

Redeemer Baptist Hires New Pastor

After over a year of searching, Redeemer Baptist Church in Anderson voted 100% in complete unity to call Jearme Ousley as their new pastor. Jearme's previous position was as the associate pastor for Pine Hills Baptist Church in Leesville, Louisiana. Prior to being called into the ministry, Jearme served in the United States Army as a Medical Treatment Platoon Sergeant overseeing the platoon, its equipment, and operational readiness. His original focus at Pine Hills Baptist Church was working with youth. He was able to see God grow the youth department from 5 kids to over 50 prior to Covid restrictions. At this church he also developed responsibilities in planning, coordinating, and executing worship services, events, outreach ministry, and family

and discipleship ministry.

Jearme is married to Melissa. Their daughter, Olivia, began college classes after graduating from high school this year. Their son, Ethan, is 16 and is in high school. Jearme was born and raised in Northern



Melissa and Jearme Ousley will be relocating from Louisiana to Anderson.

Remedy City Sees God at Work in BSU Students

By Jeremiah Kinney

All summer, one of my Ball State men called me, once a week, and we prayed for a fruitful ministry together this school year. He is gathering up other young men for a Bible study that I am facilitating. It is more along the lines of a biblical values discussion. I am teaching them how to talk to one another and ask follow-up questions. One man will mention a concern or trial or celebration. Others will ask about it and discuss it with him. If no one does, I will steer it toward a biblical teaching, but usually someone else beats me to it. We refer to the group simply as "men talking about life over at G's house." We kicked it off with about eight men around a fire in my backyard, then moved it to a house with plenty of room. We have had between 8 and 15 each week for the last month.

I believe the opportunity to preach to the Cru monthly Zoom meeting, which had somewhere around 150 live views, was a good catalyst for this group. The bonfire came the week after, and the in-home meeting came the week after that. It appears that God is moving this along. As far as Covid-19 concerns go, these are all men who are taking the necessary precautions. Pray that God would give us wisdom and insight as we continue to apply his biblical values to our lives.

Remedy City continues to see about 20 students a week at our weekly Sunday worship.

Indiana. He is currently working to complete his bachelor's degree from Liberty University. He has been trained in the Titus Project (an exegetical preparation and preaching course) and has complete several leadership and management courses through the Army. He was a healthcare specialist in the Army and is a certified CrossFit Level 1 Trainer.

Jearme and his family plan to move to Indiana as soon as possible. They are in the process of selling their home and locating one in the Anderson area. They, and the church, are eager for them to relocate and begin serving at Redeemer.

Current pastor, Brad Storm, submitted his resignation in June 2019 and agreed to continue serving as pastor until a replacement could be found. Brad and his wife, Lisa, plan to continue as members at Redeemer, serving as God leads them in their retirement years.

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Dr. Ron Ross

The Katecheo

For many ECBA Congregations the month of October launches a new year. Obviously, we all would hope we will never experience what has taken place in 2019-20 (October 1, 2019—September 30, 2020), though we all have learned so much from the experience. One lesson many have experienced, is the reality of Jesus' passion to share life and the message of grace with those He met. His example might lead some to reflect on a thought the apostle Paul shared in his letter to the Romans.

The third paragraph of that letter (Romans 1.13-17) conveys at least four (4) realities needful in sharing the gospel with others. Let us examine these realities:

1. Paul's Desire to Visit [v.13]. As the apostle desired to meet the citizens of Rome, it was not a social visit; instead, it was an intentional visit to share the message of the gospel of God's sovereign grace. Ask your self - Do you possess a desire to visit others with the intention of sharing that message as God so leads?
2. Paul's Obligation to Everyone [v.14]. Paul senses a deep obligation to tell others about the remedy for the problem of sin we all face. Paul realized some would accept, while others would disregard. Because of this — he had to tell everyone. Do you sense an obligation to others, regardless of who they are, to share this message of God's grace?
3. Paul's Eagerness to Share [v.15]. Paul was not any different than you or me...he was one chosen by God before the creation of the world. Understanding that he, himself, had been chosen by God — it developed an eagerness to share with those he met. As he mentioned to the Corinthian believers, he was part of God's scheme of evangelizing the lost around him (1 Corinthians 3.6-7), he planted, Apollos watered, and it was God [the Holy Spirit] who produced the

regeneration and growth. As he understood God's process, he possessed an excitement and eagerness to share the good news message of the gospel with those in need.

NOTE: The word gospel occurs 97 times in the New Testament using three words, all coming from the same root word "euaggelion." One of the words, however, adds the preposition "pro" to that root word, forming "proeuaggelidzomai," and means "before." That word appears in Galatians 3.8, where Paul reports that God shared the gospel with Abraham "beforehand." It must be noted that "the gospel" conveys two concepts — (1) the specific details essential for someone to be "regenerated" (1 Corinthians 15.1-8), and (2) in a general sense, referring to the entirety of scripture. In light of that information — did Abraham understand the gospel in the specific sense or in general terms? Something to ponder as you study scripture!

