

The Shepherd

Coffee Creek Association, March 2021

From the Moderator

While fall seems like a long time off it is just around the corner, with the beginning of a new school year for all of our students. As an association, that time has arrived...the deadline for scholarship applications is this coming Wednesday, 31 March 2021.

At this point in time (Friday, 26 March), we have only received two scholarship applications. If you or someone you know has an interest in one of our scholarships, you need to get your submission in right away. If you have any questions, please contact me at 812-722-7612.

Rev. Timothy Mohon, Moderator

Coffee Creek Baptist Association

Austin First Baptist Church

We are saddened by the passing of Raymond Fulkerson but are happy for him. Ray was a faithful member for many years, serving in many capacities. He loved Sunday School as well as church. We will truly miss him.

Easter Sunday we plan to have coffee & donuts at 8 AM, Sunday School 9 AM and Church at 10. Our speaker will be Joshua Jackson.

Bethel Baptist Church

Greetings and Shalom from Bethel Baptist in Leota,

Like many of you we are seeking a bright Light that awaits us at the conclusion of our Lenten journey. Like many of you we have lifted prayers for a respite from the incessant grind of covid and politics. We (or at least I) do not anticipate the resurrection of covid or any mortal politico. It has all become like so much vain thrashing in an ill wind and we are all weary of it. Like you we eagerly await a time of healing and restoration, indeed recovery, from covid, from national and worldly toxicity.

Come Resurrection Morning lets go along with Mary and the other Mary (Matt. 28:1) to see what we will find in that tomb. Of course, you know the answer already. The tomb is empty. He is risen! Jesus is up from the grave! The tomb has been cleaned out. It has been re-opened for more/other business. This is certainly good news. Better news for those of us who labor to follow and emulate Jesus. But given all

that has taken place in the last year or so I wonder about my own tomb. Not my actual coffin or ossuary, but the metaphorical tomb, the hut of my heart, my mind, my soul. What kind of stuff have I let pile up in the tomb, or whatever you want to call that place that the dead occupy? Have I abandoned any hopes, dreams of peace, relationships in that place of death? You know there are probably some things we should allow, indeed hasten to go away or die. That's between you and God. However, there undoubtedly are, as in beyond all shadow of a doubt, things in that metaphorical tomb that are kicking and maybe need a little oxygen or a rump-bump. That too is between you and God. Meanwhile, grab your broom and dustpan, gird up your loins, go poke around in that old dusty sarcophagus. Is there something you and God can revive, bring back from the dead? Is there something that needs to die? Clean out that old tomb and happy cleaning. And may we all experience and celebrate with our Lord a restorative Resurrection morning.

Shalom to you from Pastor Bruce and congregants at Bethel Baptist in Leota,

Where all the women are smart, the men adequate, (mostly) and all the kids are at least average.

Bethany Baptist Church

Bethany Baptist of Deputy will be having Easter festivities starting at 8am Easter day with our version of sunrise service. Followed by the men fixing breakfast and the women going to Sunday School. Then breakfast will be served around 9:30 in the fellowship hall. We will convene back in the sanctuary at 10:30 for an Easter cantata followed by a small Easter message. Then communion will be served followed by an Easter egg hunt on the grounds for all children followed by prizes awarded for special eggs. We will not have evening service on Easter to allow for time to be spent with your family.

We are currently having youth on Wednesday at 7 pm. We would be glad to have anyone wanting to worship our Lord and Savior come try us out on Easter. The week after Easter we will be returning to our usual times of 9:30 SS, 10:30 Church, Evening service 6 PM, and youth 7 PM on Wednesday. We wish all of you a Hope filled season of Easter with the Knowledge that Jesus died for our sins so we could be reconciled to God thru Jesus our Christ.

Pastor Mike

Kimberlin Creek

Greetings to our sister churches,

March started off with a movie night where about 15 of us watched "Wonder Park". It was a fun movie for all ages. Then we sprang forward time wise on March 14th and have been enjoying some warmer days.

As I am typing this our youth just got back from another work retreat at the Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp. They have been going there the first of their Spring Break for several years now and helping to get the camp ready for summer camp season. This year we had only 6 youth able to go as several were actually on Spring Break with family and friends. They also have a time for Bible Study and fun activities. Pastor Tyler and Leah are truly a blessing for our youth and our church.

Preparations our being made for Easter season at our church. Our children will be leading our Palm Sunday service during Worship then following the service they will be having their Easter gathering since we will not have our Easter Egg Hunt again this year. Then on April 1st we have been invited to the Maundy Thursday Service at the Lexington Presbyterian Church and in turn, we have invited them to our Good Friday Service on April 2nd. Both services will begin at 7:00 PM. Anyone reading this newsletter is also invited to join us at either service.

Our Easter Sunday services will begin at 7:00 a.m. with our SONrise service followed by breakfast in the Family Life Center served by our deacons and helpers instead of a buffet this year. Then we will have our normal Sunday School time at 9:30 followed by the Morning Worship where the choir will perform the Easter Cantata that we were to hear last year but got cancelled by Covid-19. We hope this year that everyone's Easter Services will happen as planned.

God Bless.
Judy Peacock
KCBC Secretary

Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp

LADIES RETREAT

Rescheduled to April 23-24, 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!

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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UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

April deadline noon 04/24/21

May deadline noon 05/29/21

June deadline noon 06/26/21

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:

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Austin, IN 47102**

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.

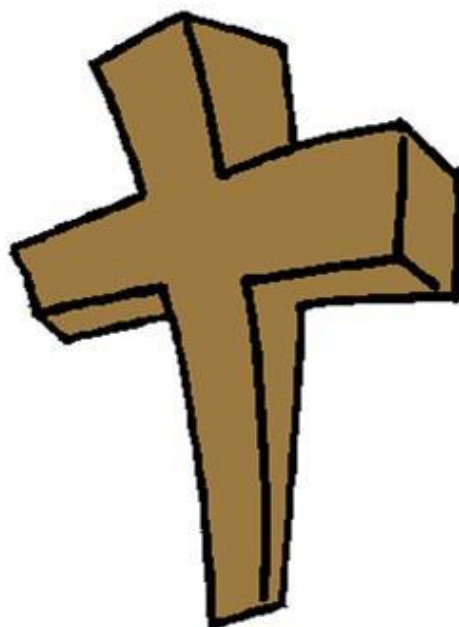
Thank You,

Missy Payne

Easter Word Search

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