

The Shepherd

Coffee Creek Association, September 2021

Calling All Associational Officers and Pastors

The quarterly meeting of the CCBA Executive committee will be held on Sunday, 3 October 2021. We will meet at 2 p.m., hosted by the Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church. This gathering functions for the Association between annual sessions and is made up of the various Associational officers and the Pastors of each member church. Pastors, please be in attendance to represent your congregation as we seek to come together as a larger expression of the Body of Christ.

Rev. Timothy Mohon, Moderator

Report on the 2021 Revival Services

Thank you to everyone who came out to this year's Revival services. It was a week focused on hearing and being energized by God's Word as we heard the theme "Welcome Home, Family" from five different speakers.

We want to give a special thanks to the congregations who opened up their buildings each evening and for the pastors who allowed God to speak through them.

Here is a brief recap of the Monday to Friday services listing the host churches, evangelists, and scriptures (with an average attendance of 46):

13 September	Hopewell	Pastor David Schill	Luke 15:17-19
14 September	Kimberlin Creek	Pastor Mike Payne	Ezekiel 37:1-14
15 September	Bethany	Pastor Tim Mohon	John 1:35-51
16 September	Austin	Pastor Steve Herald	Ephesians 2:19
17 September	Underwood	Pastor Josh Jackson	Luke 10:35-37

Each night we received an offering that will go into the general funds of the Coffee Creek Baptist Association. We praise God for your generous donations totaling \$1,900.00.

Again, thank you to everyone who came out (we had an average attendance of 46), and we look forward to many more coming out for next year's week of services. Go ahead and put 12-16 September 2022 on your calendars.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Timothy Mohon, Moderator
Rev. Stan Carroll, Evangelism Coordinator

Coffee Creek Association ABWM

The Coffee Creek ABWM Fall Conference has been cancelled!

Alpha

Greetings to all from Alpha! The ABW of Alpha has successfully completed its second Yard Sale of the year as of September 11. Several visited and purchased items on Friday, and we had a great crowd on Saturday! Several individuals in the area had family yard sales at the same time so we were happy to be part of that chain of events.

Alpha's women were due to be hosts for CCA's Fall Conference, but since the Covid is present again, we decided to cancel for this year. In addition to the State Officers, we were to host the missionaries who are home on leave this year – the Lembkes, Eric and Yuree. Also a new addition to their family, a baby, was to make the trip with them. We pray for a successful year for them as they head back to Thailand.

This Fall we will begin our remodeling of the church's Sunday School area e.g. new ceiling, painting of the doors and windows and hopefully new carpet. This portion of Alpha was an addition to the church in the 1950s with only limited repairs over the years. One of the church's fund raisers at that time was for each family to "buy a block". These blocks still make the foundation of the Sunday School area.

Several of our members were able to attend the annual Fall Revival this month. Thanks to Pastor Stan Carroll for organizing this each year.

The ABW celebrated Annual Baptist Women's Sunday on the 19th. Our visiting Pastor was Kitty Perkinson, who is always a welcome visitor and family member of the congregation. She brought a much needed message to us all – to "cast all our fears upon the Lord," and to resolve to let Him handle our "fears". A very nice crowd showed up to support Kitty. Many were family.

Austin

Greeting to all the Churches in the Coffee Creek Association from Austin First Baptist Church!

The ABW hosted Women's Sunday, on September 19th, with Gina Gengelbach as our guest speaker. Gina told us about her recent trip to the Holy Land and showed many slides of the

places she visited. She was able to touch the stone that was rolled away from the tomb of Jesus.

Our AB Men's Group is meeting again. The men's group meets the second week of the month in the church's fellowship hall. We have a fellowship meal and have a Bible Devotion. Feel free to join us for fellowship.

On Saturday October 2nd, 2021, we will be hosting a community Chili Dinner in the fellowship hall from 4-7 p.m. that evening. The cost will be a freewill donation. The donations from this event will go into our Benevolence Fund to help those who are in need.

Due to the ongoing situation regarding Covid 19 our ABY youth group activities are still on hold. However, we hope to restart this program up real soon.

Remember that God's word is a lamp for our feet and a light to our path. (Psalm 119:105).

Blessings In Christ,
Pastor Joshua Jackson

Bethany

We were thankful to host Youth Night during the Coffee Creek Association Revival. Thank you to all who came out to support Pastor Tyler and Pastor Tim as they brought the message that evening and Pastor Keith Smith for the special music.

We will be hosting the 5th Sunday Hymn Sing on October 31st at 6 PM with light refreshments afterwards. We hope to see several come out and share your musical blessings with us.

A group will be heading over to Hope, IN to the Willow Leaves of Hope for lunch and to see "Church Basement Ladies – A Second Helping, on Sunday, October 17 immediately following morning service.

Our ladies will be going to Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp for a weekend retreat on Friday, October 22nd. This will be a time of fellowship and renewal.

Pastor Mike

Kimberlin Creek

Greetings Sister Churches,

I believe we had a wonderful week of revival services in September. We raised \$1900 for our general fund. And with Covid back we still had fairly good crowds each night ending with over 60 at Underwood. At Kimberlin Creek we have put up closed seats again. But our attendance has dropped too. But that hasn't stopped God from working in our church. We have had 8 young

people come forward in the last few weeks. 2 of them have been baptized already but the first Sunday in October we will have 6 baptisms. Praise the Lord!!

Also if you are getting this before the 1st of October, our Kingdom Kids will be having their big Yard Sale in the Family Life Center that day and the next. It will be from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 PM on Friday the 1st and from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 PM on Saturday the 2nd. Come and find you some nice clothing and fun treasures. Then on the 30th of October they will have a Craft Sale...their First, starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

We are also having a FLU CLINIC on October 21st from 4:00-7:00 PM. You may call the church office to register for this or just walk in that day. Please bring your insurance cards but if you don't have insurance and need a flu shot, be sure to call and let us know as we can get a voucher for your shot.

