

Redeemer SALT Group Celebrates Love

Redeemer Baptist Church's SALT group (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) celebrated love at their Valentine's Day party on Friday, February 14. They were served a dinner of ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, and rolls along with Valentine's Day cookies for dessert. Barb Krebs shared a devotion. The Seniors put together a heart puzzle with a Bible verse on it plus matched up Biblical couples. Entertainment was provided by Carolyn Shell and Joanna Sweigart as they played their ukuleles and sang songs including favorites, such as, "Down at the Cross," "He Keeps Me Singing," "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," and "Jesus Loves Me."



Racial Reconciliation Sunday Celebrated at North Delaware with Faith Christian Fellowship



Pastor Jim Marlow



Pastor Dana Jones

The North Delaware Baptist Church of Muncie participated in Racial Reconciliation Sunday, February 9, with Dr. Dana Jones and the congregation of Faith Christian Fellowship in Anderson. Dr. Jones' message was very timely, enlightening and encouraging. Following the service both congregations joined together in a fellowship/unity meal.

January Bible Study



The 2020 Winter Bible Study entitled, *JEREMIAH: Faithful to the Mission*, by Blake Hearson, will be taught March 7-11, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the facilities of North Delaware Baptist Church. The NDBC family is excited about the study and invites everyone to join them for this Old Testament study.

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Dr. Ron Ross

The Katecheo

Some of us can remember those days when high school students involved with Youth for Christ [YFC] were encouraged to place a Bible on the stack of books they brought back to school each day. The purpose was clear — fellow students would see the Bible and may inquire as to why they had that book on the top of other books. Over the years such trends have diminished or either become obsolete.

Many of us can remember the days within our own denomination, state, and yes, sadly, our own association when we conducted Bible Drills. Those days have faded into the clouds and for many the iPhone has become “their go-to source” of Scripture. Many local churches have a large screen to display Scripture so attendees do not need to bring a copy when they attend.

Just recently Marriott International, the world’s largest hotel company supplying Bibles and the Book of Mormon in all of their hotel chain facilities, has decided that no religious materials should be offered at two of its newest millennial-oriented hotel brands, Moxy and Edition hotels. Such trends are becoming more common place in other companies as the public’s perception of the Bible continues to change.

Amos (ca. 760 B.C.), a prophet for the people living in Israel (the Northern Kingdom), gave testimony to his generation, “Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord God, “when I will send a famine on the land, not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, but rather for hearing the words of the Lord,” Amos 8.11, NASB. It happened in that day leading to unbelievable judgment. Tragically, it happened in subsequent years with Judah (the Southern Kingdom) and a repeat of God’s judgment on His rebellious people.

Let’s face it, the Bible is God’s Word as stated in our Baptist Faith & Message (2000) in Article One: The Scriptures. The Apostle Paul informed Timothy (2 Timothy 3.16-17), “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man (or woman) of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.” As good as that statement appears, let us keep in mind that Paul believed the prophet Isaiah’s words, “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without

watering the earth and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so will MY WORD be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.” (Isaiah 55.10-11, NASB)

May we experience a return to the Word of God, a love for His Word, and stand on the Word of God in our view of the world and the happenings throughout the world.

Upcoming Events In March

- March 5**—10:00 a.m., Leader Lab and Pastors Luncheon at New Day Baptist Church, 202 W Tyler Street, Alexandria IN 46001
- March 7**—10:00 a.m., Leadership Council Meeting at Redeemer Baptist Church, 3230 Lindberg Road, Anderson IN 46012
- March 12**—6:00 p.m., ECBA Italian themed Pitch-in Dinner, Halteman Village Baptist Church, 4100 N Oakwood Avenue, Muncie IN 47304
- March 12**—7:00 p.m., ECBA Semi-Annual Meeting, Halteman Village Baptist Church, 4100 N Oakwood Avenue, Muncie IN 47304

SBC Emphasis for March

- March 1 - 8** —*NAMB Week of Prayer & Mission Study & Annie Armstrong Offering*
- March 1 - 7** — *Youth Week*
- March 15** —*Church Planting Emphasis*
- March 29** —*Substance Abuse Prevention*



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

Birthdays

- March 28**—Kim James (The Cross, Anderson)

ECBA Profit and Loss Statement for January 2020

Income		
4000 · Church Receipts		
4060 · New Day		500.00
4120 · Halteman - Muncie		1,172.34
4140 · Kingston - Anderson		201.56
4160 · North Delaware - Muncie		268.17
4170 · Old Town Hill - Muncie		3,355.00
4180 · Redeemer - Anderson		1,266.46
4190 · First - Montpelier		90.00
4210 · Faith Christian Fellowship		375.00
4230 · Integris		380.40
4240 · Remedy City		61.31
4250 · Muncie Chinese Christian Fellow		189.32
Total 4000 · Church Receipts		7,859.56
Total Income		7,859.56
Expense		
7000 · Administrative Ministry		
7010 · Other Expense		98.46
7090 · Payroll		729.99
Total 7000 · Administrative Ministry		828.45
7200 · Church Planting		105.22
7300 · Associational Ministry		84.35
Total Expense		1,018.02
Net Income		6,841.54

ECBA Balance Report January 2020

	Jan 20	Dec 19	\$ Change
1000 · ONB			
1010 · General Budget	42,127.88	35,631.34	6,496.54
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	5,902.19	5,557.19	345.00
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	64,828.58	57,987.04	6,841.54
1100 · Indiana Baptist Foundation			
1110 · ECBA Endowment	10,827.32	10,827.32	0.00
1111 · Church P&H ROI	1,179.71	1,179.71	0.00
1120 · Church P&H Fund	19,223.09	19,223.09	0.00
1125 · BCMH Temp Restricted	149,357.73	149,357.73	0.00
Total 1100 · Indiana Baptist Foundation	180,587.85	180,587.85	0.00
TOTAL	245,416.43	238,574.89	6,841.54

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Hope to see you there!

Semi-Annual ECBA Associational Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Pitch-in (Italian theme) - 6:00 p.m.

Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Halteman Village Baptist Church

4100 N Oakwood Avenue

Muncie IN 47304

Speaker: Dr. Ron Ross