

ECBA Enjoys Fellowship and Hears Reports and Testimonies at Quarterly Meeting

The East Central Baptist Association began their November Quarterly Meeting held at Redeemer Baptist Church on Thursday, November 14th with a fellowship meal of soups, sandwiches and desserts at 6:00 p.m. At the short 7:00 p.m. business meeting, attendees heard reports from the various ECBA Teams (included in this newsletter). Seventeen messengers representing 6 member churches plus 2 church plants were in attendance.

The only new business was to select a committee to establish guidelines for the use and care of the newly purchased Bounce House. Joe Fox (Old Town Hill), Greg Haisley (Integrus), Dana Jones (Faith Christian Fellowship), and Jim Marlow (North Delaware) volunteered to serve.

Following the business portion of the meeting, several testimonies were shared about the work God is doing in and through the people and ministries of our Association. Carol Mohler from New Day Baptist Church in Alexandria shared her testimony of working as a missionary in

Liberia, Albania, Alaska, California, Nebraska, and Colorado and how she continues to have a heart for missions. Joe Fox, from Old Town Hill Baptist Church in Muncie, shared about the Disaster Relief Ministry. Most recently, the



Church Planter, Daniel Carpenter shares during the testimony time of the Most ECBA Quarterly Meeting.

team was helping with the continued clean-up of the damaged caused by a tornado in Pendleton. As they were taking down one of the huge trees, a large branch broke off and fell onto one of the volunteers. Bob Hill, from Kokomo, was rushed to

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Old Town Hill Honors Veterans, DR Volunteers, and Recognizes Toxic Fusion Cheerleaders

By Melissa Reynolds

Old Town Hill Baptist Church had a celebration service on November 10, 2019 in honor of our veterans. In this service our Disaster Relief volunteers were also recognized. Old Town Hill opens their gym to a group of cheerleaders called Toxic Fusion to practice twice weekly. They range in age from 4 and can go up to 18. There were about 40 present for the service. The cheerleaders and their families were also

recognized this day. The congregation was led in singing *God Bless the USA* after the veterans and volunteers had made their way to the front of the church. The cheerleaders performed for the church after the service. Everyone was invited for a meal and fellowship afterwards.



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Dr. Ron Ross

The Katecheo

Looking at the Apostle Paul's words to the Thessalonian believers, it is clear that he and his co-laborers possess a deep love for the recipients of this letter. Please note in Second Thessalonians 2.13-14, the words, "But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord." During this Thanksgiving Season, this portion of the passage can be used of the Holy Spirit in challenging us to a deeper level of the prayer of thanksgiving. We might note that the word used for "thanks" is the word "eucharisteo" [a word used in some churches when celebrating

the Lord's Supper].

The Apostle states six reasons why he/they give thanks to God for the readers:

God had **chosen** them from the beginning (actually before time began) for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

Then, the Apostle continues..."It was for this" [the six reasons above]

He **called** you through our gospel that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."

During this Thanksgiving Season, let us reflect on being **chosen** by God in eternity past to be **called** by the Holy Spirit of God in time (the day you accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord). Let us give thanks to the One who made this all possible. To God be the glory!

(Katecheo—Greek, to teach or instruct)

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Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis for emergency surgery where a couple of vertebrae were removed. The doctors said he would never walk again but, Praise Our Lord, Bob is already able to move his legs. Please continue to pray for him, his recovery and his family. Daniel Carpenter, Church

Planter for True North Church Plant in Daleville, shared about God's work in their lives. He used Hebrews 10: 19-25 and encouraged all of us to motivate each other to acts of love and good works. Additionally, the attendees heard from missionaries to Southeast Asia (unnamed due to the sensitive area) and about their work in the area.

Church Planting and Student Ministry Reports

Jeremiah Kinney, Team Leader

The Church Planting Team did not meet this quarter, but we did have one planter family, the Carpenters, take us up on the offer to reimburse up to \$100 for resources for their ministry or family. Since we have disbursed no support dollars or resource purchase reimbursement dollars all year, we exceeded the \$100 by a tiny margin. (Total: \$104.92).

With regard to college ministry: Our BSU reach continues to grow. At Remedy City, we have had 30 students 2 out of last 3 Sundays. We are averaging around 20 students per week. One of our families hosted them for a game night just this past week as well.

Under miscellaneous items, all were invited to attend the anniversary celebration of Greg Haisley's 20th year in ministry on November 17th, 5:00—7:00 p.m. held at Integris Community Church in Albany. Also, Old Town Hill is starting the Upward Basketball and Cheer season again. All children are invited to participate.



