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

***SINGSPIRIATION***

We are happy to announce that we will be having our Singspiration Service at 6 PM, Sunday, July 12th at Kimberlin Creek. We will be awarding Scholarships and invite all churches to bring a song, reading, poem, etc. to share. Please contact Leah Griffith if your church is planning to participate. Unfortunately, the current COVID situation prevents us from having a refreshment fellowship after the service.

**Leah Griffin
KCBC Choir Director**

Hello Sister Churches,

I pray you're doing well and have continued ministry - even if it looks different - through everything the past few months. As you know, we had to postpone the Spring Singspiration in May in the midst of the virus. We have rescheduled to Sunday, July 12th at 6pm at Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church.

We hope that you will join us for an evening of "social distanced" fellowship and worshipping our Lord, however we understand if you don't feel comfortable getting out. We will be awarding the Coffee Creek Association scholarships that evening as well as hearing an update from Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp. Typically, we ask you to bring supplies to donate to the camp at the Singspiration evening. This year, they are doing "Camp Where You Are" due to the virus and have very few supply needs - however, they still need our monetary support, as they still have expenses that need to be covered.  Even if you're not able to attend, please consider sending an offering to be forwarded to the camp. Offerings can be given that evening or sent to:

Coffee Creek Baptist Association

4756 E St Rd 356

Scottsburg, IN 47170

We encourage your choirs to participate in Singspiration - even if you don't have much time to practice. We will all worship together! If you don't have a choir or many of your choir members aren't quite ready to get out yet, consider having a soloist or a small ensemble to represent your church.

A few things that might be of interest to you - we will provide masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer to anyone who would like to use them. The sanctuary at KCBC will have certain areas blocked off in an effort to keep people socially distanced. We know that many of you are comfortable sitting near others and don't mind if others sit in your row, however we understand that many are not and would prefer to be distanced. Both options will be available and we ask you to respect everyone's decisions about their comfort level! We will have "overflow" seating available in our Family Life Center where we will have equipment set up to live stream the service for viewing there as well. So, if you aren't comfortable being in the sanctuary, you're welcome to join in our FLC and move your chairs around to be as distanced as you feel comfortable! You will be able to see and hear everything going on in the sanctuary - isn't technology great?

Lastly, we will not have the food and fellowship time that we normally have to conclude the evening. Unfortunately, it's hard to remain distanced and keep everyone safe during a meal time. However, we look forward to being able to share a meal soon - once things clear up!

Please respond to Leah Griffin - 812-569-8018 or leahgriffin14@gmail.com as soon as possible to let us know if your church will be participating this year.

We look forward to worshipping with you soon!

**Rev. Timothy Mohon, Moderator**

**Coffee Creek Baptist Association**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am pleased that is my first official address to you all as I was elected to serve as Moderator back at our 2020 Annual meeting. This is an especially joyful note as I have the privilege to talk with you about our Associational Scholarship.

Each year we as a family of churches have the opportunity to offer a scholarship to high school graduates within our membership. This year’s funds came from three distinct sources: budgeted amount, donations from individuals and churches, and the earmarking of the 2019 revival services offering. The precise amount of each scholarship varies annually, depending upon the resources raised.

Our associational Executive committee has the honor and the task to choose from amongst the many students who make application. Since funds were sufficient, it was decided to award scholarships to all seven of this year’s applicants.

As moderator, it is my joy…drum roll, please…to announce the recipients of this year’s grants. In addition to five first-time applications, two continuing students (marked with an asterisk) also received awards.

Scholar Church University

Jake Cope First Marion Vincennes University

Bryce Culley Bethel University of Southern Indiana

Elle Fleenor Bethel Butler University

Grace Monroe\* First Marion University of Indianapolis

Jacob Perkinson Alpha Purdue University

Lindsey Pfaffenbach\* Bethel Purdue University

Martin Ruiz-Bussey Elizabeth Oakland City University

Thank you one and all for your generosity that enables us to share in this form of ministry.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Tim.

**Alpha Baptist Church**by Jackie McGannon

My apologies for not getting the Alpha news in last month - the computer ate my article and would NOT cough it back up!  I did try.  Cross your fingers!

Like all the other churches, Alpha closed its doors to morning services on Sunday’s beginning in March.  We only came together again on Mother's Day and held our service in our community building.  Mike, Chrystal, and others helped get chairs in place; an electric keyboard for Bonnie; and a mike for Stan and a hymnbook for Tim!  And we were off and running.

Since our last meeting, our church building has undergone some "dressing up!"  Tim Cruz did a fantastic job on the ceiling!  Thank you, Michelangelo!  And a dry wall crew knocked out all the walls and installed new dry wall.  Nathan Beardsley did a fantastic job with new paint colors, and we were good to go!  A bit of trim is still needed but this should happen in the next few weeks.

This year is Alpha's 125th Anniversary and we'll be letting the Association know more a little later.  Our celebration date is tentatively August 9.

The Women's group is planning its first yard sale for July 10 and 11.  This is a reschedule sale, since we could not have it in April.

We ask for prayers for Mr. Jack Perkinson, who suffered a fall earlier this year and has been in rehab since then.

The men and women of Alpha held the first meeting since February just this week.  The women's group met in the Family Center/Community Bldg., and the men met in the kitchen area.  The two groups joined together for refreshments.  Thanks to all who helped.

Be safe and may God Bless each of you!

**Bethel Baptist Church**

Greetings from Bethel Baptist in Leota.

