

# *The Shepherd,*

*Coffee Creek Association, August 2020*

## The Biscuit Prayer

One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, "Lord, I hate buttermilk." The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was totally perplexed. The deacon continued, "Lord, I ain't too crazy about plain flour.....But after you mix 'em all together and bake 'em in a hot oven, I just LOVE biscuits." "Lord help us to realize that when life gets hard and things come up that we don't like, and we don't understand what You are doing.....we need to trust You and wait and see what You are making... because You always know what's best. Then after you get through "mixing and baking", it will always be something even better than biscuits.

Thank You Lord...Amen."

## Romans 8:28

~And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

## **Alpha Baptist Church**

by Jackie McGannon

Alpha had a special recognition for our pastor and his wife, Stan and Bonnie Carroll, at our annual Men & Women's summer picnic at Hardy Lake on August 19. The couple has served Alpha Church for 25 years! Not only is that a record for Alpha, but probably for the Association as well! They received a Recognition plaque, some anniversary cards (56 years), and a stuffed envelope full of good stuff (\$\$\$). This a dedicated couple who have served through all kinds of incidents, illnesses, flooding, snowing, etc., etc. You get the picture! Thank you Stan and Bonnie Carroll for the wondrous years you've served our little church! We love you very much!

Alpha's church interior updating is now in its final stages. Painting complete, ceiling done, chair-rail being installed. Some chimney decor still in the future, but we're just about there!

We are asking again for prayers for two of our deacons. Bill Herald and Johnita Meeks are both undergoing treatment for cancer. We wish both of them the best of luck. Prayers for both!

Our much anticipated YARD SALE is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 11 and 12. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. both days, and will close by 4:00 p.m. each day. Several decorative items remain for both the Fall and Christmas season. We have lots of clothing; some suitable for fall and winter.

American Baptist Women's Sunday will take place on Sunday, September 20th. Service will begin at 10:00 a.m., and Jill Smedley is our speaker for this service. If your church is not planning to have an ABW Sunday, you're so welcome to come and join us. There will NOT be a pitch-in dinner that day due to distancing issues. Please wear your mask for the service.

Our ABW has sent checks to our "Back to college" students, and we'll remember them throughout the year. Good luck!

### **Bethany Baptist Church**

by Michael Payne

Bethany Baptist Church of Deputy had a surprising VBS with 15 children in attendance. Thank the good Lord for the presence of the Holy Spirit and his protection from Covid-19. We thank all those who helped and attended. Special thanks to those that helped clean between sessions at the various locations. The church came together to do the important work of the Lord in spite of the dreaded Covid-19 threat.

Planting seeds in those unchurched, watering the seeds already planted, and looking forward to the harvest some day of these tinder souls. From this we have established a children's Sunday school class for the first time in several years. Praise God for the ones he sent and their desire to learn more about "Jesus loves me." We give all the Glory to Jesus because without his love we would be nothing and be able to accomplish nothing. Prayer changes everything.

On September 6th we are having a VBS reunion with a meal on the grounds following morning worship. Youth Wednesday nights at 7 PM, all ages welcome. This Sunday night, August 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM we are having special music at evening service brought by Otha Lee Lawless and friends.

### **Scaffold Lick**

by Kathy Morris

Greetings to our sister churches,

July 5th was our first Sunday back in church. We were all so blessed to get to see each other. We are being very safe, wearing masks and keeping distance, and everything is going as well as can be expected due to the current situation.

We lost a very special member Barbara Ashley, she passed away on June 29, 2020 at her home. She had been battling cancer for several months. She fought a long hard battle, with her family by her side every step of the way. She was such a sweet lady with a beautiful smile that we will never forget. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son Michael Ashley. She was married for 59 years to her husband Hubert, who is one of our deacons, also had two sons, three daughters, eleven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

We hope you all are keeping safe, and healthy. Until next time, we pray that God continues to bless our sister churches as we

Continue to do Gods work.

God Bless

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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.**

If you want to submit articles for The Shepherd, the deadlines are as follows.

September deadline noon 9/26/20

October deadline noon 10/24/20

November deadline noon 11/28/20

December deadline noon 12/26/20

Please mark your calendars.

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My goal is to always have the Shepherd to you by 5 PM on the last Saturday of the month for distribution on the last Sunday of the month.

Thank You,

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