God Bless each of you and please stay safe.

Judy Peacock
Church Secretary

Underwood

Greetings from Underwood Baptist Church!

FALL FOR JESUS

HE NEVER LEAVES

This is the current sign at our front entrance. In those few words there is so much to think about! Our proper worship is to "fall" before him in adoration. We seek to "fall" in love with Him again every day. He will never "leave" us or forsake us, He is the eternal God, His being is not temporary like the "leaves" on a tree. And we could go on...

The sign also indicates a turn in the Seasons, Fall is here! We participated in the Association Fall Revival Services. Pastor David spoke on Monday, and our church hosted on Friday. Our sanctuary was redecorated with the Fall theme of colored leaves arranged in the window sills. The altar bouquet featured colored leaves, flowers, and shafts of wheat. During the sermon, the evening sunlight illuminated the shafts of wheat. It was as if the Holy Spirit was emphasizing that those present would one day be His Harvest. It was wonderful to have our Fellowship Hall at capacity as we enjoyed sandwiches and desserts with our brothers and sisters that we do not often get to see. All of this is to say that we were all very busy in preparation and greatly enjoyed the fruits of our labors for the Lord.

Prior to Revival Week, we had a big yard sale to raise money for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. We will be able to prepare and pay for postage on more boxes this year than ever before. To God be the Glory! Our AB Women's Ministries prepared individually bagged

snacks and cold water available for a donation, just to keep everyone hydrated while they shopped in our pole barn which does not have air conditioning.

Stay tuned as we continue into Fall! It looks like the Trustees are gradually building a substantial burn pile. There could be a wiener roast on our horizon...

Our choir members are Practicing with Kimberlin Creek Choir in preparation for Carols and Choirs. We look forward to seeing you then if not before! Our two church choirs are also presenting a joint Christmas Cantata at the Kimberlin Creek Church on Sunday 12/19 at 6:00 PM. You are invited to attend!

Underwood Baptist Church

Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp

Upcoming Events:

- **Semi-Formal Banquet & Silent Auction Fundraising Event, November 4, 2021**

Deadline to RSVP is October 21, 2021.

This is an elegant evening with dinner, music, testimonies, and a silent auction. During this event you will hear an update on the progress of the “Journey to the Lakeside Lodge” as well as 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. Seating is limited!

Doors open at 5:30 PM, Dinner begins at 6:30 PM, there will be a silent auction.

- **SENIOR ADULT Camp, November 5-6 for Men & Women Ages 55+, \$75 Per Person**

Are you 55 or older? Then this camp session is for YOU!!! We want to invite you to join us and other Senior Adults for a weekend full of nostalgia, mental agility challenges, as well as a few physical challenges (as you are able). You don't want to miss this fun time to be a camper again! You will be staying the night in the Retreat. Dean: Stephen Mullins. Check in on Friday at 5:30 PM and Depart on Saturday at 6:00 PM.

- **IGNITE – Youth Retreat (Grades 6-12), November 12-13**

Visit our website for more information! www.sbycamp.com

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 638, Westport, IN 47283

Letting Your Leaves Fall

Rachel Wojo September 17, 2021



Little yellow leaves from the front yard tree dance across the porch and driveway. As their bright green color fades, it seems they fall almost as quickly as they change. I love summer affectionately and part of me longs to whisper to the tree “Hold on a little longer. Come on; you got this. Think green!” But graciously the tree listens to its Maker rather than my foolish whispers. In order to flourish in the new season, the tree must let go of its decayed leaves. They have performed well for the term, but their time has drawn to a close.

Autumn is a wonderful time to observe nature. As I watch the swirling leaves stirred by the wind, I am reminded that they display an important lesson for all of us to follow suit in a way. Just as the trees don’t stubbornly hold on to their dead leaves, so we shouldn’t hold on to any unnecessary weight in our lives. When we long to enter a new season, the old can easily inhibit the new if we allow it. God’s Word reminds us to:

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. [Ephesians 4:31,32 \(NIV\)](#)

To get rid of negativity in our lives, we must first identify it. How can we do this?

- » By reading God's Word.
- » By allowing His Spirit to show us the necessary heart changes we need.
- » By being willing to shun practices such as bitterness and anger.
- » By asking God to help us let go of the guilt from the past.

Oh how the Lord longs to empower and strengthen us for the new season ahead! If we're not sure of the issues detaining a kind and compassionate spirit, He will show us when we ask. And if guilt from the past is preventing this beautiful new season, we have His promises like this one to remember:

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. [Isaiah 43:18,19 \(NIV\)](#)

What are you holding on to that is preventing a freshness to the season ahead? Could it be that the decayed leaves are piling up and your heart needs to discard them for good? If so, why not reach out to the Lord in prayer? He longs to hear from you. Ask Him to shine light on any thoughts, circumstances, habits or other "decayed leaves" you might be clinging to. As you watch the leaves fall this season, our prayer is that you are reminded to let go of anything that would hinder a fresh relationship with God.

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/3/21 CCA Executive Meeting, Kimberlin Creek, 2 PM

10/31/21 5th Sunday Hymn Sing, Bethany 6 PM

12/5/2021 Carols and Choirs, 6 PM TBA

3/13/2022 CCA Annual Meeting, TBA

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

October deadline noon 10/30/21

November deadline noon 11/20/21 due to Thanksgiving

December deadline noon 12/18/21 due to Christmas

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,

Missy Payne

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