each presentation and display table reminded me that, I too, am a missionary right where I live. God created us in His image to praise Him. We can praise Him through our own testimonies of His salvation through his Son.



Redeemer's First Family Taco Night Draws Community

Redeemer Baptist Church in Anderson held their first Family Taco Night on Wednesday, August 6, at 6:00 PM. The event was an



Volunteers are ready and waiting to serve tacos and all the fixings to Family Taco Night attendees.

opportunity to meet people in the community and to sign-up kids for AWANA, which started back up the following Wednesday.

Outreach Director, Tina Brooks, said she thought it went pretty good for the first time to host this. There were between 50 to 75 in attendance and several new families signed their children up for AWANA.



Redeemer's Family Taco Night draws some new faces. Several children were registered for AWANA which began the next Wednesday.

"The Lord Added...Those Who Were Being Saved"



Redeemer's Pastor Paul Storm prepares to baptize Charlotte Hoover on Sunday, August 3.

Fall Festival
 Sept. 26th 2025
 6:30 pm-9:00 pm
New Day Baptist Church
 100 S Holland St Muncie IN 47303
Featuring Mt. Laurel (7:00-8:30)
 Music, Food, Games,
 Face painting
 Hayride, & Dunk Tank

Former ECBA Pastor Passes Away

Dr. Ron Ross shared that Bill Girdler recently passed away. Bill served as pastor at Gaston Baptist Church and Eaton Baptist Church and was faithfully involved in our association. Please remember his family and friends in your prayers.

Following are excerpts from his obituary.

William Brent Girdler, born November 19, 1932 in Somerset, Kentucky, passed away August 24, 2025 in Yorktown, Indiana, age 92.

Left behind to cherish his memory are his

beloved wife, Joyce Ann Girdler to whom he was married on October 5, 1957, in Somerset. Truly blessed in their almost 68 years together, they have three daughters; Rebecca Lynn Stonecypher and her husband Mike, Jeanette Ann Bousman and her husband, Keith, and Deborah Kay Girdler.

They have seven grandchildren and are also blessed with fourteen great grandchildren.

Bill graduated from Pulaski County High School, Somerset, Kentucky in 1952. He also graduated from Clear Creek Baptist

Bible School in 1965. He served in the United States Navy between 1953-57. He pastored seven Southern Baptist Churches in Kentucky and Indiana. He worked at Marsh Warehouse from 1971-1994.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Gideons International. A visitation for William was held Thursday, August 28, 2025 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Elm Ridge Funeral Home, Muncie, IN 47304, with a service at 1:00 PM.

ECBA Profit and Loss Statement for July 2025

	Actual	Budget	Total Remaining
REVENUE			
4000 Church Receipts		31,631.00	31,631.00
4060 New Day	3,850.00	0.00	-3,850.00
4120 Halteman - Muncie		0.00	0.00
4140 Kingston - Anderson	872.17	0.00	-872.17
4160 North Delaware - Muncie	2,014.84	0.00	-2,014.84
4170 Old Town Hill - Muncie	12,143.46	0.00	-12,143.46
4180 Redeemer - Anderson	1,773.10	0.00	-1,773.10
4190 First - Montpelier		0.00	0.00
4210 Faith Christian Fellowship	1,050.00	0.00	-1,050.00
4220 Freedom International Ministries		0.00	0.00
4230 Integris	1,269.00	0.00	-1,269.00
4240 Remedy City	689.33	0.00	-689.33
4250 Muncie Chinese Christian Fellow	957.88	0.00	-957.88
4270 Liberty Christian		0.00	0.00
Total 4000 Church Receipts	24,619.78	31,631.00	7,011.22
Total Revenue	24,619.78	31,631.00	7,011.22
EXPENDITURES			
7000 Administrative Ministry			
7010 Other Expense	1,401.69	1,200.00	-201.69
7021 Insurance	2,214.85	4,896.00	2,681.15
7090 Payroll	7,685.90	10,922.00	3,236.10
7091 Bookkeeping	402.21	1,250.00	847.79
Total 7000 Administrative Ministry	11,704.65	18,268.00	6,563.35
7100 Church Health	5,067.98	3,263.00	-1,804.98
7200 Church Planting		1,000.00	1,000.00
7300 Associational Ministry		2,000.00	2,000.00
7310 Disaster Relief	9.11		-9.11
Total 7300 Associational Ministry	9.11	2,000.00	1,990.89
7400 Baptist Collegiate Ministry		2,000.00	2,000.00
7500 Trustee	3,928.74	5,100.00	1,171.26
Total Expenditures	20,710.48	31,631.00	10,920.52
NET OPERATING REVENUE	3,909.30	0.00	-3,909.30
NET REVENUE	\$3,909.30	\$0.00	\$ -3,909.30

ECBA Balance Report July 2025

	As of Jul 31, 2025	As of Jun 30, 2025 (PP)	Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
1000 ONB	-568.57	-802.42	233.85
1010 General Budget	18,574.88	19,438.12	-863.24
1011 Discretionary Admin Team	7,493.99	7,493.99	0.00
1020 Disaster Relief	-12,658.09	-12,658.09	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	6,248.36	6,248.36	0.00
1125 BCMH Temp Restricted	149,357.73	149,357.73	0.00
Total 1000 ONB	208,384.68	209,014.07	-629.39
1100 Indiana Baptist Foundation/WatersEdge	13,563.29	13,563.29	0.00
Total Bank Accounts	221,947.97	222,577.36	-629.39
Total Current Assets	221,947.97	222,577.36	-629.39
TOTAL ASSETS	\$221,947.97	\$222,577.36	\$ -629.39
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	173,045.00	173,045.00	0.00
Net Revenue	3,795.93	4,425.32	-629.39
Total Equity	221,947.97	222,577.36	-629.39
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$221,947.97	\$222,577.36	\$ -629.39

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Annual ECBA Associational Meeting

Thursday, September 18th, 2025

Kingston Avenue Baptist Church

5304 Kingston Avenue

Anderson IN 46013

7:00 p.m. Associational Meeting

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal

Speaker: Nan Orr, sharing about her Cuban Mission Trip