

# *The Shepherd*

*Coffee Creek Association, July 2022*

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## **CCA Revival**

Plans are still in the works, but currently we have the following churches willing to host this years' revival which will be held September 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>. Monday - First Marion; Tuesday - Open; Wednesday - Coffee Creek (also youth night); Thursday - Kent; Friday - Bethel. Our theme will be "Tell the Good News!"

## **ABM**

The Coffee Creek Association American Baptist's Men's Group will be hosting Their Annual Family Picnic at Bethany Baptist Church on Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at 2116 North Bethany Road Deputy Indiana. The ABM will provide meat, Chips, watermelon, drinks and paper products. Bring whatever sides and desserts you would like.

Activities will start earlier at Noon at 15889 West Blake Road Deputy across from Lakeside Campgrounds. Bank fishing will be available on Hardy Lake. 18 and up will need a fishing license, bring your own bait and fishing poles. There will be a couple of canoes and kayaks available as well as water and snacks. Right before 4 we will head to Bethany for the Picnic at 4.

At 5 Patty Short will give a presentation about our 2022 Mission Trip to Kentucky. The ABM Disaster Relief trailer will be at Bethany for you to see. Please Pray as The ABM group is looking for a new ABM Disaster Relief Coordinator. They can continue to house the trailer in Columbus and provide some money for its use but are looking for a new coordinator. Hope to see You at Noon, 4 or both.

Dale Armstrong, 812-701-6460

## **ABWM**

Hello ladies! Each of our churches should have received the state ABWM July newsletter. It has some important information in it so please take the time to read it!

At this time we are planning to have Fall Conference on October 17. We still need a location so if your church would like to host us, please contact me right away.

I am planning some association wide ABWM gatherings starting in August, we will have these at different churches so that all have a chance to participate—look for these announcements in the near future. We will have devotions then various projects to work on.

We have decided to schedule another mission trip to Bremen, KY, this fall so look for more information on this in the near future! If you didn't go with us in June, maybe you can go this fall! Hopefully we will have cooler weather to work in!

I have 2 churches scheduled for me to speak at re: our June mission trip. I will speak at Bethany BC following the AB Men's Family picnic on August 13 then at Austin FBC on Sunday, September 11 during their morning service. I have a few more churches that want me to do a presentation but we haven't finalized a date yet so if your church wants me to come, please contact me.

I know COVID cases are high again in Scott County, maybe neighboring counties as well. Hopefully we will be able to have these events as planned! Stay tuned....

Patty Short, CCA ABWM President. Cell 812-595-1082. Email: ppsshort@frontier.com

### **Alpha**

Greetings to the Coffee Creek Association from Alpha Baptist Church. Not a lot to share, but we are blessed and thankful for our brothers and sisters of the Coffee Creek Association. We had the privilege of being the host church for the Rural Community Fellowship get together for worship and fellowship on 7-21-22. Pastor Keith Smith of Coffee Creek Baptist Church shared a wonderful gospel message that was well received. Pastor Dan Corbin and his lovely wife shared special music. They were fantastic!!

Our love offering went to the Scott County Community Clearinghouse. Beth Barnett, the director and Mary Holwager, the assistant to the director shared with us info about all that the Clearinghouse is doing. My goodness the fantastic work these two ladies are doing. In the month of June 472 families were served; 1583 Individuals served; 60 Veterans served; and 9 homeless served. 0-5: 144; 6-17: 346; 18-54: 662; 55-64: 235; and 65+: 197. They are located at: 1057 Community Way, Scottsburg, In. 47170 Phone: 812-752-0123. Hours of operation: Monday: 1-3; Tuesday: Always Closed Wednesday: 1-3; Thursday: 9-11 & 6-7; Friday: Closed to public, open for donations. They can always use help!!

After our worship service we had a time of fellowship and refreshments. Oh my! So much great food; surely no one went home hungry. We were filled spiritually. What a fantastic evening.

Our Alpha family will be having our annual picnic in August. It is always a great time of fellowship and oh so much to eat. We have such great cooks! We are also remodeling our Sunday School

Hall. We will be having a yard sale at Alpha October 14 & 15.

Pastor Stan Carroll

### **Austin**

Greeting to our fellow churches of the association from Austin First Baptist! We hope that everyone is having a great summer. We will be having a Deacon Ordination Service for Roger Morris on Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 3 PM, at the church. If you are able, please join us as we honor Roger's commitment of service, faithfulness, and dedication to our church. Remember that with God everything is possible. – Matthew 19:26.

