

Winter Storm Affects ECBA Churches

Weather forecasters had been predicting it for several days: snow, wind, cold, making being outside or traveling dangerous. And, they were correct. The storm hit Indiana with the worst of it coming on Sunday. That left our churches in a dilemma about what to do for their usual Sunday services.

All were concerned about the safety of their congregation. Some canceled services completely. Integris in Albany, Kingston Avenue in Anderson, Old Town Hill in Muncie, Redeemer in Anderson, and Remedy City in Muncie all reported closing for the day. New Day in Alexandria held their worship service at the church and had about 20 people attend. Pastor Chris Hubler said it was not a problem with 4-wheel drive but encouraged people to stay safe and join them from home on Facebook or YouTube. Chris said he was surprised when Church Planting Catalyst, Doug Jividen, showed up for worship. Doug was in the area visiting family and said he knew Chris would have a worship service for any who could attend, so he did. New Day's Muncie Campus also was



open. Pastor Dale Trego did a Facebook live stream for those who couldn't attend. North Delaware in Muncie, pastor Jim Marlow also did a Facebook live stream from home. The Muncie Chinese Christian Fellowship held a Zoom virtual worship service online with about 14-15 attending. Each church's desire was to honor God and meet the needs of their unique congregations.

New Day Attends Refuel Worship Conference

By Tami Hubler

New Day Baptist Church's worship team recently had the joy of attending the Refuel Worship Conference at Bethel University in Mishawaka, Indiana—an annual rhythm of encouragement and growth that our team has been part of for the past 10 years. With participants from both the Pendleton and Alexandria campuses, Refuel has become a meaningful opportunity to come together, worship, and return home strengthened for the work God has entrusted to us.

Refuel is more than an event—it's a time of refreshment and learning for everyone involved in leading worship. Vocalists, musicians, sound, and



production team members all benefit from focused training, practical breakout sessions, and the shared experience of worshipping

alongside other churches. Each year, our team comes away with new skills, fresh ideas, and renewed hearts—reminded that excellence in worship leadership is rooted not only in preparation, but in abiding in Christ. To learn more, go to refuelconference.com.



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Dr. Ron Ross

The Katecheo

As we watch the national news on the network of our choice, we see the arrest of people from other nations that have not yet sought citizenship in America. Many of those arrested have sought asylum in our country for a variety of reasons - especially for safety. That was the type of people Peter was writing in the early A.D. 60's, as he penned a couple letters to those who fled to modern day Turkey. His readers were Christians who fled Israel for their safety. They were termed "*aliens*" of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia.

As you consider the recipients of First and Second Peter, attempt to put yourself in the place of an "*alien*." Socially, you would have spoken a different language from those around you. You probably had no local friends, employment was probably nonexistent, not to add any health problems. These Christians were emotionally low, and Peter is led to share a message of hope with these despondent members of Christ's Body.

Peter's very first paragraph begins with the reality that they had been "...chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to

obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood:" (1 Peter 1.1-2). First, notice the mention of the Trinity and their individual and corporate works in a completed work. For most Christians, the concept of *salvation* is limited to *being justified through the process of the new birth*; an evidence we understand so little about the doctrine of *soteriology*.

Soteriology is the doctrine of the study of *salvation*. Volumes have been written on this doctrine throughout the history of the Church, and yet ignorance prevails on this crucial topic. So many professing Christian believe they were given a choice in their salvation, which is contrary to this passage, as well as Ephesians 1.4. Salvation is a gift of God; therefore, it is not chosen nor earned. These "*alien*" believers had to be reminded of God's design in respect to the doctrines of *justification*, *sanctification* and *glorification* (doctrines explained in Paul's Letter to the Roman Church).

Our national news programs can enable us to see firsthand how we and others treat the "*alien*." Something to ponder on these cold days!

