

# The Shepherd,

Coffee Creek Association, July 2020

## SINGSPIRIATION

Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus, we cancelled this years' Singspiriation Service. As an association, we sent \$1000 to Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp. If you would like to send an additional donation to the camp to help meet their financial needs, you can send it to Judy Peacock at

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Scottsburg, IN 47170



THANK YOU



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Hello Coffee Creek Baptist Association,

Judy, would you tell the members that we really appreciate your gift of \$1,000 to help us stay out of what I call "The Red Zone"!

I was so looking forward to sharing with all of you at the Singspiriation of how God has been taking care of camp!

As always, please keep praying for us as we seek the direction God wants to take camp!

Serving + Building God's Kingdom Together,

## Alpha Baptist Church

by Jackie McGannon

Greetings to our Sister churches of CCA! Where's the time going? ...and why so fast?

The humongous yard sale we had in July has come and gone! Many worked very hard on this, and for several days! After all, what gets placed on the table has got to be folded up; placed in

a box; stored in the back room, and then the inevitable comes! It's gonna come back out in September for the second go-round. So if you "forgot" the first time, not to worry! It's coming around again on September 11th and 12th (Friday and Saturday). We still have a few Fall decorations available...and some Christmas!

Our 125th Anniversary of Alpha's beginning has been postponed until next year! Hopefully we'll be past this pandemic period and can begin to carry on again. We're so sorry we have to do this. We were looking forward to it very much. Our sanctuary is still undergoing some final touches to the decor, but mostly we're ready. Thanks to Tim Cruz who's done such a fantastic job on the ceiling.

We ask that you remember in your prayers our Deaconess Johnita Meeks. Johnita had colon cancer surgery this week on Wednesday and is doing remarkably well. She expects to return to her home either Friday or Saturday and start her convalescence in the comfort of her home. We ask again for your prayers for Jack Perkinson who remains in a nursing facility for rehab following a fall.

Hope to see you in September for the Fall Revival as well as our Yard Sale! Blessings to you in his name.

### **Bethany Baptist Church**

by Michael Payne

Sunday we decide VBS now or later. We find ourselves in a position of being like Joshua and thinking we can overcome the obstacles of seeing the Promised Land. Or we can be like the rest, and spend the rest of our days wondering how it would have been to share Jesus with those that need Him. The new now is about faith and taking chances that make sense. Or are we just all waiting to die, and not willing to share Jesus with others because it is dangerous. It has been dangerous in the Jails and we went. It has been dangerous in the hospitals and we went. It has been dangerous to share Jesus at work and we have. It has been dangerous to share Jesus at drug shooting galleries and we went. It has been dangerous to share Jesus with hitch hikers and we have. It is dangerous to share Jesus with the "Will work for food" sign people and we have. It is dangerous to share Jesus with the under the bridge crowd and we have. It is dangerous to share Jesus with the Muslims and we have. I am just getting started now but I better hold off and remember I am here to serve. The last plague had its challenges also and did they hide in complete and total fear or did they look toward eternity and share Jesus with those that were going on to see their maker? If and when he calls us home, our Hope remains in Jesus and Jesus alone. We are currently having Sunday School 9:30 AM, Church 10:30 AM, Sunday Evening 6 PM, Wednesday Youth 7 PM. Masks suggested and

provided on need. It might not be safe but I know a Man that will go with you no matter how bad it gets!

### *Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church*

Greetings from Kimberlin Creek

As of this writing we are about to do our annual School Supplies shopping. The 4 churches in and near Lexington have been buying nearly all the school supplies for the Lexington Elementary School for several years now. It is one way we serve our community. Kimberlin has always bought for the 4th & 5th grade but added the preschool last year when they moved to the school building. So this year we are buying for 120 children. The main item we don't buy is their backpacks. We know how kids like to choose them.

The Red Cross Blood Drive is coming to Kimberlin again in August on the 11th from 3-8 PM. If you would like to sign up you can call the Red Cross and sign up for our drive or you may call the church and Judy will get you on the schedule (812-889-2428). There is a dire need for blood at this time.

The youth are having a drive thru fundraising dinner on August 16th. If you like spaghetti along with garlic bread, salad and a dessert come on by that day. The youth will be outside to take your order and bring it out to you. At this time they are accepting cash donations only. This will be from 12-1:30 PM.

At this time, Bobby & Barb Deal is planning their annual Year-End Bash for August 26th. All our children, their parents and anyone else from our church can attend. The kids always have a ball. The most fun event is the water balloons. Everyone gets wet.

We continue to pray that everyone is doing okay and staying safe during this difficult time.

Judy Peacock  
Church Secretary

### *Scottsburg First Baptist Church*

Greetings to all the brothers and sisters of the churches in the Coffee Creek Association:

I'm sure you would agree that this has been a very difficult and different time for the church. Programs and events that had become an integral part of our fellowship during the summer months have been cancelled because of the corona virus. While we all understand the necessity of cancelling these events it doesn't make it any easier to accept. It seems that we are still in for the long haul until something is done to curtail and stop this virus. One of the events that have

become a tradition in our association is the annual Carols and Choirs gathering to benefit the Edna Martin Center in Indianapolis. For over 35 years we have gathered on the first Sunday in December, here at First Baptist Church, to raise funds and gather food for the center. The churches have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars over these years to support the ministry of the Edna Martin Center. Since it seems that, as of now, the virus is in another surge I do not feel comfortable, at this time, about having Carols and Choirs this year in its traditional format. Instead of all of gathering here we may need to think of alternate ways of continuing our support. So, I'm asking for your ideas! Please email me your thoughts to: [ksills@fbcsburg.com](mailto:ksills@fbcsburg.com). With God we will get through this together.

I thank God for each and every one of you. God bless you,

Pastor Kevin

### *Underwood Baptist Church*

Our church is at a crossroad! Well, nearly, since we are very close to Highway 31 and the intersection with County Line Road! But our crossroad is not that kind, and the road is not literal. In the past two weeks we have said goodbye to the interim ministry of Rev. Bob Flynn, and welcomed our new Pastor David Schill.

We celebrated both events with food, like all good Baptists! In COVID-19 style, we tried to stay "socially distanced" in the food line. That is VERY hard to do with the aroma of Jay-C's fried chicken beckoning from the kitchen! We were served by helpers wearing masks and gloves so that everyone did not touch every spoon handle in the food line. It was wonderful to hear the happy chatter of familiar voices. So far no contact tracing has occurred so we feel blessed and fortunate!

Please pray for our congregation as we navigate through our crossroad. When driving a car we must slow down to take a turn. Rev. Bob Flynn did a masterful job as our driving instructor. He helped us to put on our brakes when we had to close the church doors as a result of the virus. And he helped us find first gear again when the opportunity came to open the building again. Through his leadership, we were able to have wisdom to determine when we were ready to call a new Pastor. And we thank him for helping us to be ready.

Now that we have called Pastor David Schill, please pray that we will drive forward safely in the direction that we are to go. God has posted the signs on the road that we are to travel. Speed limits are important. Proceeding too fast or too slow could cause us to miss the move of God for

our congregation. Missing an exit, or running a stop sign could delay the plans that He has for us.

We are aware our church is at a crossroad. We are excited to continue on our journey ahead. "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. (Eph. 3:20-21 KJV)

Submitted by:

Rhonda Compise

**Note:**

I received an article from Kent Baptist, but was unable to open it. I apologize and hope to do better next month.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

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

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