**The Shepherd,**Coffee Creek Association, February 2020

Hello, my name is Melissa (Missy) Payne, I am the wife of Michael Payne, Pastor Bethany Baptist Church. I have asked to take on the publication of the Shepherd for the Coffee Creek Association because I really feel there is a need for this information to get out to our sister churches. It helps us to keep in touch with one another and to know what is happening in our association.

My goal is to have the publication out to the churches by the last Saturday of each month. I don’t know yet how long it will take me to put this together and get it out. If I could have your church information by the 20th of each month, that would be helpful. You can send your information to my email: 2009mmpayne@gmail.com, text: (812)794-3274 or mail: Melissa Payne, 1310 W Old State RD 256, Austin, IN 47102.

I look forward to hearing from your church each month.

**ALPHA - by Jackie McGannon**

What a delightful message!  Received word Monday morning  that The Shepherd will be back up and going as of this month!  Thank you, Melissa and Mike Payne for taking on this task!  We've all missed those important updates from each church.

Alpha's calendar is rapidly filling up for the year.  This year will be Alpha's 125th Anniversary; the celebration is scheduled for August, the month in which the church was constituted and added to the Coffee Creek Association.  More information will be forthcoming as we get details worked out.

Other items already "in place" include the Women's two annual yard sales (one in April; one in September), Vacation Bible School (first week of June); and ABWomen's Sunday.

Thanks to Mike and Chrystal Pruett, and Bob Malcomb for their continued support of our Youth Group.  Some of the young people are actually attending Bible Study on Wednesdays with us as well as attending the combined Men's and Women's monthly meetings.  They will be the "church of tomorrow."

Alpha has had several members with serious issues this winter.  In particular, we want to mention Jack Perkinson who had a serious fall in January, and who is still in rehab for his injuries, but he's looking forward to being home soon.  Prayers continue for you, Jack.

We are hoping to get important upgrades done to the interior of our church before the Anniversary this summer.  Our thanks to Tim Cruz and Co. for the ceiling which has been painted and looks beautiful. Next project:  Walls and a new door!  Wish us luck.

**Austin First Baptist Church**

Greetings Sister Churches,

At Austin First Baptist we continue to service our Lord through worship, study, times of fellowship, and various other ministries. Youth meetings are held regularly on Wednesday evenings.

Our Harvest Supper is always a much looked forward to event and this year was no exception. We were blessed to have three very notable and fairly local clowns come to entertain us prior to chowing down on all the traditional trimmings of the season. The Youth sponsors provided a skating party for all the youth as a Christmas present to them. The ABW hosted a Church Christmas party complete with grab bag gifts and a white elephant auction. Several of our members participated in a Christmas outing to Clifty Inn for an enjoyable evening of diner and fellowship.

We are most pleased to have started a new outreach project for the youth of the community who have been coming for the youth meetings on Wednesday evenings. We are calling it a Care Ministry in that the members of our church have committed to provide various toiletry and care items to the youth on a regular basis. We are excited about this ministry and the youth really seem to enjoy receiving these items.

Every 5th Sunday is now Cookie Fellowship Sunday a time a fellowship right after the morning worship. This 5th Sunday will include a planning session for our upcoming Vacation Bible School. Prayers and blessing for all of our sister churches.

Jerry Johnson
Austin First Baptist Church

**Bethany Baptist, by Missy Payne**

It’s good to once again see what our sister churches are doing. Bethany Baptist welcomed Michael Payne as our Pastor in August 2019 with Bryan Collins coming onboard as our Youth Pastor.

Our youth have been very busy lately. They treated the church to a yummy spaghetti dinner for Valentine’s Day, ventured to Winter Jam in Indianapolis and have started delivering meals to our senior members on Sunday evenings. We are in the process of planning our summer VBS program.

We invite everyone to come out Saturday, March 28th from 7PM-9PM for game night. Bring a snack to share and your favorite game. It will be a great night of fun and fellowship.

The 5th Sunday Hymn Sing will be March 29th at 6 PM. We encourage each church to come and participate.

**Greetings from Coffee Creek Baptist!**

It has been an amazing journey over the last three years here at Coffee Creek Baptist church. As I start my fourth year as pastor for Coffee Creek Baptist I just want to let you know what going on at Coffee Creek Baptist.

In December we had a great Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, we had the McDonner Family Singing for us as well as Cassi Gater.

In January we started up our children church, David and Tracie Short is doing the children’s church, and they are working on learning all the Books of the Bible.