Blessings,

Pastor Josh

### **Bethany**

Our VBS was held July 8-10. We are pleased that the Lord sent us 15 children and 12 adults to study about Joseph and his faith in the Lord. Special thanks to Jasper & Hayden Armstrong, who traveled all the way from Las Vegas, NV to play the piano for us, and Sylvia who came with them and joined us in our study. We closed our program with a picnic at Hardy Lake and were blessed with beautiful weather. The Lord has surely been good to us!

We will be hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Hymn Sing on July 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM. We encourage all the churches in our association to come and participate. We'd love for you to bring some of your Bible School Children to come bless us with a song that they learned this year at VBS. Light refreshments will be served.

We are happy to host this year's ABM picnic on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Please see details in the ABM news.

### **Coffee Creek**

On Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> we had Fireworks show at the church in honor of Independence Day. We had VBS on July 16<sup>th</sup> our theme was Discipleship, our scriptures was Matthew 28:19-20 <sup>19</sup> Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: <sup>20</sup> Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. In the month of June, we did a 4-week sermon series on "***Leaving your All on the Altar***". This month we are doing a sermon series

on "**Can God!**" Remember that 2 Timothy 2:15 says; "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." God is good all the time; All the time God is good!

Pastor Keith

### **New Harmony**

Love is defined as having deep affection for someone by the Oxford dictionary. 1Corinthians 13: 4-8a tells us love is patient, kind, does not envy, does not boast, does not dishonor others, is not self seeking, is not easily angered, keeps no record of wrongs, does not delight in evil, rejoices in truth, it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres, and does not fail. Jesus tells us in Matthew 22: 37-40 that the first greatest commandment is to Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. The second is to love your neighbor as yourself. 1Peter 4: 8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins.

All you need to do to see how important love is in God's word is to just read His word. There are numerous scriptures talking about love. You can even google scriptures about love and it will bring up lots of them. Our job as a church is to love. We love people regardless of where they come from, what they look like, what they have done... we are to love. If we can't love, how will the world see Jesus in us? Love means listening to the same conversation for the hundredth time, hugging and praying for those who have deeply hurt you, giving food to someone who is hungry, keeping your mouth closed so you don't hurt someone whose opinion is not like yours inside your church. We will not bring people into a relationship with Jesus if we do not show them love. This is not to say we need to water down the scriptures and let things go on that are against the bible. We need to teach others what the word of God says. We do it in love. However we are not to hate someone because they sin differently than us.

Is it hard to love? ABSOLUTELY! Will you be hurt when you love others? YES! However we are very hard to love sometimes too. We also cause pain to those we love. **Thank you God** that you show us **mercy and love** us unconditionally. Please Heavenly Father help us love others like you love us.

**NEWS:** July has been a busy month for us. We had our 3rd annual Thunder over New Harmony and had a great turnout. Lots of food, fun and a 45 minute firework show to end the night.

Last Saturday we had our first VBS in several years. We had several new kids and they had a blast learning about making Jesus your best friend, making crafts, singing and dancing, playing games, and enjoying the bouncy house/water slide at the after party. We are super appreciative of all our volunteers that gave up their time to help make it a success. Our food box ministry is still going strong and if anyone would like to help donate nonperishable food items just let us know.

Text Ruth at 812-595-2848. Just think of all the children this summer with limited access to food that you are helping. We have even had several people come on their bicycles needing food.

Our playground is mostly finished. Our August/September project is to add another swing set for our kiddos. The playset we have has only 2 swings. We are continuing to pray for growth, and we really want to start a praise team and I know that God will provide one when it is time.

Until next time, Ruth

### **Kimberlin Creek**

This has been a busy month for us. Our 4:12 Youth Group left at 3 a.m. on Saturday, July 2 to fly to Arizona. They were spending the week at Rainbow Acres in Camp Verde. Rainbow Acres is a Christian community with heart that empowers persons with developmental disabilities to live to their fullest potential with dignity and purpose. Then they returned safely on Saturday, July 9 in the afternoon. We will get an update of all their experiences from them on August 3.

