

Kimberlin *Chronicle*

KIMBERLIN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



Dear Church Family,

I wonder how many times in the past week that I have expressed amazement because Christmas is right around the corner. While this holy observance occurs every year on 25 December it seems like the space between one celebration and the next comes closer and closer. I guess that is just part of getting older, so I am told!

While it is getting closer, it is not here yet. Before we reach the manger, we first travel through the season of Advent.

What is Advent, you might ask? Isn't that just the counting off the weeks until Christmas Day?

In one sense, yes. But it is considerably more.

Advent, which comes from a Latin word meaning "coming," originally was focused on the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. So why does it come immediately before the observance of Christ's first appearance? The idea is that we can trust that Christ will come again because He said He will and proved it by coming the first time.

There are many ways of keeping this season holy, which includes the enjoyment of the merriment that it brings. Yet Advent, like Lent, was originally a season of spiritual preparation that included fasting and repenting.

Did he just say fasting before Christmas!?! Yes, that is all part of the historical season that we know as Advent.

Let me speak clearly here...I am not implying that we turn our backs on the festivities that accompanies this joyous season. What I am suggesting is that we don't focus on the feasting so much that we forget the "reason for the season." Let's make sure that we are not at such a full throttle in the next few weeks that we forget to worship the One who came and is coming again.

Believe it or not, I have had people tell me that they were too busy to attend worship or church activities because they were so busy with Christmas! I think it is safe to say that if you are that busy you are not focused on Jesus Christ but on something else. We must not party so hard that we walk right by the One that we are having the party for in the first place!

Here are some thoughts on how we can rightly observe this season:

*Keep the worship of our Lord and Savior in first place. Truly enjoy the glory of the season.

*Make time to slow down and read from God's Word. Don't get so caught up in the fun that we forget to listen to God speaking to us all.

*Remember that the original Christmas was far from perfect. I think there is something about a questionable couple who had no place to stay after a long journey. I wonder who in our lives or our community needs us to think of them in their difficult situation?

*By all means, enjoy the gaiety with family and friends but don't let that be a substitute for focusing on the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Spend time with family and friends but don't forget your church family. Come gather with us as we celebrate the joy of the season!

These are just a few thoughts. What do you think that we should add to the list to enable us to focus on the One who came and is coming again?

In Christ's Love, Pastor Tim

*But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.
Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.*

Luke 2:10-11



1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

The holiday season is a busy time for the youth! We recently celebrated Thanksgiving by sharing a meal together. It was a great time to share what we were thankful for and spend time in fellowship around the table. In December we will be baking Christmas cookies and treats to donate to We Care and the Soldier packages. We will also be shopping for our gingerbread kid to make sure that they will receive a great Christmas gift. On December 21, we will be bell ringing at Walmart for the Salvation Army from 10-12. Stop by and say hello! We will close out December with our annual New Years lock-in. This is always a great time of fun, food, and fellowship.

As a reminder, the youth will be sorting and passing out Christmas cards each Sunday morning in December, so if you would like to forego mailing those, please bring them to the small fellowship hall prior to worship. We will also be compiling a Christmas greeting booklet again this year, so if you'd like to place a greeting, please give it to myself or Leah by Sunday, December 15th.

Blessings, Pastor Tyler & Leah

And behold, you will
conceive in your
womb and bring forth
a Son, and shall call
His name Jesus.

Luke 1:31

Throughout the month of January, we will be collecting canned goods and other non-perishable items for the Edna Martin Christian Center in Indianapolis. This is an annual event in conjunction with the Coffee Creek Baptist Association.

As in the past the men and women will be competing to see who brings in the most items. We also have a little longer to bring in our items this year as they will not be picked up until February 9th. Our goal is 1500 items. Cash or checks (make out to KCBC) will be counted as 2 items for each \$1.00 given. Losers punishment will take place on February 9th.