On February 12th we had the Pastors Valentines Dinner; we had roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, salad, and lots of wonderful desserts.

We also have over the last year started a Wednesday Night service at 7 pm. We are in the middle of doing an in-depth study on the Book of Revelation, right now we are starting Revelation chapter 15.

Upcoming events:

March 15th Friends and Family Day service starts at 10:30am; we will have a pitch in dinner after our service.

April 12th Easter Sunday will start out for Coffee Creek Baptist with a Sunrise Service at 7:00am at Graham Creek School followed by breakfast at Graham Presbyterian Church.

April 16th Rural Fellowship Starts – Coffee Creek Baptist 7pm

Thank you,

Pastor Keith Smith

Coffee Creek Baptist Church

**Greetings from Kimberlin Creek**

So happy to see the Shepherd back in publication. Thanks so much Missy for giving it a try. Hope it all works out.

Kimberlin Creek will be having a Movie Night here at the church on Friday, March 6th. We will have a light dinner with finger foods that are brought at 6:00 PM. Then at around 6:30 or so, we will be showing the movie, "Wonder Park" in our youth room. Popcorn and bottles of water will be available for the movie. Everyone is invited to attend.

On March 29th our CoMBaT men will be having their famous Fish Fry. Along with their deep fried fish the meal will include Cole Slaw, Fries, Dessert & Drink. All this for just $8.00. No advance tickets are needed. They will be serving from 12:00-2:00 PM that day.

Our monthly Shared Blessings clothes closet is going great. A lot more people are using it and that is awesome. It is open on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 PM. It is open to anyone who is needing clothing/shoes and there is absolutely no charge and no limit to what you can get. So if you know of anyone in need, please send them out on March 21st.

Hope to see all of you at the Coffee Creek Association Annual Meeting on March 8th at Kent Baptist Church...4:00 PM!!

Judy Peacock

Church Secretary

**Scottsburg First Baptist**

Greetings to all sister churches of the Coffee Creek Association. First, I would like to thank Melissa Payne for taking over this vital and important ministry. The Shepherd is a wonderful way for us to stay in contact with one another and to pass along information that could be of benefit to other churches.

As with all of you a lot has happened since the last issue of the Shepherd. Last year we continued with our Easter Egg Hunt. It had to be held in the Fellowship Hall because of all the rain last spring. Our oldest member, Stella Hall, celebrated her 100th birthday in June and over a hundred people attended her party here at the church. VBS was a big success with kids galore learning about God’s greatest gift. We purchased an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) last fall in case someone would have a heart issue while here at church. It is extremely easy to use and I would recommend each church having one, just in case. Operation Bottom Line has continued to grow as we now serve over 40 families in Scott County. Last year we added 2 sizes to the giveaway, Newborn and size 6 and we now give away all kinds of things that go with the diapers and infant care. Wipe, creams, lotions, baby food and juices, clothes, bibs, bottles, Christian reading materials for kids and adults, and we have started adding adult clothes, shoes, and food items for the whole family. We are also exploring the idea of bringing on a Youth Minister. If your church has one, I would appreciate you getting in touch with me so that we would have a better understanding of how a Youth program would look at FBC.

That’s all for now; may God continue to bless all of you and your ministry for the work you do for Him in His Kingdom.

Pastor Kevin

**Tyler Griffen, Moderator**Hello Pastors!

I am reaching out to you to let you know that at the Annual Meeting this year we will be voting on two large items, not on our normal docket. For those of you who do not know, New Harmony Baptist Church in Austin, IN has requested to join our Association, coming from the Brownstown Association. At the annual meeting we will be voting to accept them into the association as well as a constitutional amendment to add them to the list of churches in our by-laws. It would be great to have representation from every church, because of these two items.

**Coffee Creek Baptist Association
Annual Meeting
March 8th at 4pm
Kent Baptist Church**

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

God's Grace and Peace,

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**ABWM, Patti Short**

Mark your calendars, the ABWM Spring Retreat will be held on May 2 from 9 am to 3 pm at Kimberlin Creek BC. More details to follow.

**Southeasten Baptist Youth Camp**

Missy,

It is good to see you bringing the Shepherd back.

The link below has information on the following:

Semi-formal Banquet & Silent Auction Fundraising Event

2020 Camp Schedule

The RACE

<http://www.sbycamp.com/sbycevents>

Please share this and I also have attached the Needs List that is bulletin size for churches to copy.

Contact me with any questions.

Thank you,
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