

The Shepherd

Coffee Creek Association, June 2021

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 all from Alpha. Thanks to Stan Carroll for pinch-hitting for me last month. My husband, Vince, was in the hospital at the time, and I was there as “back-up” for all those doctors and nurses. He is at home now and beginning to show some improvement. Thanks for all those prayers!

Alpha has just completed another busy month. Thanks to all who helped with the yard sale in May and also those who helped so much with the Memorial Service for former Pastor Ralph Hunter. For those who missed the Yard Sale...please do not worry. We will have another one in the Fall!

Alpha's ABW Group will celebrate American Baptist Women's Day in September – Kitty Perkinson is scheduled to be our speaker that day! We look forward to her message every time she visits.

Plans are still in the works for us to celebrate our 125th anniversary of our church's founding in 1895. It is scheduled for Sunday, August 8, 2021. Currently we are planning a regular morning worship hour, lunch at mid-day, and part of the afternoon being spent with guests, old pictures, etc.

May God's blessings reach out to all of you!

Jackie McGannon

Austin

Greetings from Austin First Baptist Church! It's been awhile since we've written, hopefully, we can get back on track.

On June 1st, we welcomed Joshua Jackson as our new pastor and said goodbye to our interim minister, Rev. Bessinger.

We have not started our ABY back up as yet, but are planning a community "Back To School Bash" on Friday, July 23rd, from 6 PM to ?? We will have hot dogs, chips, drinks and cookies plus we will have school supplies to hand out along with a short Bible Story.

The ABWM has started planning their Women's Sunday and are making plans to go to Derby Dinner Playhouse.

Continue to keep our Church in your prayers, we have many on our prayer list.

Until next time, Be Blessed!!

Hazel Bates and Shirley Thomas

Bethany Baptist Church

Summer time is upon us at Bethany Baptist. A fun filled time with visits from the Grandchildren. We will be having our summer time Make a Splash with Jesus VBS on July 30 and 31 from 6-8:30 pm and Sunday morning August 1 at 10:30 am. This will be a family VBS with all ages encouraged to come. We hope to see several there.

Vacations and family gatherings are starting to return with some of this covid-19 thing subsiding with the Covid vaccine starting to kick in. We look forward to the return of those that have stayed away because of this once in a lifetime happening.

Sundays still continue to start off the week with studying the scriptures in Sunday school at 9:30 am. Followed by Worship at 10:30 am. Our Pianist, Tiffany Armstrong is on loan again this Sunday from Las Vegas, Nevada. She sure can tickle those keys which is a blessing for us. Sunday evening service at 6pm. Youth is on Wednesday night at 7pm. Choir practice at 6:30 on Wednesday. Jesus loves you and so do we.

Michael Payne

Kimberlin Creek

Sister Churches,

We are having a great summer so far. We had Youth Sunday on June 13th after a youth lock-in the night before. It was also Graduates/Promotions Sunday. We have 8 going into the 2nd grade this fall and 4 teens going into the 7th grade. The 7th graders will also be moving up into the Youth Group. There were 2 college graduates...Kelsea Hall from U of L School of Law and Abigail Walsh from Ball State Master's of Art. Congratulations to all! Also on this day we were ecstatic to finally have a Church Picnic. All food was either purchased or prepared at the church. No one had to bring food this year. Thank you, Leah Griffin. We also had a couple of Bouncy Houses for the young children and several other games for the older youth and adults. And God provided a beautiful day on which to have it. Also that day it was announced the winner of the "Kiss the Pig" contest. With 44% of the money collected (\$728.64) our faithful secretary, Judy Peacock won. With her out of town that day, she got to kiss a big ole pig on Father's Day. You can find the video on our Facebook page.

Also on Father's Day, Tammy Robinson was Baptized into God's Family. God Bless her and all her family.

Pastor Tyler and Angie Avendano were at teen camp with 13 of our youth this past week. That was so awesome. And I am sure he will be taking several to the Junior & Primary Camps in July.

Also in July (19-23) we will be having Vacation Bible School..."Rocky Railway". If you haven't registered yet, do so soon, We are capping the number of kids this year at 72 for safety reasons. There may only be around 20 or less spots left to fill. You can register on our website...www.kimberlincreek.com.

We pray that everyone is having a wonderful and blessed summer.

Judy Peacock
Church Secretary

Scottsburg

Greetings to all the churches in the Coffee Creek Association; as I am writing this it is an absolutely gorgeous day! I wish each and every one a happy Independence Day! I pray that you will be able to celebrate with all of your family and friends. We are so blessed that this is the country that God has chosen to place us. I wanted to let everyone know that we are gearing up for a church revival August 10th, 11th, and 12th. After months and months of being separated from everybody, this will be a great way for us to come together. If you know of any Christian bands, Gospel groups, or other musicians or singers, please let me know. Also, pastors, if you would like to "bring the message" on one of the first two nights we would welcome your

participation. Please contact me at 812-752-3924 or by email at ksills@fbczburg.com. God bless you and hope to see you in August.

Pastor Kevin

Underwood

Greetings from Underwood Baptist Church!

We celebrated Mother's Day and Father's Day with a special time of sharing songs, poems, and gifts for those present. We are planning a church-wide dinner in July.