4. Paul's Appraisal of the Gospel [vv.16-17]. Paul was NOT ashamed of the gospel, because he realized the gospel is the power of God for salvation. Knowing the gospel and sharing the gospel is the ONLY way an unsaved person will ever come to God, BECAUSE the Holy Spirit will take the truth of the gospel combined with the faith He provides to bring about regeneration (or the New Birth). Do you possess that same appraisal of the gospel? Hopefully, you do!

Something to consider as we launch a new church year.



Upcoming Events In November

Saturday, November 7—10:00 a.m., Leadership Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Redeemer Baptist Church, 3230 Lindberg Road, Anderson IN 46012

Thursday, November 12—6:00 p.m., ECBA Fellowship Meal (subject to current restrictions), Faith Christian Church, 2515 Crystal Street, Anderson IN 46013

Thursday, November 12—7:00 p.m., ECBA Quarterly Meeting, Faith Christian Church, 2515 Crystal Street, Anderson IN 46013

SBC Emphasis for November

November 1—Orphans and Widows Sunday

November 8—Disaster Relief Appreciation Day

Birthdays

November 15—Jama Marlow
(North Delaware, Muncie)

November 24—Tim Overton
(Kingston, Anderson)

November 24—Brad Storm
(Redeemer, Anderson)

Anniversaries

None

Pastor-Church Anniversaries

None

Disaster Relief Helps Hurricane Victims and Others

Louisiana has been plummeted by hurricanes this year. The resulting damage has left houses damaged and people homeless. Thank God for our Indiana Disaster Relief Team who have volunteered to help them.

On October 3, a team of 10 from Indiana, including 4 people from Old Town Hill Baptist Church in our East Central Baptist Association, headed to Lake Charles to help with recovery.



The newly purchase ECBA tractor was a huge help in cleaning up from the hurricane damage in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

They were able to cut trees from 8 homes. These were huge, dense trees; large white oaks. One was more than 4 feet across. Another one was 30 inches across and 80 feet long. The ECBA newly purchased tractor and dump trailer were huge helps in doing this work. And it was hard work! It was humid and the temperatures were usually over 90°. They even encountered fire ants!

By Wednesday, October 7, Hurricane Delta was heading into Louisiana and the DR team was instructed to leave. Fortunately, they left very early, 3:00 a.m., because by 8:00 a.m., the highways were jammed and gas stations were out of gas. Our volunteers were able to safely arrive back in Indiana without any problems. Those serving from ECBA included George Eukart, Brian Wordon, Kyle Bell, and Team Leader, Joe Fox.

The ECBA team continues to help build wheelchair ramps, too. They went to Benton, Kentucky to build a ramp and put in a door for a women who was unable to get down the hallway of her mobile home. This enables her to leave her house. Additionally, they are helping to tear down and rebuild a veteran's



Look closely and you can see Indiana Disaster Relief volunteer, Ken Wilkes, in this huge tree that the team removed in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

condemned home in Muncie. Truly, they are helping the "least of these."

A class on Intro to Disaster Relief and Chaplaincy Training is planned for November 7 at Highland Lakes Baptist Camp. The cost is \$40. If you would like to be a part of this fulfilling ministry or if you just want more information, please contact Joe Fox at 765-729-1366.

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Finding the man that God had called to be the pastor of Redeemer Baptist Church was a long process. Following Pastor Brad Storm's resignation, a committee was selected to reflect the various programs and ministries of the church as well as age groups. Serving on the committee were Caleb Hall, Carmen Hall, Diana Johnson, Bob Hinton, Libby Morgan, Jason Seybert, Pat Storm, Don Sweigart, and Linda Wulle. Their first meeting was held on September 30 where they decided to ask Bob Weeks, Team Leader for Church & Leader Development for the SCBI to come and hold a training session for the committee. Bob emphasized each committee member's commitment to seek God's will and to recognize His purpose in placing Redeemer

in their community. He provided resource information and overwhelmingly emphasized praying as individuals, a team, and a church. He said, "There can never be too much prayer."

The committee reviewed demographic studies of their area, their constitution and by-laws, the pastor's job description, and the salary and benefits package for the pastor. They agreed that the committee had to be unanimous in their decision to present a candidate to the church. Job postings were placed on the church and convention websites. The committee was reviewing applications when Covid-19 hit, which put a stall in this process. Candidates were narrowed down and before interviews could be arranged, all top candidates had been eliminated or had declined. So, the

application process was opened again and the committee received even more resumes on this round. These were narrowed to 5 top candidates and virtual interviews were held. Following the interviews, the committee decided to pursue Jearme Ousley, checking references and processing a background check. The committee was unanimous in deciding to present Jearme as the candidate they believed God wanted as their next pastor. Jearme and his wife, Melissa, came to Anderson and the church had a question and answer session on Saturday, October 3, and Jearme preached on Sunday. A vote was taken following the service, allowing delivered votes until 2 p.m. for those for whom it was not safe to attend. The business meeting was reconvened and it was announced that Jearme had received a 100% vote to be the next pastor.