Then from July 11-16 things started getting a little crazy. The church became decorated to look like a carnival had arrived. As of this writing VBS had begun on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> with a kick-off in the Family Life Center (due to all the rain outside). Then the nightly classes and fun began on Monday, July 18 with a meal at 5:30 PM, classes and other events at 6 PM until closing at 8:30 PM. So far, we have had a maximum of 57 kids and at least 30 volunteers. A special event this year will be a fireworks display on Friday night after the services are over. Then the VBS Commencement will be held on Sunday morning, July 24 during our normal worship time.

We pray that everyone is staying safe during all these **HOT** summer days.

Judy Peacock, Church Secretary

### **Scottsburg**

Greetings to all our sister churches in the Coffee Creek Association, I pray this finds you well. July has been a busy month here at FBC Scottsburg. We were contacted by the folks that run WeCare, here in Scott County, to work the food booth during the Scott County fair which ran from July 3<sup>rd</sup> through July 9<sup>th</sup>. We agreed and had a wonderful time selling hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, soft drinks, pickles, and lemon shakeups. It was a great time of fellowship for all who volunteered and a terrific time interacting with those attending the fair. All of the proceeds went to WeCare which serves the children in Scott County with new coats and shoes. July 10<sup>th</sup> we started our Youth Group. There hadn't been a youth group in the church for over five years and at our first meeting we had nine youth attend. That was great! Our group is led by Pastor Kevin and his wife Robin, who makes sure the youth have plenty to eat and drink. Already, we have been led by the Holy

Spirit to discern the spiritual needs of our group. The fun and fellowship come naturally when God is in the picture. We meet Sundays from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. We invite all the youth from the surrounding area to attend, if they feel led. You are more than welcome to come. Also, on Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup> we are having a special service welcoming back the folks who have been away during Covid. There will be lots of special music with a meal and fellowship after the service. God bless each of you!

Pastor Kevin

### **Underwood**

It is summer vacation time! Are we there yet?! This is the constant question of children on a car trip vacation. Well, yes, believe it or not, we are there! Possibly by the time you are reading this school will have started. Here in Northern Clark County school starts on July 27. The window has closed on whatever we hoped to do during Summer Vacation. Let us pray together for our children and all school system employees.

Our attendance has been averaging between 30 and 40 people this summer. With a deep breath and faith in the provision of God, we determined we would have Vacation Bible School. Our property is adjacent to a branch of the Monroe Twp Volunteer Fire Department. They graciously partnered with us to put on a one-day program for the children themed "Bible Heroes, Today's Heroes." Children examined the story of David and Goliath and discussed the definition of hero. Jesus was presented as the greatest hero. After lunch they toured the fire department, received kitchen safety instruction, and watched a firefighter dress in his gear in less than the two-minute requirement. Each child then got to wear a fire hat and help a fireman spray a low-pressure water hose. Yes, there were some intentional dashes through the refreshing spray, which was totally sanctioned by all that hot afternoon!

When we walked back to church, we were greeted by the ice cream truck. You would think he was a hero too from the reaction of the children! Then a security company visited with their drug search dog. It was gentle with the children. The K-9 team proceeded to search the playground area and pronounced an "all clear." The Clark County Sheriff's Department sent a squad car and a uniformed officer who answered the children's questions about their daily routine. They left with flashing lights and siren which was a thrill for the children.

Too much detail? Not when God receives the Glory! We couldn't have attempted this without Him. We were amazed how it all came together when our elderly congregation stepped out in faith. The outcome was better than any of us could have imagined. Thank you, Jesus!

We moved from this mountain top at the end of June to the valley below near the end of July. Seven members of our congregation became ill with COVID all in the same week. We had

virtual worship only on July 17th. Pastor David's sermon on the Eighth Beatitude is posted on our Facebook page. We encourage everyone to go there to listen to this beautiful message. We expect to resume regular services the week of July 24.

We will appreciate your prayers as we shift our ministry focus to the Fall season ahead.

Your Brothers and Sisters at Underwood

### **Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp**

Register for camp!!!! [www.sbycamp.com/registration](http://www.sbycamp.com/registration)

- 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

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

08/07/2022 Roger Morris Deacon Ordination, Austin First Baptist, 3 PM

08/13/2022 ABM Picnic, Bethany Baptist, 4 PM

08/18/2022 Rural Community Fellowship, Graham Presbyterian Church, 10 East Co Rd 600 S, North Vernon, IN 47265, 7 PM

09/12-16/2022 CCA Revival, TBA

10/09/2022 CCA Executive Board Meeting, Kimberlin Creek 2 PM

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:

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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