

The Shepherd

Coffee Creek Association, January 2022

From the Moderator...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the life of our association, the new year seems to be an especially busy time. I am excited as our twenty churches can come together to worship and minister in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let me share four opportunities that I encourage everyone not to overlook.

1. Edna Martin Christian Center Food Drive

An annual project that is dear to many hearts is now in full swing! Thank you to Patty Short and Dale Armstrong as they lead up this year's collection. Check out the details in Patty's article in this issue and THANK YOU to everyone for supporting this vital mission here in Indiana.

2. The Annual Meeting of the Coffee Creek Baptist Association

Our churches will gather on Sunday, 13 March at 4 p.m. for our yearly reunion! We are blessed to be hosted by our newest associational member, New Harmony church. We will also have the privilege of having Rev. Mark Thompson, our brand-new Executive Minister for the American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky, bringing the evening message. And it will be a pleasure to have Jay and Dana Stephens share with us through music. I would love for all twenty of our member churches to be represented at this year's gathering. You are invited! Come and enjoy the fellowship and worship with brothers and sisters in Christ!

3. Pastor's Monthly Gatherings

Each month our associational pastors are invited to break bread together on the second Thursday at Willie D's in Scottsburg. Our Region Minister, Rev. Dan Chadwick, joins us for this time of fellowship, sharing, and encouragement. The next get together will be on Thursday, 10 February at 11 a.m. Pastor, please come out and join us. Church members, encourage your pastor to take advantage of joining together with brother pastors in Christ.

4. CCBA Scholarships

For those who are heading to college or trade schools, it is time to complete the 2022 CCBA Scholarship applications. Deadline for this year's submissions will be 31 March. Look for the application, which is included in this issue of the Shepherd, and encourage students to fill this out. We would love to help support your higher educational experience!

If you have any questions about any of these four items or other matters dealing with our association, please do not hesitate to give me a holler.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Timothy Mohon, Moderator
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ABM

Inviting all men to our coffee creek American Baptist Men's meeting on February 3, 2022 at First Baptist Church, Scottsburg, Indiana at 7:00pm. We will be voting for our new officers and will also be discussing our activities to help the Edna Martin Christian Center. We are always open to new ideas that can help us with our Christian witness and what we can be sharing at our meetings. It would be nice if we could have at least one representative from each of our twenty (20) churches.

We will be having fellowship and refreshments after our meeting! Looking forward to seeing you.

Acting President --- Stan Carroll
Call me if you have any questions at: 502-802-3511

ABWM

Hello ladies of the Coffee Creek Association! I hope this newsletter finds you well. There are many among us who have had COVID recently—if you are one of those, I hope you have had a complete recovery. My husband and I are still well! Please pray for our state President, Valorie Cole. She has had COVID again and has been very sick. I know she appreciates your prayers.

I am enclosing the article for the Shepherd on our Edna Martin Christian Center food drive that is currently happening. Please read through it and call me or Dale with any questions/concerns/etc. This is a big part of American Baptist Women's Ministries and has been for many years.

The new ABWM webinars for this year have started. I had planned to watch last night's webinar but then got busy working on the food drive and forget to watch it. I'm hoping to watch the recorded version in the near future. It was titled "Tending to Our Souls." Maybe you could watch the recorded version at your next circle meeting.

To watch these live, virtual webinars, go to <https://abwomensministries.org/> to register and learn more details. They are free but they gladly accept donations to help cover their costs. They last 1 hour. Here are the upcoming webinars:

Vulnerable Youth: Identifying Predators and Protecting Children. February 3, 2022; 8 PM EST/5 PM PST

Presenter: Linda Blackiston, Director of Community Engagement, The Samaritan Women

Empowering Seniors. February 17, 2022; 8 PM EST/5 PM PST

Panelists: Elaine Cody, Life Coach, Cody Clarity Coaching; Rev. Dr. Deborah Stapleton, Associate Pastor, First Baptist Church Lincoln Gardens; and Pamela Bridgeforth, Care Coordinator at Senior Connections

Identifying and Managing Bullying Behavior. March 3, 2022; 8 PM EST/5 PM PST

Presenter: Dana Wise Jones, Counselor, Defining Moments

There is no January state ABWM newsletter (Valorie and her husband had planned a Florida vacation which unfortunately had to be cancelled due to her COVID infection.)

I am hopeful we will be able to have a spring conference but need to wait a bit longer to see if COVID case numbers decrease. I would also like to plan some events like making quilts or something similar if COVID case numbers decrease.

