

The Shepherd

Coffee Creek Association, January 2021

Coffee Creek Association Annual Meeting

The 195th Annual Meeting of the Coffee Creek Association will be held on Sunday, March 14th, 4 PM at Bethany Baptist Church, 2116 N Bethany Rd, Deputy 47230. Our theme this year is “We are Blessed”. As in years past, we will be voting on officers for the CCA. In response to the COVID, there will be no meal this year.

ABM

Greetings from the Coffee Creek Association’s American Baptist Men’s Group

As you know January is the month the American Baptist Men conduct the Food drive for the Edna Martin Center. This year we plan on collecting through Sunday February 7th and delivering on Saturday February 13th. This will allow us to take up an offering at our Men’s meeting on February 4th at Bethany Baptist Church at 7 pm.

We will be having election of officers and completing our meeting agenda for the year as well as any last minute items for the food drive so I encourage you to attend. In the past we have requested that those Churches who wish for us to do the shopping for them to send \$250 and several have sent that or more or whatever they can. Because of Covid We will not be Shopping in Seymour at Aldi’s but will take as much money as we can to Edna Martin. We will take any and all food you have collected.

If you send a check please make it out to the Coffee Creek American Baptist Men’s group and mail to Edgar Lamb at 12433 W. 175 N. Deputy In, 47230 so that it is received by 2-8-19.

If your Church has items to be picked up please contact me email-deputyandg@msn.com or call 812-701-6460. Hope to see you Thursday the 4th at Bethany, Saturday the 13th or both days if possible.

Thanks-Dale Armstrong

Austin First Baptist Church

We have been blessed to continue in-house services, Sunday School 9 AM, Church 10 AM and Bible Study 6 PM. We are beginning the study of Matthew.

According to comments of our study, the first 4 books of the New Testament, Jesus can be associated with the 4 living creatures (Rev. 4:6-7)

Lion – (king of the beast) Matthew, King of Kings

Calf – (ox) Mark, fast pace, running from place to place serving

Man – Luke (a human being) “Son of Man”

Eagle – John (ruler of the skies) the Word (who) was God

Jesus is the King who serves, the Man who is God. Aren't we all glad of this? Now if we want to be like Jesus, we need to serve others and tell them about Jesus.

Bethel Baptist Church

Jan 28, 2021

Greetings to you all this fine winter day.

Bethel folk resumed in person worship on 1/24 after being virtual since before Christmas. The worship was both virtual (facebook live) and in person. Though meeting together has been a challenge, we are grateful to those visionaries in our church who have patiently helped us learn new technologies that facilitate our virtual activities. Additionally, church members have inspired and labored (the sweaty, get your hands dirty kind of labor) to provide a live nativity, in downtown Leota just a week before Christmas. We worked with the Choir Director to present a virtual choir cantata. Both events helped us keep the spirit and purpose of Christmas alive in our hearts and minds. The vision for the live nativity provided our community with a much needed “get out of the house” opportunity for folks weary of quarantine and cancelations. Live sheep, chickens, a virtual camel and an adorable infant named Eloise, who filled in for Little John (baby Jesus) who was fighting Covid, warmed our hearts and the heart of Leota on a chilly winter evening. It was a soul warming experience to see all the lights and the people descend into Leota. Somewhere around 695 cars, 2200 people and 39 dogs visited Leota that evening and donated cash and several truckloads of food which was divided to enrich the food pantry at Edna Martin Christian Center and our own Clearinghouse pantry. It was a beautiful testimony to the birth of our Savior and friend, Jesus. A Big Thank You to everyone who supported the live nativity, and these two pantries.

Our church held a virtual (Zoom) story-sharing night on New Year's Eve. It was a fun way to be together and ring in the new year. We have plans for another evening of story-telling and song featuring Brian Allen called Mic Night with Brian on Friday, Jan. 29. And our Fellowship Committee has something in the works for Valentine's Day, all virtual.

Like you folks, we continue to find ways to meet and connect with one another. The ministry and outreach of our churches is not bound by four walls or a clock. We may not be mighty in

worldly terms but with humility and grace the Spirit can be mighty through us. Peace to you all and perseverance.

Pastor Bruce

Bethany Baptist Church

Bethany Baptist, in the beautiful country near Deputy, wants you to know that Jesus loves you. Jesus is the source of our strength. Jesus is the source of our daily needs. Jesus takes care of us day and night. Jesus will be with us all the time if we just ask. Faith in Jesus changes things in our life and makes it worth living. A little faith can be used to move mountains if that movement is in God's will. Did I remind you that Jesus loves you? Jesus will never forsake us. Jesus does not forget us.

