

The Shepherd

Coffee Creek Association, April 2022

From Patti Short

ABWM

Our Coffee Creek Association sponsored mission trip to Western Kentucky is getting closer now! Don't forget to send in your registration form by April 30. There is no cost to you to participate. You don't need to be a skilled professional builder, all skill levels are welcome! Of course, we need some professionals amongst us as they will direct us as to what/how to do our tasks. After you register, you will receive more details of our trip. Please, everyone, keep us in your prayers: we need prayers now for guidance & wisdom in our planning and promotion of this trip as well as when we will be traveling to and working in Kentucky June 16-18. Everyone has been so supportive of us and I really appreciate that!

Ladies, please encourage the men in your life/church to attend the AB Men meeting on Thursday, May 5, at 7 pm at Bethany Baptist Church. They will be doing more planning on our mission trip and suggestions are always welcome!

The state Church and Community (scholarship) committee is meeting Saturday, April 23, to choose our recipients. Look for announcements to be made early summer of the winners!

The number of scholarship applications was less this year—I don't know why. Next year, please remind all of recent high school graduates to apply for this scholarship. We give scholarships to any full time student who is pursuing education after high school, towards an Associate or Bachelor's degree as well as any trade schools. It isn't a great deal of money but there is incredible support to our recipients during the year they are "our student."

Plans continue to be made for our Summer Conference which will be July 8-9, 2022, at the St. Joseph Retreat & Conference Center in Tipton, Indiana. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend. Registration forms will be available in late May.

Prayer Concerns: International Ministries Global Servant Corenne Smith is in a hospital in Indianapolis, recovering from open heart surgery. Please remember her in your prayers in the weeks to come. She and her husband, Phil, serve in Brazil working with homeless kids.

Please pray for Russia and Ukraine. This situation drastically needs divine intervention!

Please pray for your ABWM leaders, in your own church, in our association, in the state and at the national level. Thank you for all of your support.

Patty Short, Coffee Creek ABWM President

Singspiration

A friendly reminder from your Coffee Creek Music Coordinator: Rev. Joshua Jackson.

To the Fellow Churches of the Coffee Creek Association-

Our 22nd annual spring Singpiration: Is Soon Approaching & will be held on May 15th, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

The Location will be Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church, 4756E State Rd 356, Scottsburg, IN 47170.

Each Church is asked to bring a music selection or other form of praise.

Also please bring some finger foods for a time of fellowship after the program.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by email-joshua.jackson50@aol.com or by phone at (812)-707-1020.

- Please Let Me Know by May 1st 2022 if possible if your church plans on taking part in the spring music program & which song or form of praise your church will be sharing for the program so we can begin working on the order of service for the program.

Blessings,
Rev. Joshua Jackson

Alpha

A very Happy Easter to all in the Coffee Creek Association! Alpha decided to do some abbreviated services during this season. We had the Good Friday service on Friday, but did not observe Sunrise Service nor Easter Breakfast on Sunday. Our traditional Sunday Service began at 9 A.M. with hymns with both the congregation and the choir. All services were well attended. Thanks to Pastor Stan & Bonnie Carroll for their very able leadership at Alpha.

One of Alpha's ABW projects is in the making! We have two Yard Sales per calendar year, and the first one is well underway. It will be held the second weekend of May on May 13 and 14. Friday and Saturday from 9 A.M. – 4 P.M. on both those days. Come on out!

We ask for prayer from the association for our member Jack Perkinson who has undergone yet another surgery for his leg. He is recovering at Hampton Oaks in Scottsburg and is in need of a mighty touch from God for healing.

This season is also the beginning of the Rural Community Fellowship Services for several county churches in this area. Alpha's Pastor, Stan Carroll, will be the speaker at Coffee Creek Christian Church, and Alpha will be host in July. Hopefully our finishing touches will be in place with the updating we've done in the past couple of years. The former Sunday School area is nearing completion with a new ceiling! Pastor Danny McDonald and crew have been very busy. Danny is the son of Sue Meeks Shirley who has been a faithful member of Alpha for most of her life. We appreciate the talent from this family!

Blessings to all our Sister Churches in CCA
Jackie McGannon

Austin

Some thoughts regarding the Death & Resurrection of Christ.

In the gospel of John chapter 3:16-17 it tells us that-

v.16- For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

v.17- For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved.

Jesus was born for one specific purpose to be our substitute doing all things necessary for us to live eternally with our heavenly father. Jesus did not live and die to condemn us rather he lived and died to forgive and save us.

Often times we as individuals believe we can manage through life without God. We may be able to manage our work, school, and social responsibilities, and we may have a loving family a well-paying job, and a group of close friends. However, inside each of us there exist a spiritual void that can only be filled by the presence of Jesus Christ.

Jesus tells us in John 10:10 - that the thief does not come except to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly.

When we make the decision to invite Christ into our hearts and our lives, he makes our heart his home we become new creations in him. Christ death upon the cross was the greatest act of love. The tomb on Easter Sunday was transformed from a mausoleum vault to a place that shined with the life changing love and power of the living God. Jesus resurrection defeated death hell and the grave. Jesus is our hope are we willing to reach out and take hold of that hope letting ourselves be transformed by the loving presence of God through his son Jesus Christ. For without a doubt Jesus is alive today. Let's continue to share Christ message of hope

with each other, our community, as we seek to grow our relationships with God through his son Christ Jesus.

Blessings,

Rev. Joshua Jackson

Bethany

We are happy to announce that we will be having four baptisms on Sunday, April 24th. The Lord is surely good!!

Our youth have been working really hard. They cooked & took meals to several shut-ins and have put flowers on all the graves.

We will be hosting the ABMen's meeting on Thursday, May 5th at 7 PM and hope to see several of you there.