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

Birthdays

None

Anniversaries

None

Pastor-Church Anniversaries

December 26—Troy James—The Cross, 9 years

Upcoming Events In December

December 6—CANCELED: 6:00 p.m., ECBA Pastors and Staff Christmas Party

SBC Emphasis for December

December 1—8 — IMB Week of Prayer & Mission Study & Lottie Moon Offering

Church Health Team Report

By Tami Hubler, ECBA Team Leader

The Church Health Team positions for 2020 are filled or vacant as follows:

- Men's Ministry Coordinator Position - **Vacant**
- Music Coordinator Position - **Vacant**
- Prayer Coordinator Position - Tami Hubler
- Sunday School and Small Groups Ministry Position - **Vacant**
- VBS / Children's Ministry Position - Brenda Brooks
- WMU / Women's Ministry Position - Tami Hubler

Youth Ministry Coordinator Position - **Vacant**

Prayer Coordinator Report

The ECBA Prayer Website "Andwhenyoupray.org" is not receiving much traffic on the prayer pages. However, it was used this summer to host 3 online Leadership Courses for women from the Christian Women's Leadership Center (CWLC). CWLC courses are made available through WMU and cost \$30 apiece. 10 different women enrolled in the various courses, at different times. The courses offered through CWLC were:

April - 5 Leadership Essentials by Dr. Linda Clark

May - Leadership Theory (Servant Leadership) by Dr. Noel Forlini (Baylor University)

June - Missional Living by Dr. Melody Maxwell (Acadia Divinity College)

ECBA Prayer Team hosted the "Tea with Pamela Russell" event on

Saturday, October 12. Pam Russell is the Indiana State House Women's Chaplain. The event was held at New Day Baptist Church in Alexandria. This event was free to our churches and the public and made available through the use of the Church Health budget. The total amount used was \$270.17 and provided a light lunch of finger sandwiches, dessert and tea to those attending. Attendance was restricted to 50 individuals and the event sold out. Pam Russell shared her daily activities as Women's Chaplain. Senator Mike Gaskill (R) and Representative Melanie Wright (D) also attended and shared the importance of prayer in their lives. A love offering of over \$300 was collected and given to Ms. Russell to help support the ministry.

WMU / Women's Coordinator Ministry Report

The WMU Coordinator Tami Hubler worked with DeAnna Downey this past September on the migrant camp ministries at Red Gold and Harvest Farms. This was done to transfer the ministry from DeAnna and the Evansville Church Team to New Day Baptist Church's Women on Mission (WOM) & Adults on Mission (AOM) groups. These New Day Baptist Church WMU groups plan to host the outreach event at the migrant camps in September 2020 and consists of a core team of 12 men and women from WOM and AOM groups. The group has already recruited a bi-lingual member and her family to help with communication. Plans also include sending out an exploratory letter to ECBA churches to see if there is interest in the event in an attempt to make this an ECBA outreach. Tami Hubler will investigate the State Missions Fund Request and the ECBA budget to see if funds are available to help support the event.

Tami Hubler will be attending the 2020 WMU National Meeting in Birmingham, Alabama with Allison Kinion (SCBI WMU) and the other Associational WMU Coordinators. Goals include receiving coaching on involving churches in missional activities and bringing awareness of emerging Adults on Mission (AOM) opportunities.

VBS/Children's Ministry Report

Lifeway's Vacation Bible School theme for this year is "Concrete and Cranes." For the past 2 years we have offered training on the VBS theme and materials but have not had any of our churches who were interested in attending. This year, we have not scheduled a training program but we are still open to do this, if we have any churches who are interested. If you would like a VBS training session, please let me know as soon as possible so we can schedule and plan for it. Redeemer's VBS is scheduled for the second week of June. We still plan to share decorations with any of our churches who are interested and they will be ready for pick up on that Saturday, June 13th. Please let me know if you are interested in using them. I can be reached at brendabrooks1107@gmail.com or at 765-623-5929.

Brenda Brooks
ECBA VBS/Children's
Ministry Coordinator



ECBA Church Ministry Team Report

Evangelism Ministry

*Sharon Armstrong, Team Leader
and ECBA Evangelism Coordinator*

Nothing new to report.

ECBA Education Ministry

*Dr. Ron Ross, ECBA Educational
Coordinator*

The past seven weeks since our Annual Meeting have been exciting. The Education Ministry has challenged pastors and church leadership with a variety of electronic mailings.

Among those posts were fifty (50) quotes from files of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer, a twentieth century theologian and author (of *The Cost of Discipleship*) was hanged by the neck just hours after a Sunday sermon, and just a few days before the cease-fire ending World War II. Many of his quotes will remain throughout the Church-Age, and many of those quotes have been treasured by local pastors and church leaders through this mailing.

