

Churches Celebrate Holidays in a Variety of Ways

Holidays provide an opportunity for our churches to worship and celebrate in special ways. This holiday season was no exception. Although Indiana experienced some unusually cold and blustery weather, some of the churches were still able to hold special services for their congregation and visitors.

On December 3rd, Old Town Hill Baptist Church in Muncie presented a Christmas Drama. This special service gave the opportunity for 8 people to make a profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

On Christmas Eve, Integris Community Church in Albany held a special Candlelight Service at 6 p.m. at the church. They also invited people to come a half hour earlier for a special time of prayer.

The Redeemer Baptist Church choir presented the Christmas Program, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," during their morning worship service on Christmas Eve. An Anderson Herald Bulletin reporter attended the service and wrote about it for the Christmas Day publication of the paper. (See story at: http://www.heraldbulletin.com/news/local_news/church-choir-s-musical-celebrates-the-coming-of-christ/article_667695f5-d181-57e1-a171-3097cfb2fedd.html.)

Pastor Chris Hubler of New Day Baptist Church said that the weather significantly decreased their attendance for Christmas Eve but that they did have "an awesome New Year's Eve party." Even that was delayed a week because of weather. Festivities began at 7:00 pm, a week later on January 7th at the Pendleton Campus. They

2018 ECBA Newsletter Gets Off to a Delayed Start

By Pat Storm

When the Association voted to begin monthly newsletters again, plans were made to have them published by the 20th of each month. This date gave us a start to promote calendar events for the next month plus time for the treasurer to finish the previous month's financial reports. Unfortunately, this month the first of our monthly newsletters didn't get published by the 20th. This was due to my unexpected hospital stay and time for recuperation. Regrettably, the February newsletter will also be delayed because of my upcoming surgery. Hopefully, beginning in March, each one will be published on time. I trust you enjoy reading our monthly newsletters. Article contributions and any suggestions for articles can be sent to me, Pat Storm, ECBA Administrative Assistant, at ecba@theecba.com. You are also welcome to just call me at 765-623-3940 and I will be happy to write up the article for you.



This photo of the Redeemer Baptist Church choir appeared on the front page of the Anderson Herald Bulletin on Christmas Day. A newspaper reporter attended the Christmas Eve service and wrote about this holiday service.

started off with food and Picture Time at the picture booth. At 7:30 pm there was a Talent Show that included some serious presentations and some hilarious ones. This was followed by a White Elephant Gift Exchange and games including NDBC Family Feud.

At 9:30 p.m. New Day looked at their Year in Review then had a countdown to their 2018 Fast. The corporate fast was planned for January 8 – 12. Their prayer focus was on new believer salvation, unity, small group growth, emerging leaders, pastoral leadership, Pendleton and Muncie campus growth, and finances. Three types of fasts were suggested for those who chose to participate: Full Fast - drinking only liquids; The Daniel Fast - eating no meats, sweets, or bread, drinking only water and juice, and eating fruits and vegetables; Partial Fast - not eating from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or from sun up to sun down or give up at least one item of food. Regardless of the choice to participate, all were encouraged to devote this special time in

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The EDUCATION COORDINATOR shares...

SBC Emphasis This Month

As we continue to remember our January or Winter Bible Study during this month, we also turn our attention to the January 21 observance of Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Christians should be outraged by the staggering fact that over 60.1 million babies have been murdered by the abortion process since the legalization of this barbarous act by a Supreme Court ruling on January 22, 1973 (more than 24,500 since January 1, 2018). Obviously, the average American is not outraged by such statistics unless it affects their wallet; after all, times have changed and people must adjust to the norms of society. As Southern Baptists of East Central Baptist Association, we must take a stand for the dignity and rights of the unborn. Coupled with the barbaric practice of abortion is the rising instances of pregnancies among the unmarried.

As a localized body of Southern Baptist believers, we must improve and increase our efforts in combating the demise of the family unit. Pastors and church leaders must

address the issue of human life and the sanctity of life as portrayed in Psalm 139. Solomon states in Ecclesiastes 3.1-2, *“There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven—a time to give birth and a time to die.”* Inherent in such a statement is the premise of a Creator who provides and ends the gift of life as He designed.

In a culture ignoring the mandates of Scripture, it is understandable that the natural inclinations of human flesh too often lead to unwanted pregnancies, discarded babies, and the guilt felt by both parents for years to come.

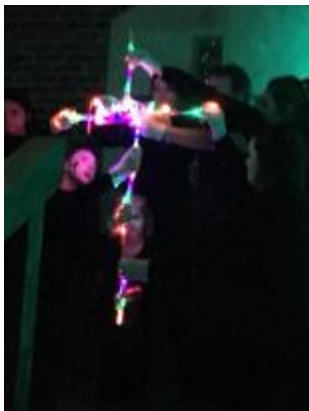
On January 21, encourage your church family to take a stand for the sanctity of human life. It can have an impact on your children and youth, and it can impact friends and neighbors. Let’s stand for life!