One of our friends recently passed from Covid19 and his family had asked for healing and Jesus not only gave him healing but gave him the ultimate healing. We believe because of his faith in Jesus Christ he is walking on those streets of gold and living in a mansion right now in a blink of an eye. Stay strong and finish the race strong and receive your reward that is so good we cannot even imagine what it truly is like.

We are currently holding services Sunday School 9:30 AM, Worship or Church as some of you call it at 10:30 AM, evening service 6 PM. Youth Wednesday 7 PM. We are CDC masking currently for our services. You are always welcome and we hope to share the Love of Jesus Christ with you in the Annual meeting to be held at Bethany this year.

If you are shut in at this time, we just want you to know that "Jesus loves you" and we do too.

Pastor Michael Payne

Kimberlin Creek

Greetings to our sister churches,

We hope that everyone is being safe both from Covid and the weather. We have finally gotten a measurable snow and it is beautiful. I just wish it was 10-12 degrees warmer. Temperatures in the teens is too cold for most of us. Our Team Kid (age 3-6th grade) were to have their first in-person Wednesday night service last night but had to be cancelled due to the snowstorm. But they did continue to meet through Zoom.

Our Youth group is having their postponed New Year's Eve lock-in this weekend (Jan. 30-31). Following service on the 31st they will be heading to Paoli Peaks for a snowtubing outing. Then next Sunday they will join several other of our church family with a bowling outing to the Scottsburg Lanes. We have all ages going that day from about age 3 or 4 up to those in their 70's. It is always so much fun.

We are also collecting canned goods and other non-perishables for the Edna Martin Christian Center. We did not have our contest between the men and women this year. We are just working together to bring in as many as we can. We set a goal of 2500 items. As of this writing we have a total of 591 items + \$462. We figure each \$1 as 2 canned goods so our total is 1515 with 2 weeks to go since we aren't delivering them until February 13th. Just so all of you know, please make your checks out to the Coffee Creek Association and we will write them one big check since we are not going to buy extra canned goods this year.

Our youth are also having a Pulled Pork Fundraising Dinner on February 21st following our Morning Service. The meal will include a pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, slaw, chips and a drink, all for just a free-will offering. They will have tables set up for anyone comfortable eating in but as with the dinner they had in the fall, it will be mostly a drive-thru meal. Someone will be outside to take your order and then they will bring it out to you. But you may also call ahead with your order and have it ready when you get here. Please call 812-889-2428.

We also pray that everyone is able to get the shots for the virus soon so that we don't have any cancellations due to the virus this year.

Blessings to all,
Judy Peacock
Church Secretary

Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp

LADIES RETREAT

February 19-20, 2021

"Giving Your Best Life"

Ages 15+

We are excited to have guest speaker and author Stephanie Stenger Jones for this uplifting event. We will have times of fellowship, encouragement through sessions, worship, and so much more!

IGNITE

February 26-27, 2021

IGNITE is a Jr./Sr. High Retreat created to put a FIRE in the hearts of students for CHRIST through worship, teaching, and interactive programming!

Registration Opening SOON!!!

75th Anniversary Celebration

May 15, 2021

SBYCamp is celebrating 75 Years! And we want to celebrate with YOU! This day will be full of activities, live music, food, history, and more! We want to praise the Lord for His work through SBYCamp over the years and thank all of you who have served and given to make SBYCamp what it is today!

-Hannah Joy Eberts-

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Food for thought:

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you or shakes your arm, making you spill coffee everywhere.

Why did you spill the coffee?

“Well because someone bumped into me, of course!”

Wrong Answer.

You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea.

“Whatever is in the cup, is what will spill out.”

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which will happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It’s easy to fake it, until you get rattled. So, we have to ask ourselves...”what’s in my cup?”

When life gets tough, what spills over? Joy, gratefulness, peace and humility? Or anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions?

YOU CHOOSE!

Today let’s work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, and kindness, gentleness and love for others.

UPCOMING EVENTS

02/04/21 ABM, Bethany Baptist Church 7 PM

02/13/21 Edna Martin Food Delivery

03/14/21 CCA Annual Meeting, Bethany Baptist Church 4 PM

03/31/21 CCA Scholarship Application due

04/11/21 CCA Executive Board Meeting, Kimberlin Creek 2 PM

05/15/21 Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp 75th Anniversary Celebration

05/16/21 CCA Singspiration, Kimberlin Creek 6 PM

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

February deadline noon 02/27/21

March deadline noon 03/27/21

April deadline noon 04/24/21

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:

**Melissa Payne
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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,

Missy Payne