Kimberlin Creek

Greetings,

We have had a busy month. A couple of our church ladies attended the Ladies Retreat at the camp at the beginning of the month and had a wonderful time.

Then on April 3rd we took part in the community's prayer services held at various places in the county at 2 PM. Our pastor Tim Mohon led the service at the Lexington Ballpark. There were also services held at the Austin Park and in the Scott County Courtyard. We were all praying at the same time for our community and the World situation.

We had 30 people give blood at our Blood Drive on April 5th. That was awesome!

We had a few show up at our Coffee Creek Association quarterly meeting. But those that did decided to give all 10 candidates a \$550 scholarship this year. They will be given out at the Spring Singspiration on May 15th at Kimberlin Creek that starts at 6 PM.

Then all the Easter week services started on Maundy Thursday. We partner with Lexington Presbyterian and we attended that service at their church. Then they attended our Good Friday service the next evening. On Saturday they hid 2000 eggs for the Easter egg hunt. They had a big turnout for that too. Several were able to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny before the hunt. Then on Easter Sunday we started off with "SONrise" service at 7:30 a.m. followed by a wonderful breakfast prepared by our deacons. We had a large crowd for our morning worship. HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!!

Then Pastor Tim & Pam left the next day for their vacation. Several of us went to Texas Roadhouse on Thursday night as it was a Fundraiser night for our 4:12 Youth & their mission trip this summer to Rainbow Acres in Arizona.

During that week we lost one of our oldest members, Marvin McNeely, who went home to be with our Lord and his wife, Kathryn. His service was held on Saturday. We will truly miss him.

The next big event is our Kingdom Kids Rummage Sale in the Family Life Center on Friday, April 29th & Saturday, April 30th. Starts both days at 8:00 a.m. and ends on Friday at 5 PM and Saturday at 2 PM. Hope everyone can come.

Happy Spring to all.

Judy Peacock, Church Secretary

Scottsburg

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Coffee Creek Association,

Blessed be our Lord and Savior whose resurrection we celebrated this past Sunday! It was a great and glorious day. Our attendance for Easter Sunday service was the highest since the pandemic began. It was wonderful to see so many celebrating our Lord.

Our church is embarking on a wonderful, new journey. We have enrolled in the ReShape Church initiative, sponsored by Central Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas and the Lily Endowment. Through the months of May and June we will be discussing the issues facing churches today and discerning God's plan for us. As we all know, the pandemic has caused much havoc and turmoil in the "normal" way we did things. Now, as we are coming out of the pandemic, we are praying that God will show us a "new normal" in our worship of Him.

God bless each and every one!

Pastor Kevin

Underwood

Greetings from Underwood Baptist Church!

"Everything changes, but everything stays the same."

"There is nothing certain but death and taxes."

These "wise comments" apply to this year's celebration of Easter on the day before the tax deadline! Luke 2:1-7 KJV tells us the story of the decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. Joseph and very pregnant Mary went to Bethlehem to take care of their tax

situation and Jesus was born while they were there. Was it because of their looming tax debt that they were turned away from the Inn? No! The tax was not paid at the time of the census. But, just as Jesus's birth location was affected by taxes, this year the celebration of His death, for all the procrastinators, was affected by the looming tax deadline. It seems ironic, doesn't it?

As Christians all over the world have for 2000+ years, our congregation celebrated Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday with special services and special music by our choir. In spite of near freezing temperatures, we also had an Easter Sunrise service on the porch of LaDonna and Steve Campbell. Just as Pastor David pronounced the closing prayer and said "Amen" the sun broke above the horizon. It was a super special moment. It was followed by the super special moments of fellowship with hot coffee and a table of donuts and peeps and jellybeans. We were happy to be together, and happy to be warm again!

Everything changes, but did everything stay the same? Yes, we had the same rituals, but did we come to Him with fresh anticipation of renewal during this Holy Season? We hope that you did!

Our church had a big yard sale at the end of March. We did it in the pole barn by the Underwood Volunteer Fire Department. Watch our sign on Highway 31 for the next sale. We have some great items, and the price is whatever you want to donate for the item.

God bless you as we continue to serve Him together!

Underwood Baptist Church

Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp

Camp Work Day - May 7 at 9:00 AM

Come help us get ready for summer camp! We have painting, cleaning, picking up sticks, wood cutting, pressure washing, and construction work! Something for the whole family of all skill levels! Bring your gloves and tools! Lunch Provided.

Homecoming at SBYCamp

Help us kick-off our summer by joining us for our "Homecoming" event at SBYCamp! Saturday, May 21st from 1:00-5:00 PM. Bring out the whole family to enjoy being at camp, swim in our pool, listen to "Sons of I Am" play live, and participate in some of the activities we have here at camp! There is no cost to attend, but free will offerings are appreciated. Spread the Word!

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

- Camp Work Day: May 7, 9AM
- Annual Summer Kick-Off: *May 21, 1-5 PM*
- 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**

UPCOMING EVENTS

05/05/2022 AB Men, Bethany, 7 PM
05/07/2022 Camp Work Day, SBYCamp, 9 AM
05/15/2022 Singspiration, Kimberlin Creek, 6 PM
05/21/2022 Homecoming, SBYCamp, 1 PM
05/22/2022 Licensing of Tyler Griffin, Kimberlin Creek, 3 PM
05/29/2022 5th Sunday Hymn Sing, Coffee Creek, 6 PM
06/16-18/2022 AB Men & ABWM Mission Trip to Kentucky
07/09/2022 ABWM Summer Conference, Tipton, IN
09/12-16/2022 CCA Revival, TBA
12/04/2022 Carols & Choirs, TBA

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

2022 Shepherd Deadlines noon on:

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. My mailing address is:

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Thank You,

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