I plan to contact each of you next week to make sure I have the correct contact person and phone number for your church. It is time to update our Association booklet with our information. I would also love to again visit your churches or circle meetings! That is so much fun for me!

Please remember our scholarship student, Elle Fleenor. And remember now is the time for new scholarship students to be sending in their applications. The application process was revamped so it is much easier to apply. Applications are at <https://abc-indiana.org/region-ministries/american-baptist-women/> & should be returned to this email:

IN_ABWM_Scholarship@outlook.com. Deadline remains February 15, 2022.

Patty Short, CCA ABWM President. Church and Community State Coordinator. Cell: 812-595-1082. Email: ppshort@frontier.com. Address: 1905 Blackiston Mill Road, Clarksville, IN, 47129

Edna Martin Christian Center Food Drive

January is the month our association collects canned goods to deliver to Edna Martin Christian Center in Indianapolis. We hope you are already working on your collection. Here are some reminders/helpful hints for you:

*We are **collecting either money or items from anyone who wishes to contribute**. If you wish to contribute money, the best way is to **give a check to Judy Peacock, association treasurer**, for the amount you want to give, **made payable to Coffee Creek Association** (CCA), **by February 6, 2022**. She will then deposit these checks into the CCA checking account and withdraw the total in cash and give it to one of the CCA officers to be spent at Aldi's. You can see Judy at Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church or mail it to her at the church (4756 E. State Road 356, Scottsburg, IN, 471710) or call her at 812-595-1839.

*We provide food, paper, basic first aid supplies (band aids, tape, etc) and hygiene needs for their food pantry. Edna Martin Christian Center (EMCC) staff will divide our food items between their food pantry and their after-school program. I have included a copy of their "Food Pantry Wish List".

***EMCC wants us to have a total dollar amount of all the goods we donate so it is very helpful if you can include a note or receipt of the total dollar amount spent on your items.** Giving an estimate on the dollar amount is also acceptable.

*We will be **shopping and delivering on Saturday, February 12, 2022**. We will meet at **Aldi's in Seymour** (1710 E Tipton St.) at 8:45 am, shop, load and deliver to EMCC. **Everyone is welcome to join us for any part of or the entire event.**

***We are in need of delivery vehicles.** We estimate that we deliver between 5,000 and 10,000 pounds of goods to the EMCC. That is a lot of weight! Trailers that can be pulled with big trucks equipped with trailer brakes or large easily loadable farm trucks work best for this delivery. (Of course we can use smaller vehicles and load them to the max if need be.) Also, having covered vehicles is helpful to protect the goods as we travel. This is a great offering to give of your time, vehicle and gas! **Please call Patty or Dale if you can supply vehicles or trailers.**

*This is a joint venture between ABWM and AB Men in our association; Patty Short and Dale Armstrong are the coordinators. **Patty can be reached at 812-595-1081; Dale can be reached at 812-701-6460. Please call either of them for any questions/coordination with drop offs, etc, you may have!**

*This is an annual event that was started many years ago when Edna Martin herself travelled throughout Indiana and developed relationships with American Baptist Churches

to gain support for her ministry. We hope you will continue your support; remember every dollar helps!

***Please pray for our weather before and on February 12.** The trip is more hazardous if it's raining, snowing or icy. Also pray that we have safe travels for our group.

Austin

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of long time member Charlie Moore. Charlie drove the church van for many years picking up kids for youth group, church and VBS. He loved his Kentucky Wildcats and loved to joke around. He will be missed. His visitation will be at the church on Monday, January 24th from 10 AM – 1 PM with service at 1.

Bethany

Our first Monday of the month fellowship will start back up on, February 7th at 1 PM in the back of the church. We meet for prayer, lunch and fellowship each month. Everyone welcome.

Our youth will be taking us out for Valentine's Day lunch, Sunday, February 13th at Kansai in Clarksville.

Coffee Creek

January is off with a blast, our theme for this year as we celebrate our 200 anniversary is "Enjoying Peace in His Presence" each month until May 1st we will be celebrating with an exciting event.

In February we would like to invite you to all to our Valentine's Day Dinner on February 9th at 7pm at Coffee Creek Baptist Church, 2045 State Highway 250, Paris Crossing, IN 47270. Please RSVP By February 2nd you may RSVP by calling Pastor Keith Smith at 502-836-2020.

Thanks
Pastor Keith Smith

Kimberlin Creek

Dear Sister Churches,

Welcome to 2022. It's hard to believe that another new year is here. We are close to finishing up the second year of dealing with Covid. With the 3rd strain of it happening now, our numbers are down again as far as attendance is concerned. But so far we have not cancelled any events this

month. All our regular monthly meetings have happened including our Wednesday night Family Meals, Adult Bible study, 4:12 Youth & Kingdom Kids. Numbers are down slightly but not so much as not to have them.

