

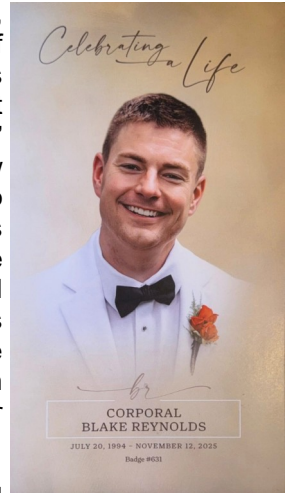
The Gospel Is Shared through Tragedy

By Craig Standish

In the early morning hours of November 12, 2025, Deputy Sheriff Cpl Blake Reynolds, Delaware County, was killed in the line of duty while assisting a stranded motorist. Cpl Reynolds is remembered by his dedication to service, leadership skills, and his devotion to his faith in Jesus Christ. Cpl Reynolds is the son of Pastor Bruce and Melissa Reynolds of Old Town Hill Southern Baptist Church in Muncie. He was recently married to his wife, Allison. The death of Cpl Reynolds has brought great sadness to the Delaware County Community. His death has also brought about a renewed respect and recognition of the daily duties and risks of law enforcement officers across our great country. Shortly after Blake's death, Pastor Bruce and Melissa shared their heartfelt desire to see people come to the saving knowledge of Jesus through this horrific tragedy. Their main desire was to see Jesus lifted up. And, that was certainly the case throughout the private and public ceremonies honoring Blake's life.

As a part of the public ceremony on Saturday, November 22, 2025, Delaware County Sheriff Tony Skinner, who is also a member of Old Town Hill Baptist Church, eulogized Cpl Reynolds. As his closing remarks the Sheriff called for people to turn to Christ. Dustin Reynolds, Blake's brother, who is an agent with the federal Drug

Enforcement Agency, offered remembrances of Blake. He, too, ended his eulogy with a call to "get ready now, don't wait," and called for law enforcement officers to pray and receive Christ as their Savior. Pastor Bruce Reynolds also shared memories regarding his son and called for people to turn away from their sin and accept Christ as their Lord and Savior.



Cpl Reynolds was killed on a Wednesday morning while his parents were in Virginia to attend the Drug Enforcement Agency graduation ceremony of their youngest son, Dustin. Bruce and Melissa went on to attend the graduation ceremony, after receiving the news of Blake's death. Dustin, who was the spokesman for his class, shared a message of encouragement to the class of law enforcement graduates, without his classmates knowing he had lost his brother just hours prior to his speech. (Dustin didn't want to diminish the joy of celebration for his classmates.) Shortly after the

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New Day Baptist Church Honors Veterans

By Ceres Beane

New Day in Alexandria hosted a special dinner to honor the veterans of the church on Monday, November 10 at 6:00 PM. The event was open to



all veterans and their families, continuing a wonderful tradition the church has upheld for several years. A heartfelt thank-you to the amazing ladies who organized the dinner and to all who have served our country!



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Dr. Ron Ross

The Katecheo

As the Thanksgiving season comes to an end, we are immediately confronted by the Christmas season with the entrance of bright lights, trees for sale and, of course, the array of newest toys and gadgets for the consumer to purchase. As youngsters, this was the best time of the year, and the whole meaning of Christmas was to see, or better yet, have a picture of yourself sitting on Santa's knee. We all might remember putting Santa's favorite dessert or drink on display for him to enjoy while expressing our appreciation for all he would bring to our home.

Now that we are older, most realize such a belief is a back-belief; yet for so many that belief is peddled to the youngsters by those who know better, but continue to spread the falsehood. One might question -- is it Christlike to spread such a story? Do you realize such a portrayal was initiated by Satan in the Garden of Eden with Eve, and the practice of deception continues right up to this moment.

Thinking about the Christian message, and more importantly, the Bible itself, we are reminded by Jesus' half

-brother, James, in James 4.4, (stated in the NASB'95), "... do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God." Then some years later, the apostle John, charged by Jesus from the cross to take care of His mother, Mary, stated similar words in First John 2.15, "Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

Jesus was conceived in Mary's body by the Holy Spirit; thus, He was born without sin. As the sinless, only begotten of the Father, He was the only One who could "pay in full" the sin-debt incurred on everyone born in "time." He was the only One that could "propitiate" the sin-debt for God's elect, and He did so. Because of His completed work on Calvary, Christians celebrate His birth, the One who has always been in eternity past and was born in time at His incarnation, and will live forever in eternity with His Own. This is the reason we celebrate Christmas and the Savior who intercedes for us even today. Rejoice in Him!

