

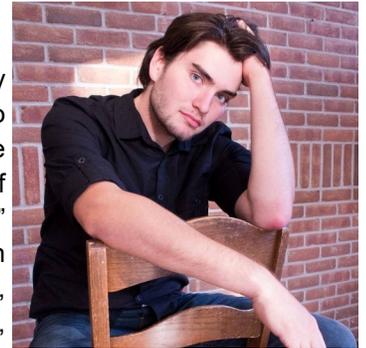
Old Town Hill Calls Associate Pastor

After searching for an Associate Pastor for the past two years, Old Town Hill has called the man they believe God wants in this place of service. Andrew Dunbar began serving as Old Town Hill's Associate/Youth Pastor on December 3. In this position he is responsible for youth education and ministries plus he will serve as needed in other pastoral capacities. Senior Pastor, Bruce Reynolds said they were excited to have Andrew in this position. He described him as a man with a humble, teachable spirit who was not only passionate about youth ministry but also had a wide interest in serving others.

Andrew received his B.A. in Biblical Studies from Taylor University in 2020. He also attended Indiana Wesleyan University and Ivy Tech. After graduating, Andrew served as the volunteer pastor at Woodside Community Church in Greenwood, Indiana, while also working for Valvoline Instant Oil Change. He was the assistant to the youth pastor at Lighthouse Church and did an internship at Colonial Woods

Missionary Church.

Andrew teasingly said he was into anything "where there is a chance of breaking a bone." He enjoys mountain biking, skiing, mixed martial arts, etc. He loves to cook and tries very hard to eat healthy. He likes animals and enjoys drawing and animation. In high school, his sport was dancing. In college, he played rugby and varsity lacrosse. Andrew also plays the guitar and used to play the piano. He grew up in his parents' home in Greenwood, Indiana and has an older sister.



Andrew Dunbar

Andrew said his goal is youth ministry is to help teenagers grow in their faith, help them answer crazy and wild questions of the Bible, and help prepare them for the world to come.

Remedy City Baptizes 10 Believers

God has been faithfully working through His people at Remedy City Church. This past year they baptized 10 people. That is over 10% of their congregation!

Nine men and one woman were baptized and each has a different testimony. Nine of them were Ball State students and one was a young married man. Some were from church families. A couple of them had been baptized as children, only because they were following the crowd, but now are following Jesus.

One attended Remedy City for the first time on Good Friday. He was saved on Easter and baptized in September. He began bringing multiple unsaved guests to church a month later and now even one of his guests is bringing guests.

Several had their whole families come to their baptism. One has an adult sister who trusted Jesus a month later and then get baptized. They are now praying for their parents.

One was excited to share his testimony at his

baptism so his parents could hear the Good News. It has not had the discernible impact for which he hoped, but he is still praying for them.

The mother of one of those baptized said she barely recognizes her son. He is now teaching children's Sunday School, manages the worship band, and helps with communion.

Eight of these people have joined the church and several are now helping with the children's ministry, the band, and outreach programs. It is wonderful to see what all God has done and exciting to anticipate all He is going to do!

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Dr. Ron Ross

The Katecheo

In writing today's article, our family this wintery morning, is relying on four space-heaters. Our furnace quit four days ago, but the part is due to arrive tomorrow. Obviously, in this weather, it did not take long to realize our furnace had quit and for us to make a quick call to our service man. This scenario brought to mind Solomon's conversation with God. The context of that encounter centered on the construction of the first temple — God provided the blue-prints and the craftsmen, materials, and other necessities were secured. After all, this was going to be the physical facilities where God would abide.

Well, with that bit of background, the work was completed in turn-key style; yet, the King was unsettled. The concern was not in reference to building it to code. No, Solomon's concern was spiritual—the "presence of God." Possessing a beautiful facility in which the presence of God would reside was great; however, since God is a spirit, how would one know God was no longer present? Could there be an indicator of His absence? This was of major concern to Solomon and rightly so, as evidenced in his prayer (2 Chronicles 6 and 7). After all the glory of God's presence was manifested before His people and one would conclude that there is no need to worry. Right...after all, once we experience a glorious service

with so many evidences of God's presence, why should we worry. Please remember Solomon was a wise man and wise people contemplate His presence or absence.

As recorded in Second Chronicles 7.11-22, God appeared to Solomon in answering the King's excellent question and shared with him three visible indicators He had left their presence. Please note these three visible signs:

- ~ preventing rainfall
- ~ allowing locust to devour the land
- ~ sending pestilence on the people

In reading these visible indicators of God's presence leaving, could these signs signify God is not pleased with His people? As one considers unusual weather conditions, unusual threats to plant and animal life, as well as the diseases plaguing humanity—can it be any clearer that God is displeased with His people? But wait! Remember, Solomon had asked for a physical indicator, which God provided, but God also gave a step by step solution to attract His presence. Please note...