New Day Serves as Drop Off Location for Christmas Shoeboxes

By Harrison Williams

This the second year that New Day Baptist Church has been asked to be a drop off for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. This year the NDBC campuses in both Alexandria and Pendleton are drop off locations.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse Ministry, began in 1993 when ministry president, Franklin Graham, got a call from a man in England asking if he's be willing to fill shoeboxes with gifts for children in war-torn Bosnia. The shoeboxes were filled with simple gifts and a letter of encouragement and that first year they were able to send 28,000 shoebox gifts to children in the Balkans that Christmas. Every year since, Samaritan's Purse has collected shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world, serving more than 178 million



children in more than 150 countries. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.

Here are the dates for drop offs at NDBC November 16-23, 2020.

Times at Alexandria are:

- Monday, November 16, 5pm-8pm
- Tuesday, November 17, 5pm-8pm
- Wednesday, November 18, 6pm-8pm
- Thursday, November 19, 5pm-8pm
- Friday, November 20, 5pm-8pm
- Saturday, November 21, 9am-1pm
- Sunday, November 22, 12:30pm-4pm
- Monday, November, 23 (last day), 7am-10am

Times at Pendleton are:

- Monday, November 16, 5pm-8pm
- Tuesday, November 17, 7pm-10pm
- Wednesday, November 18, 5pm-8pm



- Thursday, November 19, 7pm-10pm
- Friday, November 20, 5pm-8pm
- Saturday, November 21, 7am-12pm
- Sunday, November 22, 12:30pm-4pm
- Monday, November, 23 (last day), 7am-10am

If you are interested in contributing to this ministry, you can pack a shoebox, provide items for a shoe box, or donate money to help with this project. Details are available on the Samaritan's Purse website at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>.

For questions or for more information about dropping off boxes at one of the New Day Baptist Church sites, please call Director, Beth Weaver, 765-810-4742.

New Day Baptist Livestreams “Dare to Be” Event

By Tami Hubler

On Sunday, October 4, New Day Baptist Church participated in this year's *Dare to Be* live event tour via live stream (due to the Covid-19 pandemic). New Day hosted the virtual event at their Pendleton campus with approximately 25 women attending (social distancing, of course). *Dare to Be* door prizes were given and the women had a wonderful evening of praise, worship and fellowship.



The concept of *Dare To Be* was birthed out of Natalie Grant and Charlotte Gambill's friendship as a way to build a community of like-minded women. Their passion is to awaken the potential within every woman by daring her to claim the promises of Christ for herself, her family, and her surrounding community. *Dare To Be* may be most well-known for its live event tour, but in order to build true community among women, *Dare To Be* also creates relationship by hosting virtual "home parties" where women gather in homes, provide devotional content through the Bible App, and also engage women in virtual prayer meetings and other online platforms. *Dare To Be* also releases weekly podcasts with Natalie and Charlotte.



Dare to Be's mission is to "magnify the One who has called each of us to live with an ignited purpose and divine destiny..." "Our hope is that we remind every woman she is capable of accomplishing all her God-given dreams through Christ who gives her strength."

ECBA Profit and Loss Statement for September 2020

	Sep 20
Income	
4000 · Church Receipts	
4060 · New Day	0.00
4120 · Halteman - Muncie	461.57
4140 · Kingston - Anderson	151.00
4160 · North Delaware - Muncie	223.95
4170 · Old Town Hill - Muncie	0.00
4180 · Redeemer - Anderson	0.00
4190 · First - Montpelier	90.00
4210 · Faith Christian Fellowship	130.00
4230 · Integris	235.00
4240 · Remedy City	77.10
Total 4000 · Church Receipts	1,368.62
Total Income	1,368.62
Expense	
7000 · Administrative Ministry	
7010 · Other Expense	54.51
7021 · Insurance	591.57
7090 · Payroll	729.99
7000 · Administrative Ministry - Other	249.32
Total 7000 · Administrative Ministry	1,625.39
7300 · Associational Ministry	
Disaster Relief	1,009.64
Total 7300 · Associational Ministry	1,009.64
Total Expense	2,635.03
Net Income	-1,266.41

ECBA Balance Report September 2020

	Sep 20	Aug 20	\$ Change
1000 · ONB			
1010 · General Budget	39,831.30	41,212.71	-1,381.41
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	6,822.19	6,707.19	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	19,892.33	19,892.33	0.00
1000 · ONB - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 1000 · ONB	81,645.54	82,911.95	-1,266.41
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	262,233.39	263,499.80	-1,266.41

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Plan Now to Attend

ECBA Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, November 12, 2020

Faith Christian Fellowship

2515 Crystal Street, Anderson IN 46013

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal

(dependent upon current restrictions)

7:00 p.m. Associational Meeting