Silent night holy night all is calm all is bright. Here we are December 2019 already. It's that magical time of year where time slows down for children and speeds up for parents. For the last few weeks I've noticed the black Friday ads, and have been noticing how we are seeming to get busier as we prepare for family gatherings and shopping trips. I can't help but imagine that it was the same way those many years ago when Christ made his humble appearance into this world. In those days the town of Bethlehem was crowded with people, and even tho people were there to pay their taxes, no doubt it was a very noisy and busy place. Yet when everything got silent Christ made his presence known. How true is it in our own lives when we get busy and the world around us gets loud, and sometimes it starts to become overwhelming, may we remember that it's in the quiet moments when Christ refreshes our souls and reminds us that he is there. So this Christmas season let's endeavor to make more time for that silent night so that we can let others see the calm and bright life that can be had in Christ. Merry Christmas.

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Future Events

- Jan. 1st - No Services, Happy New Year!
- Jan. 5th - Marathon Meetings Day
- Jan. 10th-11th - Pastor Tim in Ohio
- Jan. 18th - Winter Jam in Indianapolis, 12:00 PM-1:00 a.m.
- Jan. 25th - CoMBaT Trivia Night & Chili Cook-off, 6:00 PM
- Jan. 26th - Youth Snow Tubing at Paoli Peaks, 12:00-8:00 PM
- Feb. 2nd - Bowling Outing at Scottsburg Lanes, 2-4 PM
- Feb. 4th - Red Cross Blood Drive in FLC
- Feb. 6th - Coffee Creek Association American Baptist Men's Quarterly Mtg. at Bethany Baptist, 7:00 PM
- Feb. 8th - Valentines Dinner at KCBC, 6:00 PM
- Feb. 16th - Youth Fundraising Dinner, 12 PM

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STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

| | <u>SS</u> | <u>MW</u> | <u>OFFERING</u> |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| Nov. 3 | 54 | 127 | \$ 2,600.00 |
| Nov. 10 | 44 | 152 | \$ 2,450.00 |
| Nov. 17 | 43 | 127 | \$ 2,700.00 |
| Nov. 24 | 45 | 125 | \$ 2,550.00 |
| 4 Wk. Avg. | 47 (+4) | 133 (-2) | |

4 Wk. Total Received \$ 10,300.00
 4 Wk. Total Needed \$ 13,320.00
 4 Wk. Rec. Last Month \$ 12,000.00

YTD needed: \$ 43,290
 YTD received: \$ 36,400

(September 1, 2019-November 24, 2019)

World Mission Offering
 Goal - \$1500.00
 Total Received - \$1,012.59

TEAM KID NEWS

Once again coming into our Christmas Season, I want to take a minute to thank you for all you do for our children. You fill our hearts and bellies all year long with Easter Candy, Halloween Candy & Surprises, all Wednesday night snacks and the latest and bestest being filling 101 Shoeboxes for needy children. You are truly an AMAZING church family, not just at Christmas but all year long.

Our children are learning about Jesus and I pray they will follow in your footsteps and become the loving and giving adults that you are! While we were filling those 101 boxes not one child asked to keep anything, they truly have that giving spirit that Jesus wants us to have! My prayer for you is a safe and blessed Christmas and New Year for you, your family, our neighbors and friends. Stay strong in God's word and thank Him everyday for the blessings we receive and the ones we can share with others.

Also, this year, we want to invite our church family to join us for the Happy Birthday Jesus party on Wednesday, December 18 from 6-7:30 PM. We will provide the pizza. See meal list for what to bring or just join us and have pizza.

Thank you again. God Bless & Be Safe
 Barb & Team Kid



Everyone is invited to join Pastor Tim & Pam at their Christmas Open House at the parsonage on Saturday, December 14 from 5:00-7:00 PM. Come and stay for a few minutes or for the whole 2 hours.

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS



CoMBaT will again be sponsoring a Lunch with Santa on Sunday, December 15, following the Morning Service. With the men providing the meal the ladies are being asked to bring desserts. So bring your children/grandchildren and have a wonderful lunch and get their picture taken with Jolly Ole Saint Nick.

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We will have another Movie Night at the church on Friday, December 13 starting at 6:00 PM. Bring finger foods to eat before the movie begins. Popcorn will be provided for the movie time. This year we will be showing "The Polar Express". The movie will start around 6:30 or so. Depending on how long we take to eat.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!

