

ECBA Quarterly Meeting Hears Reports, Elects Team Members

The ECBA Quarterly meeting was held on Thursday, May 17th at Halteman Village Baptist Church in Muncie. Five ECBA churches were represented by 7 messengers. Messengers were seated, meeting minutes were approved, and reports were given.

Church Ministry Team Leader, Sharon Armstrong, was unable to attend, but Jon Nichols shared her written report. The **Evangelism Ministry** had the privilege of teaching a group of ladies the “Share Your Faith” gospel presentation during the Ladies Retreat at Old Town Hill on April 28th. The **Women’s International Ministry** had a very busy semester. They were blessed with 12 International ladies and 4 American ladies in addition to one to four children at the meetings. The countries represented were Bangladesh, Uganda, Japan, Korea, China, Burkino Faso, Taiwan and Iran. The women made oatmeal cookies, Valentine bread, cabbage bean soup, cheese coffee cake, pizza, French bread, rice and vegetables. Some of the crafts and decorations that were created were pot holders, heart-shaped boxes, and paintings using card stock, dye and bubbles, which created some beautiful paintings. They also painted portraits of each other. That was a lot of fun! They had a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing about Jesus. Their last meeting for the semester will be the end of May. The **Educational Ministry** sent print-out materials to all of our churches in order that all churches could give attention to the special emphasis of Easter, the Baptist Doctrine Study, and SBC Seminary Sunday. May emphases included Senior Adult Day and Christian Home Week. “Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday,” is July 1

Looking for Singers and Sharers

Grace Community Missionary Baptist Church is hosting a Block Party on Saturday, July 14th from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Food Pantry, 420 W Howard Street in Muncie. There will be a cookout and Pastor Cedric Anderson will be preaching. They would like to have singers and musicians to provide music throughout the day plus they are looking for people who will help share Jesus with the attendees. This is a great opportunity for our ECBA churches to work together to spread the gospel. If you are willing to sing or play an instrument or help by sharing Jesus, please contact Joe Fox by text or phone call at 765-729-1366.

and information will be shared in the June issue of THE COMMUNICATOR.

The **Church Health Team** reported that 8 people attended the VBS training at Redeemer on May 5. The ECBA Ladies Retreat at Old Town Hill on April 28th was well attended. More information on the retreat will be provided at a later time. There was no Church Planting report or Ad Hoc Committee Report. The Ad Hoc Committee has been assembled and are in preliminary discussion and planning a report for the annual meeting.

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Remedy City Enjoys Marriage Retreat

Ten couples from Remedy City Church in Muncie gathered at the Westin Hotel in Indianapolis for a marriage retreat on Friday and Saturday, May 11-12. Steve Taylor, pastor of Northeast Park Baptist Church in Evansville, led the retreat. Taylor is a graduate of the University of Evansville and Southern Seminary and is currently working on his doctorate in Family Ministries. He taught on the *Biblical outline for Marriage* from Genesis 1, *Being a Christian at Home* from 1 Peter 3, and *Building an Eternal Legacy as a Couple*. Each couple received Francis and Lisa Chan’s book, “You and Me Forever.” The couples also had fun playing the Newlywed Game and a fun game using Facebook. “It was a great bonding time for our church and a great couples’ times, away from kids,” said Pastor Jeremiah Kinney. “It helped couples talk about their ministry together. I would highly recommend Steve Taylor and this study.”

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Educational Matters

Christian Home Week is May 13-19, 2018 and this year our Educational Coordinator has prepared a print-ready booklet entitled "The Panorama of Marriage." The seven-session booklet deals with:

- The PURPOSE of Marriage
- The PLEASURE of Marriage
- The PROBLEMS in Marriage
- The PROGRESSION of Marriage

The PASSING of Marriage

The PLACE of Marriage in Eternity

The material is presented in such a way as to inform, encourage and strengthen existing marriages while preparing those looking towards a future marriage. If interested in securing the materials, please contact Ron Ross at (765) 216-1143 or by email at roro062@att.net.

New Day Baptist Church had 18 women who attended the SCBI Transformed Women's Conference at Northside Baptist Church in Indianapolis in April. Pictured are (front) L-R: Lynn Ballantine, Samantha Whisler, Deneia Trego, Lisa Grant, Jennifer Smith; (middle): Nanette Orr, Sherri Hughey, Ashley Udem, Sherry Finley, Beth Weaver, Sheliah Gross, Tina Comer-Wilson, Kathy Grant; (back): Rachel Forsyth, Tammy Trego, Tami Hubler, Lesta Andersen. Not pictured: Jean Howard.



June

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

Birthdays

June 3—Bruce Reynolds
(Old Town Hill, Muncie)

June 5—Mark Wilkerson
(FBC, Eaton)

June 23—Cassie Kinney (Remedy City)

June 28—Pam Watson
(Halteman Village, Muncie)

June 29—Lisa Storm
(Redeemer, Anderson)

Wedding Anniversaries

June 15—Brad and Lisa Storm,
(Redeemer, Anderson)

Pastor-Church Anniversaries

June 1—Brad Storm, Redeemer,
Anderson, 15 years

June 18—Tim Overton, Kingston,
Anderson, 1 year

Upcoming Events

June 7—10:00 a.m. Leader Lab and Pastors' Luncheon at Old Town Hill Baptist Church, 3000 S Burlington Drive, Muncie IN 47302.

