

# November Quarterly Meeting Format Embraced and Enjoyed by Attendees

At the 2017 Annual Meeting, the Association voted to change the annual calendar to an October through September calendar and vote to approve it at the Annual Meeting instead of the November Quarterly Meeting then host a pitch-in fellowship meal at the subsequent November Quarterly Meetings followed by a brief business meeting and a time of Praise and Worship. This format was enacted at the meeting held on Thursday, November 8, 2018, at Redeemer Baptist Church in Anderson. The attendees commented about how they loved this format and how it allowed for a closer fellowship and an opportunity to praise God for all He has done. Jim Marlow, 2016-18 ECBA Moderator and Pastor at North Delaware Baptist Church, said, "I truly believe that this was one of the best associational meetings that we have had in a very long time. I hope that we can continue to see this type of meeting regularly." Chris Hubler, Pastor of New Day Baptist Church, remarked, "Loved the pitch in format!"

The meeting began with a pitch-in meal at 6:00

p.m. Attendees were encouraged to not sit with more than 2 people from their church at a table. This promoted greater fellowship among the churches. Following the meal, the group adjourned to the sanctuary where 2018-19 Moderator, Brad Storm, directed a very brief business meeting. The worship service began with the congregation singing "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" and "Awesome God" then Pam Stafford from Redeemer Baptist Church sang, "I Don't Have a Closet Religion." Disaster Relief Team Members, Don Sweigart from Redeemer and Bob Flatt and George Eukart from Old Town Hill shared about their DR trip to North Carolina. They told about the work they did and the opportunities they had to share Jesus. The damage from the hurricane there is great and they are planning a return trip in December thanks to funding by ECBA. They were also very grateful for the truck that the Association purchased for the DR team to use.

The service was interspersed with music and testimonies. Jeff Bowen from Redeemer and

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# Halteman Village Draws Over 300 People to Their Trick or Treat Tailgate Party

*By Nathan Watson*

Because we knew that dozens of people used our parking lot to park their cars while they took their children Trick or Treating in the Halteman Village edition, we decided to have a Trick or Treat Tailgate Party this Halloween. From 5:00 – 7:00 PM, we opened our fellowship hall and provided free hot dogs, chips, drinks, glow sticks, candy, and gospel tracts designed with Halloween in mind. Don and Karen Miller of Family Time Entertainment of Indianapolis, pictured on the right, came and provided ongoing entertainment. Don is a professional magician and his wife is a balloon artist. There were well over 300 people who attended throughout the evening. The parking lot was full for the entire evening. The event gave the church another opportunity to meet and minister to our neighbors and the people in the communities surrounding Halteman Village. (See additional pictures on Page 3.)



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# Educational Matters

By Dr. Ron Ross

The task of the modern-day pastor is so confusing. While the world around us is in constant flux and the pressures to conform to cultural changes abound, what is a pastor to do? Does he study the changes taking place? Does he determine where his people are and what his membership wants to hear? Does he take, what appears with many, the mindset of society in how you build a baseline for success? These and many more questions abound for the modern day pastor. Basing the following comments on over fifty years of pastoral ministry, you might consider the mandate of God's Word for the local church pastor.

God's revelation to Paul was rather simplistic in content — the pastor was to proclaim the infallible, inerrant Word of God through teaching his congregants the very inspired message that would equip them all to carry out the ministry afforded them by God. The pastor is to be mindful of who he serves — God. The pastor must be mindful of his accountability — to God. The pastor must be aware, he is a mouthpiece of God — the pressure is on his God, not himself. If this description fits his mindset, then the results of his ministry is totally on His God.

As a proclaimer of God's Word, we all desire to handle Scripture with the utmost respect. As with most precious items, we use the greatest of care. The surgeon uses the most modern methods of a sterile environment when performing a surgical procedure on every patient, and

rightfully so (especially if you are the patient). Pastors, likewise, desire to carefully present God's Word from the context in which his text is based and that leads this writer to discuss the paragraph divisions found in our Bibles, especially in the New Testament. Why is the New Testament especially important? Because the New Testament serves as the guidebook for the New Testament church.

