

# *The Shepherd*

*Coffee Creek Association, May 2021*

## **From the Moderator**

You can tell that things are beginning to “thaw out” a bit with the COVID restrictions at this year’s Singspiration. This annual time of worship and music was held on Sunday, 16 May, and we were blessed to have 91 in attendance, with 12 of our 20 member churches represented. It was a great evening praising our Lord Jesus Christ!

Congratulations to the winners of the 2021-2022 Scholarships by the Association. The presentations were made publicly to these five students at the Singspiration and included the following (with the name of their church): Elle Fleenor (Bethel); Grace Monroe (First Marion); Jacob Perkinson (Alpha); Lindsey Pfaffenbach (Bethel); Jadda Tyree (Vienna). The first four were returning applicants, with the last being a first-time recipient.

The next function in our association’s year will be the Executive committee meeting on Sunday, 11 July, held with the Kimberlin Creek church at 2 p.m. All pastors of member churches are encouraged to attend as we come together and lead in the life of our Association. Pastor, if you cannot attend, will you send a representative from your congregation for this important meeting?

The next major gathering in this year’s calendar will be the week of Revival meetings that will occur from 13-17 September. Go ahead and put these dates in your schedule and be watching future issues of the Shepherd for details.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Timothy Mohon, Moderator

## **ABWM**

The ABWM 2021 Summer Conference will be held on July 9-10 at the St. Joseph Retreat & Conference Center in Tipton, Indiana. (Tipton is approximately 48 miles northeast of Indianapolis.) This retreat center has hotel-style rooms on the 2nd & 3rd floors with dining room and meeting rooms on the first floor and a very good elevator. The Friday night session begins at 6 pm after supper. Registration for Saturday starts at 8:30 am. Information and registration forms have been mailed to each church in our association. If you have questions or need more information, contact Patty Short at 812-595-1082. We are looking forward to meeting again! Hope to see you there!

## **Alpha**

Greetings to our sister churches,

We at Alpha are doing well and pleased that attendance is picking up in spite of concerns about covid 19. We do have several of our people with serious health issues and appreciate your prayers for them. They are: Chrystal Pruett, Bill Herald, Johnita Meeks, Carl Stout, Roger Shuler, Martha Whitsitt, Jack Perkinson, Vince McGannon, Bob Schmidt, and Kelsie Evans and Rick Pruett are still in the hospital and Bonnie Carroll will be having foot surgery Friday 6-4-21 as an outpatient.

Alpha hosted the Association A.B.M meeting on May 6 and Don Snyder of Westport Camp was our guest speaker. They too are doing great work for the Lord in spite of all the challenges. We also had social time and refreshments afterwards. It was great and of course we keep social distancing. We were able to host a memorial service for Pastor Ralph Hunter and it was fantastic to see Bobbie Hunter his wife and the many guest on May 16th. Our Choir and members of Alpha were also happy to participate at Singspiration hosted by Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church on May 16th and see so many of our Sister Churches being represented. Several of our Coffee Creek Association Youth received scholarship awards of \$1,000.00 each to help advance their education goals. We have a great association!

Our yard sale on the 21st and 22nd of May was a great success. Our Ladies once again rose to the occasion and put in some very hard work. Thanks to the men that helped and the proceeds goes to our ABW that put the money to very good use as they reach out to serve the Lord. We were well attended for our Memorial morning worship service and thanks to Tim & Beverly Cruz and Mike & Chrystal Pruett we are using social media that is reaching many that have not been able to come to church, but are glad to worship with us by social media. It also continues to grow in attendance. Alpha will be hosting The Rural Community Fellowship at 7pm on 6-17-21. If any of your churches would like to be a host church, contact James Redmond at: call or text 812-767-1642. This is an inter-denominational worship gathering and is very encouraging.

Just a reminder, our next executive board meeting is July 11, 2021 at 2pm at Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church and all are welcome to attend. Our ABW summer conference is July 9 - 10, 2021. Contact Patty Short for time and place: 812-595-1082. ABM picnic August 7, 2021: time and place to be announced. Coffee Creek Association Revival Services are 13-17 September, places to be announced; will be contacting churches to host services. You can start praying for this now!

Thank you Missy for keeping the Shepard going and for the churches that send in info. It's nice to hear from our sister churches --- if you can only send in a sentence or two it is always great to hear from our sister churches.

Pastor Stan Carroll  
grow in attendance.

### **Bethany Baptist Church**

Bethany Baptist will be having VBS on July 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-8:30 PM and on Sunday morning August 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 followed by a picnic. This will be a family style VBS, everyone is welcome.

Noah Neff graduated from Madison High School on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Way to go Noah! We will have a graduation celebration following morning worship this Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at noon. Everyone is invited.

Our choir was able to participate in the Coffee Creek Sinspiration held at Kimberlin Creek in order to raise support for Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp. We were surprised by the 91 in attendance and the \$1250 raised for camp. The camp will be open full tilt this summer.

Dan Corbin came by from MCR Camp on Sunday, they will have a summer full of camps.

Giving thanks to God for the camp opportunities available once again this summer.

### **Kimberlin Creek**

Greetings Sister Churches,

We started off the month with a Craft Day. Several attended and made lots of different crafts. The next day several of our youth went to the Falls of the Ohio and had a great day of fellowshiping together. Most of that same group attended the 75th Anniversary Celebration at the camp the following week. They all had a great time and stayed after it was over to clean up. We are so proud of our youth group for all they do in our church, in our association and in our community. God has truly blessed us with great Youth Leaders...Tyler and Leah Griffin.

There is also a small group from the church that are "Walking for Jesus" at Lake lola each Tuesday night for about an hour getting healthy.