If God's people, realizing their sinfulness would: [We must admit our guilt]

- ~ humble themselves [brokenness before God]
- ~ pray [confession of personal sin]
- ~ seek God's face [in fellowship with God]
- ~ turn from their wicked ways [genuine repentance]

The last part of verse fourteen indicates God would honor His people's obedience by:

- ~ Hearing from heaven
- ~ Forgiving their sin
- ~ Healing their land.

Could Solomon's experience many years ago apply to our day? Perhaps so. After all, we continue to experience problems with rainfall. We continue to experience agricultural problems and certainly there are increasingly more and more health challenges facing us all. Our sinfulness has separated us from His glory to be experienced. Something to ponder on this wintery day!

January

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

Birthdays

None

Anniversaries

January 23—Jim & Jama Marlow's anniversary (North Delaware—Muncie)

Church Anniversaries

None

February

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

Birthdays

February 12—Greg Haisley (Integrus Community Church, Albany)

Anniversaries

None

Church Anniversaries

None

Upcoming Events In February

February 17—Leader Lab, 9:30—11:00 AM, Redeemer Baptist Church, 3230 Lindberg Road, Anderson IN 46012

SBC Emphasis for February

February 6—Church Planting, Evangelism and Missions Sunday

February 20—Focus on WMU

February 27—Racial Reconciliation Sunday

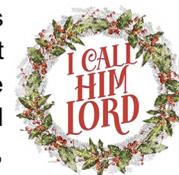
ECBA Profit and Loss Statement for November 2021

	Nov 21
Income	
4000 · Church Receipts	
4060 · New Day	500.00
4120 · Halteman - Muncie	399.96
4140 · Kingston - Anderson	157.72
4160 · North Delaware - Muncie	360.21
4170 · Old Town Hill - Muncie	0.00
4180 · Redeemer - Anderson	243.82
4190 · First - Montpelier	80.00
4210 · Faith Christian Fellowship	130.00
4230 · Integris	190.00
4240 · Remedy City	153.28
Total 4000 · Church Receipts	2,214.99
Total Income	2,214.99
Expense	
7000 · Administrative Ministry	
7010 · Other Expense	258.00
7090 · Payroll	770.56
Total 7000 · Administrative Ministry	1,028.56
7300 · Associational Ministry	174.30
7500 · Trustee	589.36
Total Expense	1,792.22
Net Income	422.77

ECBA Balance Report November 2021

	Nov 21	Oct 21	Change
1000 · ONB			
1010 · General Budget	42,529.59	42,221.82	307.77
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	8,317.19	8,202.19	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	302.26	302.26	0.00
Total 1000 · ONB	86,615.37	86,192.60	422.77
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	149,357.73	149,357.73	0.00
Total 1100 Indiana Baptist Foundation	184,508.31	184,508.31	0.00
TOTAL	271,123.68	270,700.91	422.77

Christmas at Redeemer Baptist Church



For the 2021 Christmas season, Redeemer Baptist Church choir presented the Christmas program, "I Call Him, Lord" on Sunday, December 19. This program is a passionate celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, who left His throne in heaven to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Kevin and Michelle Reincke served as narrators for the program and Leanna Hendricks and Pam Stafford sang the solo parts in the program. The 17-member choir is under the direction of Pat Storm and is accompanied by Lisa Storm at rehearsals. Pat said, "It was a joy to work on and present this program." Because of Covid, the choir had not been able to do a Christmas program last year or an Easter program the past 2 years. They were finally able to resume regular weekly rehearsals in July and began work on music pieces for worship and on the Christmas program.

Furthermore, during the Christmas season, in addition to promoting the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, the church provided "Angel Tree" gifts for First Choice. First Choice for Women is a compassionate, faith-based organization that offers free physical, mental, and spiritual support to empower individuals facing difficult relationship, pregnancy, and parenting decisions in the East Central Indiana Region.

Also, the AWANA group filled Compassion International Christmas Shoeboxes. They were able to fill 33 boxes this year.

Disaster Relief Update

By Joe Fox, ECBA DR Coordinator

Our Disaster Relief Team continues to serve as needed. They are currently on standby to help with the devastation caused by the tornadoes that hit Kentucky. They are just waiting for the call to go active.

They also continue to build wheelchair ramps. First Baptist Church in Daleville reached out to them and they are planning to help them build a wheelchair ramp in the spring.

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Plan Now to Attend

Semi-Annual ECBA Associational Meeting

Thursday, March 10, 2021

New Day Baptist Church

100 S Holland Street

Muncie IN 47303

7:00 p.m. Associational Meeting

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal (If possible)