Pastors are encouraged to follow the paragraph divisions found in the most reliable text of the Greek New Testament — the Nestle-Aland 28<sup>th</sup> edition of 2012. The textual critics, Eberhart Nestle in 1898 and Kurt Aland in 1952, and their team are committed to keeping a reliable text for modern-day translations. Without realizing it, pastors are theologians and their members look to them for accurate treatment of Scripture. When pastors are accurate in sharing the entirety of Scripture, people grow. Lives change and God blesses as others are affected by their faithfulness...wow, that sounds like the early church doesn't it. That is what God wants to do in local church families today — so that only God will receive honor through what is done — for He and He alone is doing the work.

Hopefully, this will encourage pastors to rely totally on God in their preparation, presentation, and the aftermath of what He does in the lives of His Own.



*We do not have any birthdays or anniversaries for our Pastors and their wives during December. Please pray for all of them and their families during this blessed season. Christmas holidays bring many opportunities for their services, which can be a strain for families. They need our prayers.*

## Upcoming Events In December

**December 7**—6:00 p.m., ECBA  
Christmas Party at North  
Delaware Baptist Church,  
809 E Royerton Road #500 N,  
Muncie, IN 47303-4644

*SBC Emphasis for November*

**December 2—9** International  
Missions Board Week of Prayer  
plus Mission Study and the  
Lottie Moon Offering for  
International Missions

## Next Leader Lab / Pastors Luncheon

**Thursday, January 7  
10:00 am—1:00 pm**

Host Church:

**Halteman Village  
Baptist Church**

4100 N Oakwood Avenue  
Muncie IN 47304

# Glimpses of Halteman Village's Truck or Treat Event



# Redeemer Holds Annual AWANA Thanksgiving Meal

Each year, Redeemer hosts a Thanksgiving meal for AWANA. Each class is served a traditional meal and taught to give thanks to God for all He has done. Here are a few pictures for this year's event.



# Quarterly Meeting Team and Committee Reports

Following are the reports presented at our November Quarterly Meeting:

## Church Planting Team Report

Nothing to report.

## Church Health Team Report

### Children's Ministry/VBS – Brenda Brooks

Nothing new to report. Just a reminder to put the Associational VBS training at Redeemer Baptist Church on May 4, 2019 on your calendar.

### Discipleship/Sunday School – Cedric Anderson

Nothing to report.

### WMU/Women's Ministries – Tami Hubler; Carol Mohler, Assistant

Nothing to report.

### Men's Ministry – Drew Cleveland

Nothing to report.

### Music Ministry – Jeff Connor

Nothing to report.

### Prayer Ministry – Tami Hubler

Nothing to report.

## Association Ministry Team Report

### Education – Dr. Ron Ross

In the August COMMUNICATOR, our Educational Coordinator referenced an

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Craig Patty from New Day both did original songs at the piano. A trio made up of Danielle Castor, Pam Stafford, and Pat Storm, all from Redeemer, sang, "The Lion and the Lamb." Bertha Streaty from Faith

excellent, brief video series by Dr. John Piper entitled Finding Meaning. Once again, he wants to remind everyone of the excellent material by John Piper. Simply Google — Finding Meaning in the Bible by John Piper. If you haven't viewed the series, you owe it to yourself as it deals with the following concepts:

Video #1: What Does 'Meaning' Mean?

Video #2: The Golden Rule of Bible Reading

Video #3: Read Every Book with Humility

Video #4: Read to Discover Meaning, Not Create It

Video #5: The Bible's Meaning Never Changes

Video #6: How to Misinterpret the Bible

Video #7: Written by Man, Spoken by God

Last month's COMMUNICATOR carried an article by our Coordinator which described each of the entries for the 2019 SBC calendar. We are in hopes that each participating ECBA church will prayerfully consider the impact their inclusion into the local church calendar will make on every member. As participating Southern Baptist churches we need to have a better grasp on what our Cooperative Program dollars actually contribute to international ministry,

Christian Fellowship shared how God had helped her through serious illness. Jeff Stewart from Kingston share his testimony of faith and dealing with alcoholism. Dale Trego from New Day in Muncie share about all God had been doing in his life and at the church he pastors. Jama Marlow from North Delaware told about the amazing things that God was doing at her school through the students' involvement of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. It was a wonderful time of worship and praising God for all He is doing in and through the believers and churches of East Central Baptist Association.

including how it can assist in our discipleship training.