Wow! It has been some kind of trip the last few months. Some of us folks out in Leota have had to learn some new tricks in order to deal with these corona viruses. Some folks, were sharp enough to set up and lead our first ever zoom Bible Studies. Thanks are also due to the intrepid skills of some of our younger folks who led us through the valley of the shadow of Modern Technology in order that we could put together what I will call Facebook worship or, how about this, 1st Facebook Baptist. We weren’t the first to do facebook worship but it sure was a new sort of adventure and difficult as well. I feel certain that there were a couple of times that God wanted to smite me, particularly in the middle of my 4-hour attempt to post a 10 minute sermon on Facebook.

We recently began to gather as a group at our shelter house on June 14. After several weeks of “gathering” on Facebook it was nice to once again gather outdoors as a group, albeit with masks and distancing. In prayer we continue to seek God’s longing for us and the community, confident that with faithfulness and obedience, God will “do a new thing” (Is. 43:19 in and through all of us. Shalom to our friends and neighbors in the Coffee Creek Association.

Bruce B.

**Bethany Baptist, by Michael Payne**

Bethany is excited about Jesus Loves Me VBS. We will meet July 31st and August 1st from 6:15 pm-8:30 pm. Sunday, August 2 at 10:30 am with graduation and meals provided. We covet your prayers for a safe VBS.

On Mother’s Day we started back into Church. Some COVID-19 changes have been made. So far so good trusting in Jesus. We have moved Youth to Wednesdays at 7p.m. with Candy Barker and Dan and Sue Albert open to all ages with a light meal provided. There is nothing like getting back to God’s business.

 **First Baptist Church Austin**by Sue Payne

As of May 10th, we have been blessed to resume church services. The saying “You don’t miss the water till the well runs dry” is true. I missed the assembling at church. When we weren’t meeting, I listened to more sermons at home, but the fellowship was not the same. Hebrews 10:25 NIV says, “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching.”

Our Sunday School lessons have been about “Dealing with Messy Relationships” & Living with hope in a broken world. How fitting is that?

July 5th will be Pastor Jerry & Vickie’s last Sunday at Austin. We will miss them and hope them well. Also, they have now been married 50 years on June 27th. CONGRATULATIONS!! Please pray for us as we seek another pastor.

**Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church**

Greetings from Kimberlin Creek,

We hope and pray everyone has been well and safe from the Covid-19 pandemic. We are all doing well. We actually never missed having a Sunday service. Pastor Tim, Pastor Tyler & his wife Leah did a marvelous job setting up our Live Facebook Services that very first week. I hope everyone that connected and watched them, enjoyed those services. We are continuing those services even as we have now opened the church building back up for in person services as of June 14th. There are many who are still wanting to stay at home and we understand that. So if you haven’t been able to see a service please join us on Facebook at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday for our Live Service.

As many of you are doing this too, we have cancelled our Vacation Bible School for this year. I know a lot of children will be upset about this. VBS is one of the highlights of their summer vacation. It will be strange not having the church building all decorated in strange fixtures this year. Our theme was to be “Rocky Railroad”. Guess we will miss the train this year.

As many things have been cancelled or postponed this year, we are looking forward to hosting the “Singspiration” on July 12th at 6:00 PM. I hope that many of our churches will bring special music if not with a big choir maybe with a solo, duet, trio or quartet. We will also be awarding the college scholarships that night too. We will not be having a fellowship with food following the service this year.

Judy Peacock

Church Secretary

**Scottsburg First Baptist Church**

Greetings fellow churches in the Coffee Creek Association, it has been a very long time since I wrote to you last. We returned to in-person worship on June 14th. It was a very hard decision, as I am sure it was with you. So many different things had to be done to be ready for those who wanted to return. The Deacons and I had several teleconference meetings discussing the proper steps needed to have the safest possible worship space. We also had to make sure that those who were not comfortable about coming to church were reassured that their decision was the proper one for them. It was so, so good to have people in the sanctuary again! For thirteen weeks I prerecorded the service to be played on Sunday mornings on the radio. Each week I imagined the congregation in their respective seats in the sanctuary so I didn’t feel I was preaching to no one. As things are opening back up I believe we must remain diligent with the protocols that have been established with social distancing, wearing masks, hand washing, and disinfecting so that we all can feel safe and all may have sanctuary in the house of the Lord. God bless you.

Pastor Kevin

**Underwood Baptist Church**

Underwood Baptist Church has enjoyed the pastoral leadership of Reverend Bob Flynn as he served as our interim during the past few months. We appreciate that he helped us during the pandemic onset, and guided us as we reopened our doors for "socially distanced" worship. We are also grateful to Reverend Dan Chadwick for his guidance and support during our search process over the past 10 months.

Now, it's with great pleasure that we announce to you that we have unanimously voted to call Rev. David Schill as our new Pastor. Please be praying for all of us as we move together into new days of ministry at Underwood Baptist Church.

Submitted by

Rhonda Compise,

Pulpit Committee Chair

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 10 & 11 Yard Sale, Alpha Baptist ABW

July 12 Singspiration 6 PM, Kimberlin Creek

July 31, August 1 & 2 VBS, Bethany Baptist Church, Fri/Sat 6:15 pm, Sun 10:30 AM

August 1 ABM Family Picnic, 4 PM, Austin Park, Meat & Plates provided. Please bring
 covered dish to share & drinks for your family.

August 9 125th Anniversary Alpha Baptist Church

September 14-18 Fall Revival, if your church is willing to host, please contact Stan
Carroll

October 4 CCA Executive Meeting, 2 PM, Kimberlin Creek

October 10 Women’s Day, Liberty Baptist Church, Tipton, Indiana

December 6 Carols & Choir, 6 PM, Scottsburg First Baptist

**NOTE: Everything is subject to change pending current COVID situations.**