Our 4:12 Youth is trying to get to Paoli Peaks soon to go snow-tubing but they have not been opened as of Jan. 20th. As cold as it is as of this writing, I think they should be open this Sunday. Last night (20th) we had several people go out to eat at Texas Roadhouse as a fundraiser for our youth's mission trip this summer in Arizona. This is the 3rd year to have this scheduled and we pray that Covid doesn't cancel it again. But before that event gets here Pastor Tyler & Leah will be taking the youth to Christian concerts at Rock the Universe in Orlando, FL at the end of this month. We pray they have a safe trip.

Kimberlin Creek is having another Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, February 1st in our Family Life Center from 3-8 PM. If you are able to give, please call (812-889-2428) the church to schedule an appointment or just stop that day and give "The Gift of Life".

God Bless each and every one of you!

Judy Peacock, Church Secretary

New Haramony

As the new year starts many will make resolutions. People tend to focus on health, fitness, financial, and/or organizational resolutions. My challenge for myself, this year and in the future, is to be in a deeper relationship with God.

How? How do I go deeper? How do I place God as a number one priority in my life? It seems like a hard thing to do. Life gets in the way. We get busy. We start out on the right foot then one morning/evening we think I am so tired. I will just do extra studying tomorrow. Then the next day happens and something else comes up then our new habit dies quickly. I am back to the old self doing the same things I did before and find that I am relying on my flesh heart and not on my spiritual heart. What do we do? We have to choose. We have to make it a priority. We choose reading and praying God's word over tv, scrolling social media, or reading that new book we just got. God gave us free will to choose.

God wants us to choose Him. He did not make us with a desire to pick Him first. He wants to know that He is important to us. His word tells us He is a jealous God. We are created in God's image and likeness and we are the same way. We want to be chosen. We want to be picked first on the team. We want our spouses to put us first. We want to feel important to those around us. We want that same attention that God wants.

Exodus 20:3 You shall have no other gods before me.- What god are you placing before our Heavenly Father?

Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. -What is the first thing you seek each day?\

Proverbs 3:9-10 Honor the Lord with your wealth and the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.- What are you doing with your firsts? Is it for self or for God?

In closing, Romans 12:2 says And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.--- Daily, sometimes hourly we have to renew our mind. Put your mind on God, choose God. It is our responsibility. We all want to hear well done, good and faithful servant. But it is our choice. Choose wisely.

NEW HARMONY NEWS

We celebrated Advent during the Christmas season. We also had a nice Christmas Eve service.

We are planning some exciting things for 2022 to reach out to the community, spread the love of Christ and to grow our church body. Our youth are planning a Valentine's lunch to raise money to purchase children's bibles. The lunch will be after church on 2/13, donation only. If you would like to donate please mail a check to New Harmony Baptist Church % Kayla Wilcox (treasurer) 5219 N. Jack Morgan Rd. Austin In 47102. You are also invited to come eat with us.

We also are going to be putting a food box out at the end of our drive to help our community as well. We need to clean up the box and give it some TLC once the weather cooperates.

Ruth

Underwood

Greetings from Underwood Baptist Church!

God has blessed us with a few new visitors in this month of January. After 2 years of COVID and lower attendance numbers, it is a welcome encouragement to see new faces. God has also led a couple to join our membership. They have been attending faithfully for some time. What a blessing to have winter growth!

Our Deacon and Trustee leadership have turned their attention indoors during the cold weather. Housekeeping details such as purging unused items has been at the top of the list. Some of this has made it to the church's Pole Barn. We plan to have another big yard sale to raise money for the shipping costs for Operation Christmas Child. In 2021 we were able to pay to purchase items to fill 44 boxes. This was a project for our Youth. We paid to ship 222 boxes in 2021 from Pole Barn sale proceeds.

Deacon and Trustee leadership has also led us to examine ways to cut costs. We elected to stop service for the land line at a savings of roughly \$100.00 each month. We changed to a different garbage service for another savings.

We are collecting food and cash donations for the Edna Martin Christian Center. The stack of canned goods is growing! We close with a challenging excerpt regarding giving...from Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, c. 365:

When someone steals a man's clothes, we call him a thief.

Should we not give the same name to one who could clothe the naked and does not?

The bread in your cupboard belongs to the hungry man;

The coat hanging unused in your closet belongs to the man who needs it;

The shoes rotting in your closet belong to the man who has no shoes;

The money which you hoard up belong to the poor.

May the Lord grant us open hearts and open hands!