In addition to the Bonhoeffer quotes, additional quotes have been distributed from a diversity of Bible passages primarily dealing with loss, sadness, grief and sorrow. The mailings have been sent with the purpose of encouragement and help in time of great need — hopefully, they have fulfilled that purpose.

A few articles have been distributed to pastors and church leaders in an attempt to keep our ECBA aware of events, movements, and even challenges to the cause of Christ in

this Twenty-first Century of ministry.

Lastly, there has been an attempt at keeping pastors and local church leadership aware of denominational emphasis. Over this period the emphasis has been on Anti-Gambling, Associational Missions Week, and Global World Hunger. Already this month, we have experienced the emphasis on Orphans and Widows Sunday (3rd) and Disaster Relief Appreciation Day (10th).

As a reminder — as we are planning our church calendars, let us prayerful consider placing the dates of the special SBC emphasis on our local church calendars. By honoring these dates on our calendars, our membership will get better acquainted with the over-arching ministry involvement of our Southern Baptist Convention at every level of American life OF WHICH WE ARE A PART.

Disaster Relief Ministry

*Joe Fox, ECBA Disaster Relief
Coordinator*

The Disaster Relief Team has been busy working in Bloomfield, IN (south of Bloomington). We did tear outs and mud outs plus installed new sub-flooring and flooring in homes damaged by the tornado that went through the area last June. I was able to share Christ with an electrician who was working on one of the homes. The electrician had asked why they were doing what we were doing for free, so I explained. He later came back and wanted to know even more. One of the home owners was hostile towards the gospel but he did allow us to pray

with him. There were 5 Disaster Relief team members who were able to help with this project; George Eukurt, Roger Hargis, Pat McKinney, Eddie Stamps, Danny Wigason, Brian Wordon, and Joe Fox, all from Old Town Hill Baptist Church. We continue to get calls to help from people who fall through the cracks for traditional aid.

At the end of October we went back to Pendleton, IN, to continue our help with the damage caused by the tornado that went through there. Sadly, we had a very serious accident. A tree fell on Bob Hill (who is not from our association) while we were cutting down trees and Bob nearly lost his life. He was taken to Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis where they had to remove his 5th and 6th vertebrae plus treat multiple injuries to his body. They said he would be paralyzed from this accident; but, praise God!, he already has had some movement in his legs. Please continue your prayers for him, his family, and our DR team.

If you are interested in helping with this vital ministry, please contact me at 765-729-1366.

Trustee Report

We still have not sold the Portland property but we do have a prospective buyer that is very interested if the city will agree to zoning changes in the area. According to our realtor, it looks like the city will make these changes but it still may take a little more time. The building is already winterized but we are hoping to have it sold soon.

Joe Fox
Trustee

ECBA Profit and Loss Statement for October 2019

	Oct 19
Income	
4000 · Church Receipts	
4060 · New Day	500.00
4120 · Halteman - Muncie	686.93
4140 · Kingston - Anderson	0.00
4160 · North Delaware - Muncie	583.54
4170 · Old Town Hill - Muncie	0.00
4180 · Redeemer - Anderson	0.00
4190 · First - Montpelier	93.00
4210 · Faith Christian Fellowship	130.00
Total 4000 · Church Receipts	1,993.47
Total Income	1,993.47
Expense	
7000 · Administrative Ministry	
7010 · Other Expense	121.78
7090 · Payroll	714.92
Total 7000 · Administrative Ministry	836.70
7100 · Church Health	270.17
7500 · Trustee	322.42
Total Expense	1,429.29
Net Income	564.18

ECBA Balance Report October 2019

	Oct 19	Sep 19	\$ Change
1000 · ONB			
1010 · General Budget	35,398.09	34,948.91	449.18
1011 · Discretionary Admin Team	7,493.99	7,493.99	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	5,442.19	5,327.19	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	-900.99	-900.99	0.00
Total 1000 · ONB	57,638.79	57,074.61	564.18
1100 · Indiana Baptist Foundation			
1110 · ECBA Endowment	9,866.01	9,866.01	0.00
1111 · Church P&H ROI	1,331.39	1,331.39	0.00
1120 · Church P&H Fund	17,978.09	17,978.09	0.00
1125 · BCMH Temp Restricted	148,113.64	148,113.64	0.00
Total 1100 · Indiana Baptist Foundation	177,289.13	177,289.13	0.00
TOTAL	234,927.92	234,363.74	564.18

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