**Carols & Choirs at Scottsburg First Baptist
Sunday, December 1, 2019 – 6:00 PM**

This will be the 38th Annual Carols & Choirs for the Coffee Creek Association. At this event all the churches in the association are invited to bring special music in the form of their choir, a smaller group or a soloist.

Also, at this event, we bring frozen turkeys, other holiday food and unwrapped gifts for the people that the Edna Martin Christian Center in Indianapolis serve. And nearly every year they have brought their children's choir to perform a couple of songs. If you don't attend, then you won't be blessed by these children.

This event starts at 6:00 PM and usually lasts a couple hours or less. The ladies at First Baptist always have a wonderful array of holiday foods during a fellowship following the program.



American Baptist Women News

On Sunday, December 8th following the Morning Service all the ladies of the church are asked to bring your favorite baked good(s) for a **BAKE SALE** to help the ABW to raise funds for their yearly missions. They have a White Cross quota to fulfill at the beginning of each calendar year plus they also help in many other areas as well. So, since all ladies are a part of the ABW whether you attend the meetings or not, please help with this mission fundraiser.

The ABW will be having their Christmas party on Monday, December 16 at 10 a.m. at the church. Please bring your favorite Christmas food and a \$5.00 gift for exchange. All ladies of the church are invited.

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 **Joe & Sandy Lucas, 1990**
- 1 Pastor Tim Mohon
- 2 Brenda Yount, Whitley Whitten, Abigail Walsh
- 3 Melissa Hill
- 5 Lillyan Blevins
- 8 Danny Snelling
- 9 Joyce Ann Beckelheimer, Raegan Goode, Beth Nowlin
- 13 Pat Smith
- 14 Pauline Prewitt, Jason Middleton, Harper & Lily Petty
- 15 Alyssa Hublard
- 16 Erin Mattingly
- 17 Roger Lawson
- 18 Bradley Koehler
- 19 **David & Martha East, 1970**
- 19 Cinderella Roberts
- 20 Janet Wells
- 21 Angie Riley, Chris Jeffries, Emma Johns, Aaron & Andrew Stainbrook
- 22 Doug Gross, Kim Lucas
- 24 Carol Gibson, Cindy Gibson
- 25 **Jim & Hazel West, 1953**
- 26 **Lawrence & Linda Parks, 1965**
- 26 Sharon Davis, Mark Braden
- 29 Thelma Noble, Joe Lucas
- 30 Carolyn Nowlin
- 31 **Bob & Louann Calder, 1981**
- 31 Jim Berna

Wednesday Night Family Meals

The Wednesday night family meals are open to everyone. It costs just \$1.00 per person (to help cover the cost of the entrée). We ask that you bring an item to share from the lists below or check the Sunday bulletin. If you would like to prepare the entrée for one Wednesday night, please sign up on the sheet on the desk in the small fellowship hall.

DECEMBER – Swiss Chicken Supreme (Jessica Simpson)
Steamed Broccoli, Egg Noodles, Green Beans, Dessert, Drinks

DECEMBER 11 – Enchiladas (Angie Avendano)
Mexican Rice, Bread Sticks, Green Salad, Dessert, Drinks

DECEMBER 18 – Pizza (6 PM @ Happy Birthday Jesus party)
Salads, Bread Sticks, Desserts, Drinks

**DECEMBER 25 – NO SERVICES
MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
ATTENDANCE**

| | <u>Adults</u> | <u>Youth</u> | <u>Team Kid</u> | <u>Totals</u> |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 11/06 | 16 | 11 | 16 | 43 |
| 11/13 | 18 | 6 | 16 | 40 |
| 11/20 | 16 | 8 | 14 | 38 |
| <u>11/27</u> | <u>No Services: Thanksgiving Eve</u> | | | |
| Avg. | 17 | 8 | 15 | 40 |
| Last Month | | | | |
| Avg. | 19 | 11 | 15 | 45 |

October had 5 Wednesdays.