Halteman Village Charter Member Passes Away

Shared by Jon Nichols

Betty Coffey, a charter member of Halteman Village Baptist Church, passed away Sunday December 7 in the care of hospice staff at Ball Hospital. Betty attended the Bible study at a home on Oakwood Avenue in Muncie that became the Church on October 2, 1960. Her husband, Hoyt, worked for Joe Halteman, the developer of the

neighborhood who gave the land for the



building. Betty was on the 50th anniversary committee in 2010 and stated she wouldn't be able to be on the 60th anniversary committee because she wouldn't be alive. However, in 2020, she spent each Sunday in October showing people items in the display for the 60th anniversary. After Halteman Village ceased meeting she began attending North Delaware Baptist Church which had been a Church plant from Halteman Village.

CHRONOLOGICAL MEMBERSHIP ROLL

This is the permanent church roll. Use info. Start Each Associational Year on New Page.

MEMBERSHIP RECEIVED						
Membership Number	Date Baptized	Date Letter Received	Date Expiration or Restoration	Name	Address (Use Pencil)	Discipline Number
1	10-2-60			Betty Coffey	RR #1 Yorktown, IN 47458	49
2	10-2-60			Barbara Wilson		44
3	10-2-60			Walter Myers		7
4	10-2-60			Barbara Myers		21
5	10-2-60			William H. Rouse	Wainwright, IN 47458	3
6	10-2-60			Marjorie Henry	2312 Locust	
7	10-2-60			Marjorie Henry	2312 Locust	
8	10-2-60			Edith Harrison		
9	10-2-60			Phyllis Page	4501 N. Whiteburg	2-2-80
10	10-2-60			Betty Coffey	RR #1 Yorktown, IN 47458	49
11	10-2-60			Rev. R. R. Myers	1909 Locust	5
12	10-2-60			Rev. James W. Hinkle	801 Cassman	10-2-80
13	10-2-60			Walter Myers	801 Cassman	10-2-80
14	10-2-60			John R. Huff		6
15	10-2-60			Barbara E. Huff		7
16	10-2-60			Kate J. Huff		8
17	10-2-60			Harold W. Taylor	4313 3rd St. S.W.	9
18	10-2-60			Marjorie Taylor	2312 Locust	10
19	10-2-60			Don Taylor		11
20	10-2-60			Rev. W. H. Harrison	1909 Locust	

Upcoming Events In March

March 12—6:00 p.m., Semi-Annual Meeting at Old Town Hill Baptist Church, 3000 S Burlington Dr., Muncie IN 47302. Fellowship Meal at 6:00 PM

SBC Emphasis for March

March 1 - 8—North American Mission Board Week of Prayer & Annie Armstrong Offering

March 22—Church Planting Emphasis

March

We do not have any birthdays or anniversaries in March. Please pray for all of our pastors, their wives, and families.

