

The Shepherd,

Coffee Creek Association, October 2020

40th Annual Carols & Choir

Dear Friends,

I don't know about you, but at Kimberlin Creek, we're tired of the word "cancelled". We've had to cancel so many events and activities because of COVID. I'm writing to let you know – we do NOT plan to cancel the 40th annual Coffee Creek Carols & Choirs on December 6th! It will look a little different, but we still plan to have this night of worship and fellowship. We miss our sister churches and we hope you feel the same.

This year, Carols & Choirs will be held at Kimberlin Creek, instead of Scottsburg FBC as it has in the past. It will still be at 6pm and we still encourage you to come and participate! We have plenty of space to accommodate social distancing. We will encourage everyone to sit in the same area with their congregation, as socially distanced as you feel comfortable, and we will clean and sanitize the pews as well as high touch areas – like the doors and bathrooms. We have gloves, masks and hand sanitizer available, should you need those. We ask that you please wear a mask/face covering – but when your choir is performing, you're welcome to take them off while on the stage, should your choir prefer to. We will also sanitize the microphones and keyboard between each choir. Additionally, there will be no refreshments following – as there is still not a safe way to accommodate this.

As with everything that has happened this year, things can change in a matter of hours, let alone days and weeks. So as December 6th approaches, we will be evaluating the current number of cases in our community as well as other factors to ensure it is still safe to host this – rest assured that if it is unsafe, we will cancel – but we pray that we won't have to.

We hope that you will plan to participate and share a song (maybe even two this year). We will be livestreaming the evening on the Kimberlin Creek Facebook page and Youtube channel, so you can view from home if you'd like to attend but just don't feel comfortable.

One of the greatest things of the Carols & Choirs event each year is that we're able to provide an offering as well as donations for the Edna Martin Christian Center. Please don't forget them during this time. They need our donations now more than ever. Please plan to bring unwrapped toys and games as well as frozen turkeys and hens which will be used for their Christmas dinner at the center. If your church does not feel comfortable participating in Carols & Choirs this year, please consider still collecting these items and/or an offering to be given to Edna Martin Christian Center. Those donations can be dropped off at Kimberlin Creek any time that day at the church, or we can arrange for someone to come to your church to pick them up! We plan to invite a representative from Edna Martin to attend, but of course we understand if they're unable to make it. If they're not able, we will make sure that all of the donations are delivered to Edna Martin.

Please prayerfully consider participating in this year's Carols & Choirs – it's the 40th and we'd hate to cancel! Let me know via email, phone call or text message if your choir (or even an individual or two) from your congregation will be participating. You're welcome to share two

songs this year if you'd like. I would also appreciate knowing if your church will not participate, so that I can keep a list of who I've heard from.

Come and worship our Savior with us and fellowship with your sister church members (from 6 ft,

of course )!

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ABMen

Associational ABMen's Quarterly meeting will be taking place on Thursday, 5 November at 7 p.m., hosted by the Alpha Baptist Church. In the interest of COVID concerns there will be no food served.

Alpha Baptist Church

by Jackie McGannon

It is with great sadness that Alpha shares with the churches of CCA the passing of Rev. Henry Cruz, a beloved former pastor, long-time member of the Alpha Community, teacher, school bus driver, cemetery caretaker (Pisgah) and friend.

ABW and ABM remain active at our church. The two groups meet on the third Thursday of each month in the evening at 6:30 pm. Each group meets in a separate section of the building and then share a time of fellowship and refreshments together.

Bonnie Carroll, our hard-working music director, has given each choir member a copy of the Christmas music and a CD for practice. The musical is entitled "For He Alone is Worthy."

Mike Pruett, Youth Director at Alpha and the youth group are planning to restart the youth activities very soon!

Since it's "Pastor Appreciation Month" we at Alpha take this opportunity to recognize our hard-working Mr. & Mrs. Pastor team of Stan and Bonnie Carroll! Twenty-five plus years of service at Alpha. Thank You for all your time and effort!

Austin First Baptist Church

by Hazel Bates & Shirley Thomas

Greetings from Austin First Baptist Church

On Sunday, October 11th we celebrated Women's Sunday. Our guest speaker was Laura Nowling. Her testimony was very powerful, how she came over her addiction, her time in jail and losing her son.

Our Harvest Dinner will take place either November 5th or 11th. Shirley is checking with some singers to see which date is best for them. One thing we know is there will be plenty of food. Like the saying goes, "Where Baptist meet, Baptist eat!"

We are still enjoying messages from Rev. Aubrey Bessenger. The pulpit committee has been meeting and going over the resumes we have received from pastors. Please continue to pray for our church as we search for a pastor. Prayers that we select the pastor that God sends us.

We still are not having ABY, it will more than likely be the first of the year before we start back up.

We have many on our prayer list, please remember them in your prayers.

Bethany Baptist Church

by Michael Payne

As I am writing this, plans are underway for a Fall Harvest Celebration on Saturday, October 24th at 6 PM. Hayride, chili, hot dogs, s'mores and games. A good time to be had by all. Our Thanksgiving Celebration will be held on Sunday, November 22 at 5 PM. All are welcome. Our service attendance has begun to increase. We continue to meet each Sunday morning at 9:30 for Sunday School, 10:30 for church and 6 PM for evening service. Our youth meet each Wednesday at 7 PM.