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graduation ceremony, Bruce and Melissa returned home to mourn the loss of their son. On the Sunday following Blake's death, Pastor Bruce stood before Old Town Hill Baptist Church, thanking them for the outpouring of love he and his wife had received. At that time he shared that people had already come to Christ as a result of Blake's death. The following Sunday, the day after Blake's public ceremony, Pastor Bruce preached a message from I John 3. Following that message two more people accepted Christ as their Savior. - To God be the glory!

In the frailty of life, as we know that tomorrow is not promised to us, the best we can do as Christians is to serve Christ with all of our heart, soul, strength, and mind and to trust that God will be honored in our death. For Cpl Blake Reynolds, this holds true. Please continue to pray for Blake's wife, Allie; his parents, Bruce and Melissa; and his brother, Dustin; as they continue to seek the Lord through their grief.

Editor's note: Blake Reynolds funeral service was broadcasted by WISH-TV in Indianapolis. Thousands of people watched it and heard the gospel presented several times. It is still available on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WISHNews8/videos/823790010449251>. We may never know how many lives have been drawn to Christ through this tragic event. Thanks be to God for His faithful servants who, through their grief, pointed to Jesus and His sacrifice that will enable them to see Blake again, for all of eternity.

Upcoming Events In January

SBC Emphasis for January

January 4-11 —January Bible Study Week

January 18—Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

January

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

Birthdays

None

Anniversaries

January 23—Jim & Jama Marlow's anniversary (North Delaware—Muncie)

Church Anniversaries

None

Thanksgiving Celebrated with Food, Fellowship and Worship

On Sunday, November 23, Redeemer Baptist Church gathered together with family, friends, and visitors to celebrate Thanksgiving. A pitch-in dinner was served at 5 p.m. and was followed by a time of worship through music by the Southern Gospel Music group, The Riddells, at 6:30 p.m.

The Riddells have been ministering through gospel music since 2001. Based out of Anderson, Indiana, the group is made up of a mom and her

son and daughter. They have had many experiences along their journey and "have found God to be ever faithful." Their opportunities to sing have taken them to 19 states as well as Jamaica. They testify that their music is not a hobby, a pastime, or even an occupation.; it is a calling.

Redeemer was happy to welcome several visitors to join them for good food, fellowship, and worship.



The church's fellowship hall was full with Redeemer's family and several guests for the Thanksgiving dinner.



The Riddells shared their testimony and sang songs, worshipping God, following the Thanksgiving dinner.



Tables were lined up down the hallway and laden with an abundance of food.



New Day Baptist Church opened up their Pendleton location on Thanksgiving Day for a traditional Thanksgiving meal for anyone who did not have somewhere to go or who just wanted to celebrate Thanksgiving with them. Lots of good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

New Day Baptist Church Continues to Support Operation Christmas Child and Serve as a Collection Site.

Again this year, New Day Baptist Church supported Operation Christmas Child by packing shoeboxes and serving as a collection center for OCC shoeboxes. This was the 6th year that New Day has served as a drop off

location. As an official drop-off location they are listed on the OCC website and churches and individuals from around the area bring their packed shoeboxes to them.

Once the shoeboxes are dropped off, volunteers pack them into cartons, usually 15-16 boxes per carton. At the end of the collection period, they load them into a trailer which is taken to a location where they are loaded into semis and delivered to the OCC processing centers.



**PRAISE GOD
& THANK YOU!**

**We packed over 100 boxes
We collected 1,085 boxes**



From there, the processing centers prepare them for delivery to the areas where they will pass them out to the children. This all helps to fulfill the mission of Operation Christmas Child to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. It's all about sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and making disciples of the nations.



Wycliffe Missionary Speakers Share about their Work in Bible Translation



On Saturday, November 22, New Day Baptist Church in Pendleton hosted a dinner and an opportunity to hear from Wycliffe Missionary speakers about their work in Bible translation. Wycliffe believes that "Bible translation is essential for discipleship, evangelism and church planting. Access to Scripture allows people to connect intimately with God, understand the Bible and grow as followers of Jesus." To this end, the missionaries help in providing scripture to all language groups, that they might know God and the salvation that comes through Jesus Christ and grow through His Word.