We were blessed to host the Coffee Creek Association Spring Singspiration. There were 91 present representing 12 of our 20 churches in the association. We also took in an offering of \$1250 for the camp. That was on top of the \$1000 we budget to give to the camp each year. Thanks to everyone who gave.

We also got to clean up most of Highway 356 from the stoplight to Lexington. We hadn't been able to do this since the fall of 2019. Covid-19 kept us from doing this last year. If you drove by the church last week you saw a large pile of trash bags sitting by the road. There was a lot of trash along the highway.

Our Wednesday night services are going great. Last month our average attendance was 46. Our youth and kids do outnumber our adults so that is awesome!!

We are looking forward to lots of kids attending camp this summer and especially looking forward to Vacation Bible School in July. "Rocky Railway" will be held the week of July 18-23 with a program on Sunday, July 25th. If you like to send your children to different VBS's, please bring your kids to our VBS.

We would love to have them.

Here's to wonderful and blessed summer for everyone!

Judy Peacock  
Church Secretary

### **Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp**

We still have employment opportunities available for this summer. We are searching for applicants who know the importance of camp ministry and would like to be part of a caring team.

You may contact us at camp for more information.

See the full job descriptions at [www.sbycamp.com/employment](http://www.sbycamp.com/employment).

### **The RACE for SBYCamp will be on August 7, 2021**

1. Put together your team of 4 (with a 5<sup>th</sup> person as an alternate) and Register at [www.sbycamp.com/race](http://www.sbycamp.com/race)
2. Raise funds (\$500 per team), Extra money raised gets your team extra points!
3. Bring friends and family to cheer you on
4. Compete! The challenges for the day will not be released ahead of time.

There are two divisions: FIRE & ICE. There will be a winning team for each division. The winning teams will have their photo on the "Race Wall of Fame" in Grace Hall!

### **Save the Date!! Semi-Formal Banquet: Thursday, November 4, 2021**

# Happy Father's Day, Dads!

## A Child of God

### **Colossians 1:12**

*(We are) giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.*

As I was thinking about Father's Day, this story kept coming to mind, so I'm sending it your way. We just returned from Tennessee a few days ago, and I can easily picture it taking place among the warm friendly people of the south. May it warm your heart and stir your gratitude toward your Heavenly Father.

A Seminary professor was vacationing with his wife in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. One morning, they went for breakfast at a little restaurant, hoping to enjoy a quiet, family meal. While they were waiting for their food, they noticed a distinguished looking, white haired man moving from table to table, visiting with the guests. The professor leaned over and whispered to his wife, "I hope he doesn't come over here." But sure enough, the man did come over to their table.

"Where are you folks from?" he asked in a friendly voice.

"Oklahoma," they answered.

"Great to have you here in Tennessee," the stranger said.

"What do you do for a living?"

"I teach at a seminary," the professor replied.

"Oh, so you teach preachers how to preach, do you? Well, I've got a really good story for you."

And with that, the gentleman pulled up a chair and sat down at the table with the couple.

The professor groaned and thought to himself, "Great, just what I need--another preacher story!"

The man started, "See that mountain over there?" (He pointed out a restaurant window). "Not far from the base of that mountain, there was a boy born to an unwed mother. He had a hard time growing up, because every place he went, he was always asked, "Hey boy, who's your daddy?" Whether he was at school, in the grocery store or drug store, people would ask the same question, "Who's your daddy?" He would hide at recess and lunchtime from other students. He would avoid going into stores because that question hurt him so much.

When he was about 12 years old, a new preacher came to his church. He would always go in late and slip out early to avoid hearing the question, "Who's your daddy?" But one day, the new preacher said the benediction so fast, the boy got caught and had to walk out with the crowd. Just about the time he got to the back door, the new preacher, not knowing anything about the young man, put his hand on his shoulder and asked him, "Son, who's your daddy?"

The whole church got deathly quiet. He could feel every eye in the church looking at him. Now everyone would finally know the answer to the, question, "Who's your daddy?"

The new preacher, though, sensed the situation around him and using discernment that only the Holy Spirit could give, said the following to the scared little boy. "Wait a minute! I know who you are. I see the family resemblance now. You are a child of God." With that he patted the boy on his shoulder and said, "Boy, you've got a great inheritance. Go and claim it."

The boy smiled for the first time in a long time and walked out the door a changed person. He was never the same again. Whenever anybody asked him, "Who's your Daddy?" he'd just tell them, "I'm a child of God."

The distinguished gentleman got up from the table and said, "Isn't that a great story?"

The professor responded that it really was.

As the man turned to leave, he said, "You know, if that new preacher hadn't told me that I was one of God's children, I probably would never have amounted to anything!" And he walked away.

The seminary professor and his wife were stunned. He called the waitress over and asked, "Do you know that man who just left that was sitting at our table?"

The waitress grinned and said, "Of course. Everybody here knows him. That's Ben Hooper. He's the former governor of Tennessee!"

*Father God, knowing that I belong to You gives me great comfort, joy and assurance. Help me to live each day in the fullness of the inheritance You supply for me as Your child.*

By Ann Shorb

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

07/11/21 CCA Executive Meeting, Kimberlin Creek, 2 PM

07/9-10/21 ABWM Summer Conference St. Joseph Conference & Retreat Center

07/18-23/21 VBS Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church

07/30-08/01 VBS Bethany Baptist Church

08/07/21 ABM Picnic, TBA

08/07/21 The Race for SBYCamp, Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp

09/13-17/21 CCA Revival, TBA

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

**June deadline noon 06/26/21**

**July deadline noon 07/24/21**

**August deadline noon 08/28/21**

**Please mark your calendars.**

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**Thank You,**

**Missy Payne**