As usual, the Educational Ministry provides numerous articles each month can be helpful to our pastors and church leaders on a wide range of topics. This is graciously done to assist the busy pastor to do his primary job — equipping the saints (of his membership) so they can do the work of ministry in a God-honoring manner.

## Evangelism Ministry Report – Sharon Armstrong

On November 3rd, the Evangelism Ministry held a small teaching session on how to lead others to Christ. This was a great time of growing, sharing and encouraging one another to share our faith with the world. The Evangelism Ministry is available to teach in your congregation and share with ministries in your church how to evangelize those who are without a relationship with Christ. One final thought, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Let us pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38).

## International Women's Ministry – Louise Welty

Interested has waned some this semester. The International Women's Ministry group met last month with 3 who attended. We have not met since but still plan to, as there is interest.

## Disaster Relief – Joe Fox

We had 23 people go together to Warsaw, NC, October 20<sup>th</sup> thru 28<sup>th</sup>. Eight people were from our Association: Joe Fox, George Eukart, Danny Wigason, Garry Cross, and Bob Flatt from Old Town Hill; Don Sweigart from Redeemer and Dave Rhorer from Kingston. We shared Christ with 19 people and prayed with people in Truck Stops, in the homes we worked on, and people who just saw us and stopped to ask us questions.

We worked on 15 homes for Flood Recovery.

We are planning another trip to same location leaving Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 AM and returning on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you all so much for all of your support. The truck came in very handy. Thanks.

## Trustees Report

We have not had any serious offers on the Portland property. We hired someone to mow and weed-eat the property, as needed, and will need to winterize the building, if it doesn't sell before winter. The title for the property has not been transferred to ECBA, but we are working on getting this accomplished.

Zach Beachy, Chair



The November ECBA Quarterly Meeting began with a pitch-in fellowship meal at Redeemer Baptist Church.

## East Central Baptist Association Profit and Loss Statement for October 2018

	Oct 18
<b>Income</b>	
<b>4000 · Church Receipts</b>	
4060 · New Day	437.39
4120 · Halteman - Muncie	536.27
4140 · Kingston - Anderson	164.38
4160 · North Delaware - Muncie	450.42
4170 · Old Town Hill - Muncie	1,705.00
4190 · First - Montpelier	100.00
4210 · Faith Christian Fellowship	125.00
4230 · Integris	212.68
4240 · Remedy City	35.01
4250 · Muncie Chinese Christian Fellow	75.12
<b>Total 4000 · Church Receipts</b>	3,841.27
<b>Total Income</b>	3,841.27
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>7000 · Administrative Ministry</b>	
7010 · Other Expense	122.16
7021 · Insurance	142.00
7090 · Payroll	697.70
<b>Total 7000 · Administrative Ministry</b>	961.86
7500 · Trustee	200.00
7700 · Miscellaneous	1,639.70
<b>Total Expense</b>	2,801.56
<b>Net Income</b>	1,039.71

## East Central Baptist Association Balance Report for October 2018

	Oct 18	Sep 18	\$ Change
<b>1000 · ONB</b>			
1010 · General Budget	26,043.43	23,364.82	2,678.61
1011 · Discretionary Admin Team	7,479.79	9,233.69	-1,753.90
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	5,182.93	5,067.93	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
<b>Total 1000 · ONB</b>	48,910.67	47,870.96	1,039.71
<b>1100 · Indiana Baptist Foundation</b>			
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
<b>Total 1100 · Indiana Baptist Foundation</b>	175,972.50	175,972.50	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>224,883.17</b>	<b>223,843.46</b>	<b>1,039.71</b>

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SUNNYCREST BAPTIST CHURCH, MARION

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