ECBA Profit and Loss Statement for November 2025

	Oct 2025	Sep 2025 (PP)	Oct 2024 (PY)	Jan - Oct, 2025 (YTD)
REVENUE				
3025 Mission Building Fund (deleted)	0.00	0.00	115.00	0.00
4000 Church Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4060 New Day	550.00	550.00	500.00	5,500.00
4140 Kingston - Anderson	121.35	83.48	181.28	1,077.00
4160 North Delaware - Muncie	130.50	214.81	281.25	2,360.15
4170 Old Town Hill - Muncie	2,155.98	0.00	0.00	14,299.44
4180 Redeemer - Anderson	541.88	0.00	0.00	2,873.21
4210 Faith Christian Fellowship	150.00	150.00	35.00	1,500.00
4230 Integris	137.00	132.00	246.00	1,538.00
4240 Remedy City	95.89	249.29	120.95	1,034.51
4250 Muncie Chinese Christian Fellow	0.00	0.00	0.00	957.88
Total 4000 Church Receipts	3,882.60	1,379.58	1,364.48	31,140.19
Total Revenue	3,882.60	1,379.58	1,479.48	31,140.19
EXPENDITURES				
7000 Administrative Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7010 Office & Other Misc. Expenses	565.51	274.41	69.00	2,241.61
7021 Insurance	2,235.50	0.00	2,259.75	4,450.35
7090 Payroll	1,024.78	1,024.79	1,024.78	10,247.87
7091 Bookkeeping	15.00	30.00	118.50	447.21
Total 7000 Administrative Ministry	3,840.79	1,329.20	3,472.03	17,387.04
7100 Church Health	1,000.00	0.00	180.00	6,067.98
7110 VBS	331.60	0.00	0.00	331.60
Total 7100 Church Health	1,331.60	0.00	180.00	6,399.58
7300 Associational Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7310 Disaster Relief	2,911.58	0.00	583.71	2,920.69
Total 7300 Associational Ministry	2,911.58	0.00	583.71	2,920.69
7500 Trustee	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,928.74
Total Expenditures	8,083.97	1,329.20	4,235.74	30,636.05
NET OPERATING REVENUE	-4,201.37	50.38	-2,756.26	504.14
NET REVENUE	\$ -4,201.37	\$50.38	\$ -2,756.26	\$504.14

ECBA Balance Report November 2025

	As of Oct 31, 2025	As of Sep 30, 2025 (PP)	Total Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
1000 ONB	105,092.89	16,929.70	88,163.19
1010 General Budget (deleted)	0.00	21,209.28	-21,209.28
1011 Discretionary Admin Team (deleted)	0.00	7,493.99	-7,493.99
1020 Disaster Relief (deleted)	0.00	-12,658.09	12,658.09
1025 Mission Building Capital Fund (deleted)	0.00	9,957.19	-9,957.19
1035 Church P&H Fund (deleted)	0.00	-3,316.06	3,316.06
1040 OMC (deleted)	0.00	407.84	-407.84
1055 Funds Temporarily Restricted (deleted)	0.00	7,366.43	-7,366.43
1111 Church P&H ROI (deleted)	0.00	6,248.36	-6,248.36
1125 BCMH Temp Restricted (deleted)	0.00	149,357.73	-149,357.73
Total 1000 ONB	105,092.89	202,996.37	-97,903.48
1100 Indiana Baptist Foundation/WatersEdge	113,563.29	13,563.29	100,000.00
Total Bank Accounts	218,656.18	216,559.66	2,096.52
Total Current Assets	218,656.18	216,559.66	2,096.52
TOTAL ASSETS	\$218,656.18	\$216,559.66	\$2,096.52
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Total Liabilities			0.00
Equity			
20000 Opening Balance Equity	45,107.04	38,809.15	6,297.89
22000 Unrestricted Net Assets	173,045.00	173,045.00	0.00
Net Revenue	504.14	4,705.51	-4,201.37
Total Equity	218,656.18	216,559.66	2,096.52
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$218,656.18	\$216,559.66	\$2,096.52

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