SBC Emphasis for June

June 9—SBC Crossover in Dallas TX

June 11-12—SBC Pastors Conference in Dallas TX

June 12-13—SBC Convention in Dallas TX

June 17—Baptist Men's Emphasis

June 24—Mission: Dignity Sunday

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The Nominating Committee presented the following names: **Church Planting** Team Chair, Jeremiah Kinney. **Church Ministry** Team: Disaster Relief, Joe Fox; Education, Ron Ross; Evangelism, Sharon Armstrong; International Women, Louise Welty. **Church Health**: Music, Jeff Conner; Prayer, Tami Hubler; Women's Ministry, Carol Mohler; Children's Ministry, Brenda Brooks; and Sunday School/Discipleship, Cedric Anderson.

Following the meeting, host pastor, Nathan Watson, shared a message about keeping the main thing the main thing, based on Philippians 3:12. The next meeting is our Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 20th, at 7:00 p.m. at Old Town Hill Baptist Church in Muncie.

East Central Baptist Association Profit and Loss Statement for April 2018

| | |
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| Income | |
| 4000 · Church Receipts | |
| 4060 · New Day | 1,280.62 |
| 4140 · Kingston - Anderson | 98.88 |
| 4160 · North Delaware - Muncie | 178.61 |
| 4180 · Redeemer - Anderson | 1,202.69 |
| 4190 · First - Montpelier | 100.00 |
| 4210 · Faith Christian Fellowship | 125.00 |
| 4230 · Integris | 134.24 |
| 4240 · Remedy City | 50.21 |
| 4250 · Muncie Chinese Christian Fellow | 117.72 |
| Total 4000 · Church Receipts | 3,287.97 |
| Total Income | 3,287.97 |
| Expense | |
| 7000 · Administrative Ministry | |
| 7010 · Other Expense | 11.39 |
| 7021 · Insurance | 194.95 |
| 7090 · Payroll | 697.69 |
| Total 7000 · Administrative Ministry | 904.03 |
| 7300 · Associational Ministry | 1,094.33 |
| Total Expense | 1,998.36 |
| Net Income | 1,289.61 |

East Central Baptist Association Balance Report for April 2018

| | Apr 18 | Mar 18 | \$ Change |
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| 1000 · ONB | | | |
| 1010 · General Budget | 37,238.50 | 36,063.89 | 1,174.61 |
| 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 | 4,597.93 | 4,482.93 | 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 |
| 1000 · ONB - Other | -0.99 | -0.99 | 0.00 |
| Total 1000 · ONB | 61,274.64 | 59,985.03 | 1,289.61 |
| 1100 · Indiana Baptist Foundation | | | |
| 1110 · ECBA Endowment | 9,866.01 | 9,866.01 | 0.00 |
| 1111 · Church P&H ROI | 1,132.40 | 1,132.40 | 0.00 |
| 1120 · Church P&H Fund | 17,978.09 | 17,978.09 | 0.00 |
| 1125 · BCMH Temp Restricted | 146,996.00 | 146,996.00 | 0.00 |
| Total 1100 · Indiana Baptist Foundation | 175,972.50 | 175,972.50 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL | 237,247.14 | 235,957.53 | 1,289.61 |

ECBA Ladies Retreat Provides a Day Full of Worship, Learning, and Fellowship

The East Central Baptist Association Ladies Retreat was held Saturday, April 28th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Old Town Hill Baptist Church in Muncie. The theme was "Living with a Purpose" and the guest speaker/singer was gospel recording artist, Cheri Taylor. Over 30 women attended. Not only were the women from ECBA churches, Facebook posts promoting the event drew women from outside our association.

The day began with a time of worship led by Cheri Taylor in the

Fellowship Hall. The first breakout sessions included "How to Reach the Lost" led by Sharon Armstrong, "Women on Missions" led by Charmaine Nichols, and "Mission Giving" led by Mae Dean.

Lunch was a pitch-in salad event with lots of good choices, plus cake and desserts.

The afternoon breakout sessions were "The Purpose of Prayer" led by Laine Elam, "Suck It Up, Buttercup" led by Kim Bishop, and "Pastors' Wives" led by Jama Marlow.

Following a Time Alone with God where each participant wrote down how God had spoken to them during the day, Cheri Taylor shared "Living with Joy."

Thanks go to the retreat team, chaired by Mary Fullhart, Old Town Hill Baptist Church. Serving on the committee were Mae Dean, Redeemer Baptist Church; Jama Marlow, North Delaware Baptist Church; Charmaine Nichols, Halteman Village Baptist Church; and Amy Perdue, Old Town Hill Baptist Church.



All the ladies were attentive as gospel recording artist, Cheri Taylor, opens the first general session with a time of worship and encouragement.





Laine Elam shares about the "Purpose of Prayer" and some of the results of the prayer ministry God has given her.



WMU's purpose to challenge individuals and churches to carry out the great commission.



Evaluation surveys are always helpful in planning for future events and door prizes are an unexpected delight.



Jama Marlow hosted a breakout session for the wives of pastors. Special gifts and words of encouragement awaited the attendees. Being a pastor's wife herself, Jama was able to share from her experiences as well as learning.



Attendees were encouraged to bring a box of macaroni and cheese to donate to the Food Pantry as a local missions project.



Kim Bishop's breakout session, "Suck It Up, Buttercup" drew several of the attendees.

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"Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God." Psalm143:10a

JUNE 12-16, 2018

JAM Camp for children who have completed grades 3-6. Children will discover and develop the creative gifts that God has given to them to serve Him. They will have the opportunity to take classes to expand their knowledge or to try something new. Classes include art, praise dance, guitar, keyboard, ukulele, drum set, world drumming, creative blacklight, praise ban, sound, ProPresenter and more. For more information go to www.scbi.org/jam.

SUPER JAM CAMP Students who have completed grades 7-12. Super JAM is a camp designed for those who love music and the creative arts. It is also for those who want to learn the technical aspects of worship. For more information go to www.scbi.org/superjam.