ECBA Profit and Loss Statement for December 2025

	Jan - Dec 2025 (YTD)	Jan - Dec 2024 (PY)	TOTAL
REVENUE			
3025 Mission Building Fund (deleted)	0.00		1,058.61
4000 Church Receipts	0.00		0.00
4060 New Day	6,600.00		6,000.00
4140 Kingston - Anderson	1,268.76		2,860.87
4160 North Delaware - Muncie	2,651.93		2,704.75
4170 Old Town Hill - Muncie	15,612.15		5,795.81
4180 Redeemer - Anderson	3,504.96		2,614.86
4210 Faith Christian Fellowship	1,650.00		500.00
4230 Integrus	1,748.00		1,737.00
4240 Remedy City	1,177.99		1,127.15
4250 Muncie Chinese Christian Fellow	957.88		0.00
Total 4000 Church Receipts	35,171.67		23,340.44
Total Revenue	35,171.67		24,399.05
EXPENDITURES			
7000 Administrative Ministry	0.00		0.00
7010 Office & Other Misc. Expenses	2,530.99		1,904.39
7021 Insurance	4,450.35		4,388.35
7090 Payroll	12,297.45		12,297.45
7091 Bookkeeping	677.21		679.30
Total 7000 Administrative Ministry	19,956.00		19,269.49
7100 Church Health	6,067.98		8,126.99
7110 VBS	331.60		0.00
Total 7100 Church Health	6,399.58		8,126.99
7200 Church Planting	0.00		2,000.00
7300 Associational Ministry	0.00		802.41
7310 Disaster Relief	3,473.27		4,507.71
Total 7300 Associational Ministry	3,473.27		5,310.12
7500 Trustee	3,928.74		7,768.95
7700 Miscellaneous	0.00		900.00
Total Expenditures	33,757.59		43,375.55
NET OPERATING REVENUE	1,414.08		-18,976.50
OTHER REVENUE			
Endowment ROI	0.00		0.00
Dividends Earned	26.26		0.00
Realized Gains/Losses	224.15		0.00
Unrealized Gains/Losses	564.96		0.00
Total Endowment ROI	815.37		0.00
Interest Income	806.34		0.00
Total Other Revenue	1,621.71		0.00
OTHER EXPENDITURES			
Reconciliation Discrepancies-1	0.00		-1,305.34
Total Other Expenditures	0.00		-1,305.34
NET OTHER REVENUE	1,621.71		1,305.34
NET REVENUE	\$3,035.79		\$-17,671.16

ECBA Balance Report December 2025

	As of Dec 31, 2025	As of Dec 31, 2024 (PY)	Total Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
1000 ONB	106,365.95	9,565.82	96,800.13
1010 General Budget (deleted)	0.00	19,159.14	-19,159.14
1011 Discretionary Admin Team (deleted)	0.00	7,493.99	-7,493.99
1020 Disaster Relief (deleted)	0.00	-8,010.27	8,010.27
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	6,929.24	-6,929.24
1125 BCMH Temp Restricted (deleted)	0.00	149,357.73	-149,357.73
Total 1000 ONB	106,365.95	198,911.05	-92,545.10
1010 WatersEdge Endowment 87745	14,027.90	12,943.10	1,084.80
1020 WatersEdge Invest 90043901	100,793.98		100,793.98
Total Bank Accounts	221,187.83	211,854.15	9,333.68
Total Current Assets	221,187.83	211,854.15	9,333.68
TOTAL ASSETS	\$221,187.83	\$211,854.15	\$9,333.68
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Total Liabilities			0.00
Equity			
2000 Opening Balance Equity	45,107.04	38,809.15	6,297.89
2200 Unrestricted Net Assets	173,045.00	190,716.16	-17,671.16
Net Revenue	3,035.79	-17,671.16	20,706.95
Total Equity	221,187.83	211,854.15	9,333.68
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$221,187.83	\$211,854.15	\$9,333.68

Redeemer Ladies Begin Bible Study on "Having a Mary Spirit"

Redeemer's Ladies Bible Study began studying "Having a Mary Spirit" by Joanna Weaver on January 12. The 12-week Bible study looks at the Biblical Marys and others whose experience with God changed their lives. The study points to a lasting transformation and encourages a cry to God, "Lord, whatever it takes, make me like You!"

The ladies meet every Monday morning at 10:00 am at the church. This Bible study draws not only women in the church but women from other churches. All women are welcome to join this class at any time.

The group finished up "The Miracle and Marvel of Advent" in early December just in time for Christmas. As has been their custom, an in-between-studies luncheon was held once the study was completed.



Redeemer's Ladies Bible Study group held their in-between Bible studies luncheon in December at the Anderson Grill. Inclement weather resulted in a much smaller than usual group but it was still a good time of fellowship and fun.



Pee Wee Basketball for 3-5 year olds every Saturday in February at 10 AM at Redeemer Baptist Church in Anderson

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Don't Forget!!

ECBA Semi-Annual Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2026

Old Town Hill Baptist Church

3000 S Burlington Drive

Muncie IN 47302

Fellowship Meal 6:00 PM

Meeting 7:00 PM