Dr Ron Ross

ECBA Educational Coordinator

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drawing closer to God and seeking His will for themselves and the New Day body of believers.



Beautiful and touching.



No party is complete without good food and good fellowship.



“Sonny and Cher” sing at New Day’s New Year’s Eve Party.



The Talent Show included serious as well as funny presentations.



Happy New Year!



“Cher” and her mini me.

**East Central Baptist Association
Profit and Loss Statement for December 2017**

	<u>Dec 17</u>	<u>Nov 17</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
Income			
4000 · Church Receipts			
4120 · Halteman - Muncie	366.30	480.96	-114.66
4140 · Kingston - Anderson	127.46	0.00	127.46
4160 · North Delaware - Muncie	164.95	181.55	-16.60
4170 · Old Town Hill - Muncie	987.00	1,870.00	-883.00
4180 · Redeemer - Anderson	1,347.41	0.00	1,347.41
4190 · First - Montpelier	95.00	95.00	0.00
4210 · Faith Christian Fellowship	140.00	140.00	0.00
4230 · Integris	0.00	565.26	-565.26
4240 · Remedy City	38.71	76.71	-38.00
4250 · Muncie Chinese Christian Fellow	0.00	373.38	-373.38
Total 4000 · Church Receipts	<u>3,266.83</u>	<u>3,782.86</u>	<u>-516.03</u>
Total Income	3,266.83	3,782.86	-516.03
Expense			
7000 · Administrative Ministry			
7010 · Other Expense	816.87	7.16	809.71
7021 · Insurance	583.00	0.00	583.00
7090 · Payroll	189.16	378.31	-189.15
Total 7000 · Administrative Ministry	<u>1,589.03</u>	<u>385.47</u>	<u>1,203.56</u>
Total Expense	<u>1,589.03</u>	<u>385.47</u>	<u>1,203.56</u>
Net Income	<u>1,677.80</u>	<u>3,397.39</u>	<u>-1,719.59</u>

East Central Baptist Association Balance Report for December 2017

	<u>Dec 17</u>	<u>Nov 17</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
1000 · ONB			
1010 · General Budget	32,958.32	31,395.52	1,562.80
1011 · Discretionary Admin Team	9,233.69	9,233.69	0.00
1015 · BCM Rent Deposit	0.00	0.00	0.00
1016 · BCM Capital Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
1025 · Mission Building Capital Fund	4,137.93	4,022.93	115.00
1035 · Church P&H Fund	6,297.89	6,297.89	0.00
1040 · OMC	1,307.84	1,307.84	0.00
1051 · ECBA Endowment	0.00	0.00	0.00
1055 · Funds Temporarily Restricted	2,599.78	2,599.78	0.00
Total 1000 · ONB	<u>56,535.45</u>	<u>54,857.65</u>	<u>1,677.80</u>
1100 · Indiana Baptist Foundation			
1110 · ECBA Endowment	9,637.51	9,637.51	0.00
1111 · Church P&H ROI	903.14	903.14	0.00
1120 · Church P&H Fund	17,781.95	17,781.95	0.00
1125 · BCMH Temp Restricted	145,385.13	145,385.13	0.00
Total 1100 · Indiana Baptist Foundation	<u>173,707.73</u>	<u>173,707.73</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>230,243.18</u>	<u>228,565.38</u>	<u>1,677.80</u>

Upcoming Events

February 1—10:00 a.m. Leader Lab and Pastors Luncheon at New Day Baptist Church, 518 N Pendleton Avenue, Pendleton IN 46064

February 10—10:00 a.m. ECBA Leadership Meeting at Redeemer Baptist Church, 3230 Lindberg Road, Anderson IN 46 012

SBC Emphasis for February

Entire Month—“True Love Waits” Emphasis

February 11—Racial Reconciliation Sunday

February 12-18—Focus on WMU

February 17—Children’s Missions Day



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

Birthdays

February 12—Greg Haisley (Integris Community Church, Albany)

ECBA Ladies Retreat

The ECBA Ladies Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 28th, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Old Town Hill Baptist Church in Muncie. Christian Gospel Recording Artist, Cheri Taylor will be leading worship and speaking on the theme “Don’t Waste Your Life.” Following is the proposed schedule for this event:

- 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. - Worship
- 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. - Breakout 1
- 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. - Lunch
- 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. - Breakout 2
- 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. - Breakout 3
- 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. - Close
- 4:00 p.m. - Benediction

The committee is still working on finalizing everything. If you have a favorite topic you would like to see shared in a breakout session or if you have a suggestion for a breakout speaker, please let Mary Fullhart know. Mary can be reached by text or voice at 765-760-9526 or by email at fullhartmary@gmail.com.

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**Plan now to attend the
Semi-Annual ECBA Meeting**

Speaker: Chris Hubler

Thursday, March 15, 2018

7:00 p.m.

New Day Baptist Church—Alexandria

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Alexandria IN 46001

ECBA Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.