

Churches Cooperate and Share Building

As Southern Baptists we often refer to the spirit of cooperation in our denomination, but there is hardly anything else that demonstrates greater cooperation than the sharing of one's home. Two of our churches are now sharing a home. On November 21, Halteman Village Baptist Church in Muncie made room in their church building for Remedy City Church.

Remedy City Church began as a church plant in 2013. Starting as a Bible Study in homes, they soon began meeting in a theater and later a restaurant. In 2015, they moved to the Riverside United Methodist Church building on Wheeling Avenue. The church allowed them to use their youth room, nursery, and classrooms. By the Fall of 2016, they had outgrown this space and the Methodist Church graciously adjusted their worship service time to allow Remedy City to meet in the sanctuary and use their AV equipment. Unfortunately, the church building is now up for sale and Remedy City had to find a new place to meet. Halteman Village Baptist Church kindly offered them use of their building.

Integris Holds Revival Services

Integris Community Church in Albany, Indiana held revival services October 31 through November 3. The services began each evening with praise and worship at 6:30 p.m. Evangelist Joe Veal from You-Turn Ministries in Ohio was



the guest speaker. The services drew a dozen or so people in person each evening and they were certainly blessed. Others watched via Facebook Live. Some of the people from ECBA sister churches also attended and supported Integris Community Church and they were encouraged by worshipping together.



The church sign displays both congregations worship times.

This is not a new concept for Halteman Village. Previously, they have shared their building with the Chinese Christian Fellowship, who has since moved in with Grace Baptist Church where they have additional space. Halteman Village has also been a gracious host to two homeschooling groups, a TOPS club, a quilt group, and even the neighborhood association (who met there prior to the Covid outbreak).

Halteman Village has adjusted their worship service time to 9:30 a.m. and Remedy City will meet at 11:00 a.m. Remedy City has been averaging between 60 and 70 in attendance on Sunday mornings. Since Covid and with the passing of 5 members last year, Halteman Village has been having about 20 in attendance.

Remedy City had already been holding baptisms at Halteman Village, so they are familiar with the church. It is less than 2 miles from the Methodist Church where they had been meeting. Some students walked to the services and they have already arranged for transportation to Halteman Village with this change.

The church has also provided an office for Pastor Jeremiah Kinney and they have access to classrooms, kitchen, etc. Remedy City has agreed to also share building expenses (electricity, gas, etc.).

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Dr. Ron Ross

The Katecheo

The Apostle Paul, writing the church at Corinth some twenty-five years after Jesus' resurrection, shared these thoughts—"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain." [1Corinthians 15.1-2, NASB]

Let's notice the thrust of these two verses — FIRST, the progression of Paul's ministry (he uses the Aorist Tense, which is a tense denoting a historic broad stroke of a concept). This would suggest that modern day preachers must be true to God's Word in reference to any topic, but especially in reference to the doctrine of soteriology (the doctrine of the study of salvation). What we share with the lost is of utmost importance. As proclaimers of God, we cannot afford to mislead any listener. Simply stated, only those who realize their lost, sinful condition, without any hope on their own, is ready to hear the glorious message of the gospel. Those witnessing to the unsaved should realize God prepares those He is going to "call to

salvation" through the ministry of His Holy Spirit and actually enables the respondent to believe in faith.

That leads us SECONDLY, to a thought Paul expressed to his readers — "unless you believed in vain." It is so sad to realize how many people making professions of faith have vanished. One would be quick to say, "they never actually accepted Jesus as Savior," and though that may be true, one would be led to wonder what did they accept? Probably, whatever the sharer told them. Many of the Corinthian believers had serious questions about "the resurrection" and those uncertain with this part of the gospel message were either unclear initially or were influenced by some of the false teachers of that day. This evidently was a large problem in the Corinth congregation when looking at the ten paragraphs given to discuss this issue.

We should all be challenged to doctrinal integrity in our livelihood and proclamation. Something to ponder as the message goes out to needy listeners.



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

Birthdays

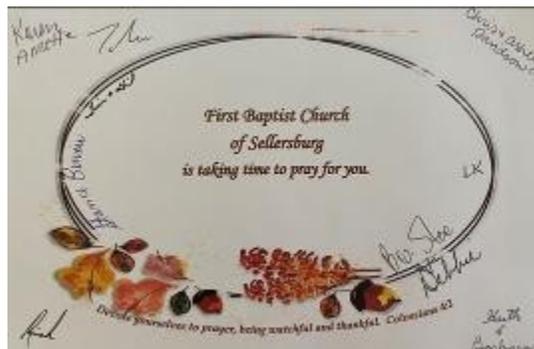
December 17—Melissa Ousley, Redeemer Baptist Church

Anniversaries

None

Pastor-Church Anniversaries

December 26—Troy James—The Cross, 10 years



Upcoming Events In December

Friday, December 3. 6:00 PM—ECBA Pastors and Staff Christmas party, Old Town Hill Baptist Church, 3000 S Burlington Drive, Muncie IN 47302

SBC Emphasis for December

November 28—December 5—IMB Week of Prayer & Mission Study plus Lottie Moon Offering

MISSION INDIANA

September is the Indiana State Missions Offering for Southern Baptists in Indiana. Instead of a formal offering First Baptist Church of Sellersburg felt a greater need for prayer this year. We have decided to pray for each church in the state convention by name during this time. Please know we care for each of you and sincerely pray for God's blessing and encouragement for you.

Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer. Romans 12:12

ECBA Profit and Loss Statement for October 2021

Income

4000 · Church Receipts

4060 · New Day	500.00
4120 · Halteman - Muncie	338.67
4140 · Kingston - Anderson	99.65
4160 · North Delaware - Muncie	335.54
4170 · Old Town Hill - Muncie	0.00
4180 · Redeemer - Anderson	0.00
4190 · First - Montpelier	80.00
4210 · Faith Christian Fellowship	130.00
4230 · Integris	177.00
4240 · Remedy City	127.27

Total 4000 · Church Receipts 1,788.13

Total Income 1,788.13

Expense

7000 · Administrative Ministry

7010 · Other Expense	58.89
7021 · Insurance	1,887.36
7090 · Payroll	770.56

Total 7000 · Administrative Ministry 2,716.81

7100 · Church Health 261.30

7300 · Associational Ministry 83.41

7500 · Trustee 189.69

Total Expense 3,251.21

Net Income -1,463.08

ECBA Balance Report October 2021

	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
1000 · ONB			
1010 · General Budget	42,221.82	43,799.90	-1,578.08
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
1020 · Disaster Relief	474.28	474.28	0.00
1025 · Mission Building Capital Fund	8,202.19	8,087.19	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	<u>302.26</u>	<u>302.26</u>	0.00
Total 1000 · ONB	86,192.60	87,655.68	-1,463.08
1100 · Indiana Baptist Foundation			
1110 · ECBA Endowment	12,431.18	12,431.18	0.00
1111 · Church P&H ROI	3,496.31	3,496.31	0.00
1120 · Church P&H Fund	19,223.09	19,223.09	0.00
1125 · BCMH Temp Restricted	<u>149,357.73</u>	<u>149,357.73</u>	0.00
Total 1100 · Indiana Baptist Foundation	<u>184,508.31</u>	<u>184,508.31</u>	0.00
TOTAL	<u><u>270,700.91</u></u>	<u><u>272,163.99</u></u>	<u><u>-1,463.08</u></u>

Redeemer Holds Prayer Walks in November

Redeemer Baptist Church in Anderson held Prayer Walks in the neighborhoods of church members on three Saturdays in November. The group would walk through the neighborhood and stop and pray for the homes in that area. Sometimes the church member who lived in the neighborhood would know a little about the people living there; sometimes they didn't



know them at Jeff Hall, Melissa Ousley, Carmen all. Sometimes Hall, Pam Stafford, Linda Wulle, Pat evidence Storm, and Pastor Jearme Ousley would direct (taking picture) stop to pray for some of the homes in the Halls' neighborhood on November 13.

as, children's toys in the yard, a handicap accessible ramp, a Disabled American Veteran license plate, a work van, etc. Occasionally, people would come out of their homes and asked what they were doing. This gave the opportunity to pray with and for them. It was always appreciated.

More prayer walks are planned for the spring. Some of the members have begun using the prayer app, Bless Every Home or accessing the website, www.Blesseveryhome.com. This program maps the location of your home and gives you the names of your neighbors so that you can pray for them. You can track when you have prayed for them, when you have done something to care for them, when you have shared Jesus with them, and when you have discipled them. It can also give you daily or weekly reminders to pray.

Baptism at New Day—Muncie

There is always joy when a new believer is baptized and this was no exception. The joy is evident on the faces as Lily Barber Was baptized at Muncie's New Day Baptist Church by Pastor Dale Trego.



Pastor Dale baptizes Lily Barber.

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Friday & Saturday, January 21-22, 2022

Highland Lakes Baptist Camp

For men ages 16+

Registration at 5 pm on Friday followed with freetime activities (basketball, pickleball, euchre) and a dinner of smoked pork with all the fixins'. Program dismisses at 4 pm on Saturday.

\$65 ages 18+, \$50 under 18 includes lodging and dinner, breakfast, and lunch.

Fight One More Round. No matter what we are going through, we fight one more round. We continue to evangelize, just as the first century apostles did; from town to town, from trial to trial, from prison to prison, "they kept evangelizing."

Join us in the cold of the winter as we stir the flame of our hearts to "Fight One More Round".



Dr. Mark Croston

After 26 years of successful pastoral ministry, Dr. Croston, in response to the call of God, transitioned to serve at LifeWay Christian Resources in Nashville, Tennessee as *National Director of Black Church Ministries*; General Editor of the YOU Urban Bible Study curriculum; and Executive Editor of *Deacon Magazine*. Additionally, Dr. Croston serves as Executive Pastor, Mount Gilead Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, a Teaching Pastor, Christ Fellowship, Miami, Florida and Pastor Emeritus of East End Baptist Church, Suffolk, Virginia.



Worship Leader – Bo Warren