Underwood Baptist Church

Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp

Obituary for Rev. Stephen Aye Malone, first full-time on-site director for SBYCamp.

Rev. Stephen Aye Malone, 85, of Vernon, passed away at 1:20 p.m. on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at Our Hospice of South Central Indiana Inpatient Facility in Columbus. He was born on December 30, 1936 in Dana, Indiana the son of Harry Graden and Grace (Aye) Malone. Stephen had graduated from Dana High School in 1954 and attended Rose Hulman University. He graduated in 1972 from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and was ordained into the ministry in January 1971. He was a station agent and telegrapher for the B&O Railroad from 1957 until 1970. Rev. Malone and his wife served as managers of the Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp in Westport for 23 years. He had pastored churches in Columbus, Vernon, Waynetown and the Rock Creek Baptist Church in Westport for 38 years. He was a member of the Rock Creek Baptist Church, Jennings County Historical Society, Decatur County Historical Society, and an honorary member of the Ripley County Historical Society. He was a member of

Haley Tower Historical and Technological Society, sons of the Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, former member of Westport Kiwanis, he served as an officer of Sand Creek Baptist Association, International Fellowship of Christian and Jews and a past President of Indiana Baptist Minister Council. He was an avid reader and historian. His specialty was early churches in Indiana. He loved playing golf. He was a member of the sons of the American Revolution. He married Judith Wallace on November 30, 1958, in Clinton, Indiana and she survives. Other survivors include his daughters, Rev. Colleen Malone of Vernon, Angela (Oren) Griffin of Lafayette and Myrna (Ted) Kinney of Crawfordsville; his brothers, Morris Howard of Evansville, and Frank Howard of Illinois; his grandchildren, Stephen Griffin and Elaine Griffin of Lafayette, Meagan Lampkin of Seymour, Angela Eaton of North Vernon and Isaac Kinney of Kansas; 14 great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather; 2 brothers and 1 great grandchild. There will be a visitation at the River of Life Church in North Vernon on Saturday, January 22, 2022 from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. with a memorial service at 4:00 p.m. Burial will be at Rock Creek Cemetery at a later date. The Bass & Gasper Funeral Home in Westport has been entrusted with handling the funeral arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp or the Mercy Rescue & Adoption.

2022 Camp SCHEDULE & Events *Although some camp sessions overlap, they are not combined sessions.

- IGNITE (grades 6-12): February 25-26 / \$75
- Ladies Retreat (Ages 15+): April 1-2 / \$75
- Annual Summer Kick-Off: May 21
- JUNIOR CAMP #1 (entering grades 4-6): June 12-17 / \$190
- PAINTBALL CAMP (entering grades 6-12): June 12-15 / \$140
- TEEN CAMP (entering grades 7-12): June 19-24 / \$190
- KINDERGARTEN CAMP (entering grades K-1): June 29-30 / \$50
- JUNIOR CAMP #2 (entering grades 4-6): July 10-15 / \$190
- JUNIOR-SENIOR Camp (entering grades 4-12): July 17-22 / \$190
- MUSIC CAMP (entering grades 7-12): July 17-22 / \$190
- GOLF CAMP (entering grades 7-12): July 19-22 / \$190
- PRIMARY CAMP (entering grades 1-3): July 24-27 / \$140
- The RACE: August 6
- FAMILY CAMP: September 2-5 / \$330 Per Family
- SENIOR ADULT CAMP (ages 55+): September 16-17 / \$75
- Banquet: November 3

- IGNITE 2.0 (grades 6-12): November 4-5 / \$75 (Registration Not Open Yet)
- **www.sbycamp.com**

Other

Missy, If you have room in the Shepherd, here is a link to a free viewing of this movie. I actually went to the theatre to see this late last year. It is a great movie about forgiveness and loving others that is set in World War 2. People just need to follow the link and register. Don't know if we usually put this kind of information in the Shepherd so I will leave that up to you. Patty Short Forgiveness on display. Register now for the Sabina online movie event March 4-6, 2022.

<https://etools.vomusa.org/b/202201-16-mt.html>

UPCOMING EVENTS

02/15/2022 ABWM Scholarship Application Deadline

03/13/2022 CCA Annual Meeting, New Harmony 4 PM

04/10/2022 CCA Executive Board Meeting, 2 PM Kimberlin Creek

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

2022 Shepherd Deadlines noon on:

02/19/2022

03/19/2022

04/23/2022

05/21/2022

06/18/2022

07/23/2022

08/20/2022

09/17/2022

10/22/2022

11/19/2022

12/17/2022

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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Thank You,

Missy Payne

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