

Prayer Walking At Remedy City in Muncie

The ministry to BSU students at Remedy City continues to develop and is reaching students for Christ. Two students were baptized on Easter Sunday and 2 more on April 18. Two more are currently scheduled for baptism. Remedy City is thankful to Halteman Village Baptist Church for the use of their baptistry.

On Saturday, March 13th, and again, on April 11th, about 25 people prayer-walked the church neighborhood. They also picked up trash—about a pickup truck bed full! They were able to speak to a few of their neighbors the first time and during the second walk, they were able to ask for prayer requests and pray with several neighbors.



Students made pies for Pi Day and also found opportunities to minister to others.

When they returned to the church on March 13th, they made pies for “Pi day” and planned to eat them after lunch the next day. That same evening a few of the students encountered a homeless woman who was escaping an abusive situation. They provided a place for her to stay and took her to church the next day. As Pastor Jeremiah Kinney preached, they were able to also explain the gospel story to her. She did sleep through the end of the sermon but afterwards, they were able to provide her with lunch and pie, of course. They were then able to take her to her daughter, who is in a stable situation in the Indianapolis area. God is not only reaching students, but also reaching out to others through them.



In March, Remedy City prayer walked their neighborhood and picked up trash.

Community Giveaway at Kingston Avenue

Kingston Avenue held a Community Giveaway on Saturday, April 3rd, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For the past couple of years, the church gathers good used items once a quarter, and sometimes every other month,

then makes them available for free to anyone in the community regardless of income levels. They also provide information about the church to those who attend. They had 68 people who came to this event.



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The Katecheo

Last month, this article referred to our March 11th Semi-Annual Meeting in which someone asked if our Educational Ministry would ever offer classes for those desiring to expand their understanding of religious subjects in the context of a classroom experience. That article requested those interested to follow these guidelines — pray, asking God to narrow down the interest area of study to one specific area, and then email that area to roro062@att.net. This month those findings and the course to be offered would be reported. Unfortunately, only one person responded with a request and, with deep regret, there will be no class offered at this time. We will

remain open for future requests in hope of reviving classroom study once again.

The Education Coordinator did provide forty-two daily devotionals for those interested in preparing for Easter 2021. A study guide was also prepared for the April “Baptist Doctrine Study” on the theme of “FAITH,” a five-day study to be used in personal home use.

Work is about to start in preparation for the May 9-15 “Christian Home Week” study. More information will be forthcoming, electronically, in hopes that our ECBA churches will participate in this meaningful study.

North Delaware Baptism



On Sunday, April 11th, North Delaware Baptist Church Pastor Jim Marlow had the privilege of baptizing his granddaughter, Arian Richey. Arian is the 11 year old daughter of Lani and Travis Richey.

Chili Cook-off for a Good Cause

Old Town Hill held their annual TOP of The Hill Chili Cook Off on March 21st. Participants vote for the best chili by putting money into the designated jar. All the funds went to help purchase a new trailer for the Disaster Relief ministry. They raised over \$300. Roger Hargis was the new reigning champion. Melissa Reynolds came in second. Good food, good fun, for a good cause.



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

Birthdays

May 21—Jeremiah Kinney
(Remedy City)

Wedding Anniversaries

None

Pastor-Church Anniversaries

None

Upcoming Events In May

May 8—**CANCELLED** - ECBA Leadership Meeting at Redeemer Baptist Church , 3230 Lindberg Road, Anderson IN 46012

May 13—**CANCELLED** - ECBA Quarterly Meeting originally scheduled at New Day Baptist Church in Alexandria.

SBC Emphasis for May

May 2 —Senior Adult Sunday

May 6—National Day of Prayer

May 9-16—Christian Home Week

Why I Chose to be a Southern Baptist

By Pat Storm

I have been in a Southern Baptist Church since I was about 4 years of age. Obviously, as a child, it was my parents who chose to attend an SBC church and take my sisters and me. After my parents became believers, we were there frequently — every Sunday morning, Sunday night, Wednesday night, and any other time there were activities at the church. Certainly, that laid a foundation that helped in the development of my faith. When I became an adult, I could choose where I wanted to worship and serve and I chose to be Southern Baptist. There came a point in my life that the Lord was leading me to change churches. There are other denominations and non-denominational churches whose basic doctrine is in line with my beliefs. Many were located much closer to where I lived and provided wonderful opportunities for worship, service, activities, and learning. Many were doing a lot of outreach to their communities, and for awhile, I considered those opportunities, but I always came back to the basics that kept me a Southern Baptist.

Doctrine

Southern Baptists have been called “people of the Word” because of their reliance on the Word of God as the only basis for their belief. It is not changed by the changing culture or by the latest social or political movement. The Baptist Faith and Message still stands as the standard of our basic beliefs.

Cooperation

The SBC Cooperative Program is one of the defining reasons I remain a Southern Baptist. Knowing that a portion of my tithe goes to support so

many different ministries brings me joy. Knowing that I have a part in reaching people for Christ in our country and around the world is exciting. There are non-SBC churches that will support a handful of missionaries and be invested in supporting them, but if the church ever falls on hard times, that support dwindles or completely disappears. Our SBC missionaries do not have to worry about this, as all of our 47,530 churches join together to support them, and if one church falls on hard times, they are still supported. Our cooperation also allows me to be part of so many ministries: disaster relief, hunger relief, reaching students, ministries to the homeless, single moms, and others in need, plus many other ministries. I also get to have a part in helping train people for ministry through our Southern Baptist seminaries. What a blessing it is to know I can have a tiny part in each of these ministries that promote the gospel of Jesus Christ!

Fellowship

It is great to have the fellowship of believers at my local church but it is a special gift to also have the fellowship of believers in our association of churches. I love hearing about how God is working in and through their churches and ministries. Plus, if any of our churches need help, they can call on our association of churches to help them as they spread the gospel of Jesus in their location. I also love the opportunities to know and work with people throughout our State Convention of Baptists in Indiana and our Southern Baptist Convention.

I am so thankful for the men and women of 9th and O Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky who prayed for

and supported a young seminary student and his family as they planted a church in Huntingburg, Indiana. It was at that small church plant that my dad, mom, and I became believers and charter members of the Huntingburg First Baptist Church. Those believers, working together, changed not only our lives, but also many other lives and generations yet to come. Certainly, the Southern Baptist Convention has faults and failures; it's made up of humans, but we can work through any differences, if we keep our eyes on Jesus and remain true to His Word. We certainly are “better together.”

New Day Baptist Holds Blood Drive



On Thursday, March 11th, New Day Baptist Church, in partnership with Alexandria Monroe High School, hosted a community blood drive from 2:30 – 6:00 p.m. The need is great. Every 2 seconds, somebody in the country needs blood and this need never takes a break. Besides providing much needed blood donations, this blood drive also supported a graduating senior with a scholarship opportunity.

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CANCELLED

ECBA May Quarterly Meeting

**Originally scheduled for Thursday, May 13th
at New Day Baptist Church in Alexandria.**

Next Scheduled Meeting

ECBA Annual Meeting

**Thursday, September 23rd, at 7:00 p.m.
at Old Town Hill Baptist Church in Muncie.**