Kimberlin Creek

by Judy Peacock

Greetings Sister Churches,

Another normal event is now happening again at Kimberlin Creek...we are having Sunday School again. We started back on the first Sunday in October and so far we are averaging around 25 with mostly adults coming so far. The children meet in our big Children's Church room, the youth in their big room and the adults are in the small fellowship hall with chairs scattered all around the room. We are still meeting virtually on Zoom for our Bible Study on Thursday nights. We have anywhere from 8-12 people and we are loving it. The youth meets on Sunday nights here at the church and the children meet virtually on Wednesday nights. So everyone that wants to can get in their Bible study.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our Thanksgiving dinner here at the church this year because of Covid but we are hoping that next year will bring new things to happen here at KCBC.

The choir may have had to cancel their Easter cantata but their Christmas cantata practice is in full swing. The cantata will be performed on Sunday morning, December 20th. We are so looking forward to this.

May everyone stay safe from Covid-19 and all the other illnesses that happen to us. God Bless All.

Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp

Semi-Formal Banquet & Silent Auction Fundraising Event

November 12, 2020

RSVP by October 29, 2020

Go to www.sbycamp.com/banquet

This is an elegant evening with dinner, music, testimonies, and a silent auction. During this event we will give you an update on the progress of the "Journey to the Lakeside Lodge" as well as let you know what is happening here at SBYCamp! This event is for Adults. There is no entrance fee. Cash or Check is accepted for Donations and Auction items. Only 23 seats left!!!

New Year's Youth Lock-In

December 31, 2020-January 1, 2021

Grades 7-12

Come ring in the New Year with us! Fun games, food, fellowship, and paintball in the dark! You don't want to miss this! Registration opening soon!!

Contact us by calling 812-591-2515 or talk to Priscilla Bushhorn if you have any questions!

Open Paintball

January 1, 2020

1:00-5:00 pm

Ages 9+

\$38 Per Person (includes all equipment)

This is a fun day of paintball! Bring your family and friends and start the New Year with a bang!

Let us know if you plan to attend!

Other Events:

- **Ladies Retreat:** *February 19-20, 2021* (Ladies 15+)
- **IGNITE:** *February 26-27, 2021* (Grades 7-12)
- **75th Anniversary Celebration:** *May 15, 2021*

Visit www.sbycamp.com.sbycevents to see what is coming up next!

-Hannah Joy Eberts-

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Four reasons why Christians are like pumpkins



BY [GRACE SANDERS](#) 27 OCTOBER 2017

I don't really like Halloween, but the lanterns remind me of Jesus' power in our lives.

You may have noticed something recently. October is very nearly over, and the event that's quickly approaching us is Halloween. I personally don't celebrate Halloween, however I know some Christians do.

A few years ago, I found an analogy of Christians being like...well, pumpkins.

Of course, we are not physically like pumpkins- we're not orange and round and filled with orange gunk and seeds aplenty- but the analogy is something I wanted to share with you as an encouragement:

"It's like being a pumpkin: God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you may have gotten from the other pumpkins. Then he cuts the top off and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He gives you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

These are some thoughts I've gathered from this:

1. We are hand selected

God hand selects us! We are chosen! Very much like in the verse John 15:16, where Jesus is giving the Vine and the Branches illustration, reads:

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit- fruit that will last- and so that whatever you ask in my name the father will give you." – John 15:16

2. We're washed clean

We all know how dirty pumpkins can appear at times! In order to clean them, of course we have to wash them! The blood of Jesus washes away our sins, the things that make us as humans unclean. A pumpkin has an inside and an outside. Not only does God wash us clean from the outside, he removes our sin, and in doing that we are washed clean and made new from the inside out. We are not captive to sin, or the shame that comes with it, because through Christ we are made new!

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!” – 2 Corinthians 5:17

God carefully removes our seeds of doubt, hate, greed. Instead of holding onto these unfruitful seeds, God replaces them with seeds of faith, hope and love.

3. He gives us a smile

God brings such a joy to our lives, and our smiles are living proof of this.

“My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you- I whom you have delivered.” – Psalm 71:23

4. He shines through us

When Christ dwells in us, we shine through to the people around us. Through the darkness of this occasion, we can reflect His light to glorify our Father. One of my favorite bible verses is found in Matthew 5:16, reading:

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” – Matthew 5:16

No matter whether you celebrate Halloween or you don't, I hope this analogy encourages you as Halloween approaches.

At a time when so many are celebrating darkness and all things scary, you can be a shining light to all believers and unbelievers. Pray for those who do not believe, your friends, family, students or colleagues, and show each of them the love that your Father in Heaven shows us.

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”- John 1:5

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 7 ABMen's Quarterly Meeting 7 PM Alpha Baptist Church

December 6 Carols & Choir 6 PM, Kimberlin Creek

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

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

November deadline noon 11/28/20

December deadline noon 12/26/20

Please mark your calendars.

If you could send the article either just in the body of your email (for easy copying) or in WORD, this works best for me. I do not have access to Publisher. My mailing address is:

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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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