As you are reading this we will be finished with our Vacation Bible School. For the first time, we are having a Saturday "one day" VBS. Saturday June 26th from 10 AM to 4 PM we are hosting a Carnival themed event. Traditional lessons and crafts in the morning will be followed by outdoor Carnival activities in the afternoon. A large blow-up slide house, and multiple games will be accessed using the standard tickets typically used at a Carnival or County Fair. The tickets will be obtained during lesson time when children learn that "Jesus is the Ticket" based on John 14:6 "Jesus answered, I am the way, the truth and the life. No one come to the Father except through me." Fortunately we have a utility building and a Shelter House in the case of rain.

Preparations for VBS have been rejuvenating to our congregation. It is wonderful to be able to do face-to-face planning and ministry again! We are thankful to have the space and resources available to reach out to the children our community.

In June, ABWM had their first meeting since 2020. Women's Bible Study is active again and doing a series on "Women of the Bible."

We continue to stream our Sunday AM worship live on Facebook.

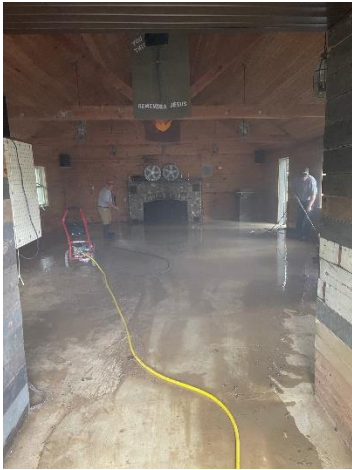
Love and prayers for our sister churches!

Underwood Baptist Church

Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp

Over the weekend of June 18, the heavy rain caused a lot of flooding here at Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp. The baseball field, chapel, cabin 8, seasonal kitchen/dining hall, and the staff house were all flooded. Because of this, we had to postpone our Teen Camp by one day. There was a lot of clean up to do, and a short amount of time to get it done. And the Lord provided! We had about 40 volunteers show up on Sunday afternoon to help clean up the water, mud, and even shovel sand back on the volleyball court! There is no way we could have completed this huge task without their help! THANK YOU!

We still have quite a few camp sessions this summer and into the fall, and we believe the Lord will do great things here at SBYCamp! Kids and teens NEED camp. Leaders NEED camp. Families NEED camp. And it is all made possible by our donors, volunteers, and prayer warriors. THANK YOU! Please be in prayer for SBYCamp as ministry continues to go strong for the summer!



The RACE for SBYCamp will be on August 7, 2021

1. Put together your team of 4 (with a 5th person as an alternate) and Register at 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

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

08/10-12/21 Revival, Scottsburg First Baptist

09/13-17/21 CCA Revival, TBA

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

July deadline noon 07/24/21

August deadline noon 08/28/21

September deadline noon 09/25/21

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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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**

God's Independence Day



[Beth Patch](#) - Senior Producer, CBN

Independence Day — burgers and hotdogs sizzle on grills and fireworks burst in the sky. We eat, maybe hear *The Star Spangled Banner*, watch fireworks, and go home. July fourth has become commonplace, another day for big sales events and flying an American flag; far removed from the early celebrations marking the end of the Revolutionary War and founding a new country.

However, an Independence Day celebration approaches that will impress the whole world and never be diminished! We don't know its date and shouldn't believe anyone who tells us they do. But, *no one* on earth or in heaven will miss its importance; and it will mark a day of freedom from the greatest oppressor ever – Satan.

It is the day of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ's return. It is the beginning of real freedom, like no one has ever had before (except Adam and Eve before they sinned). Those who have believed in Christ's atoning blood for their sins and have trusted and believed in Him, might have what an old preacher of mine used to call "a Hallelujah breakdown!"

This Independence Day will release Christians from the many sins keeping them entangled. Imagine, no more sickness, no more addictions, no more gossip, no more unkindness, no more anything that does not reflect the positive attributes of the love of our Father God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Currently, we have the Holy Spirit to guide us, to strengthen us, to comfort us, and to give us power through Christ's death and resurrection. However, we are still tripped up by sin as long as we live in this fallen world. When Jesus comes, all our ungodliness along with our negative baggage goes away. I can't think of a better freedom than that.

Actually, the whole scene of Jesus's return sounds so incredible, I doubt there are words to describe the immense emotional, spiritual, and physical response people will have.

The Bible tells us Jesus will return to earth just like He left, through the clouds ([Acts 1:11b](#)), with his angels ([Matt 16:27](#)), with the trumpet call of God and a loud command ([1 Thessalonians 4:16](#)). Scripture says believers in Christ will be changed in a twinkling of an eye and Jesus will destroy all dominion, authority, and power standing in opposition to Almighty God ([1 Corinthians 15:52](#), [1 Corinthians 15:24](#)).

Our earthly minds are limited in their comprehension of this miraculous time. It's a God thing, and try as we may, we can't peg down the details on how God will accomplish the return of Jesus Christ and the destruction of evil.

Picture the sky filled with God's mighty angels, the sound of God's trumpet, which has to be the most beautiful and loudest sounding instrument, and our Lord Jesus shining radiantly as He leads His mighty angelic troop in the sky.

Envision watching victory as Christ and his angels capture Satan and his demons, and justice is completed. It will be more graphic and stirring than any riveting movie Hollywood could ever think of producing.

Many theologians have studied the return of Christ and have disagreed about the order of when things happen and exactly how they happen. These varied opinions on the return of Christ and the disappearance of believers from the earth have created divisions among believers who desperately want to cling to one decided order of the end times.

My response to such division is that it won't matter how we interpret end times scriptures when God's day of Independence comes. Everything will be revealed in God's perfect timing. The Independence Day of our God will come when we least expect it and we are instructed to be ready as if it were the next moment. So, in case it happens to be today, **Happy Independence Day!**