**The Shepherd**Coffee Creek Association, September 2022

**Coffee Creek Association Revival**

COFFEE CREEK ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING REPORT FROM OUR REVIVAL
From Coffee Creek Association Treasurer

Monday night at Vienna Baptist had 98 in attendance with an offering of $529.00.
Tuesday night at First Marion had an attendance of 52 with an offering of $$453.00.
Youth night on Wednesday at Coffee Creek we had an attendance of 71 with an offering of $535.00.
Thursday night at Kent we had an attendance of 50 and an offering of $203.00.
Then on Friday night at Bethel, attendance was 55 and an offering of $480.00.
We had an average attendance of 65 and our total offering for scholarships for the next 2 years was $2200.00.

Thanks to all who attended and gave to the offerings.

**From the Moderator**

Hello to all Pastors!  Don't forget that we meet every month on the second Tuesday at 11 a.m. for a Pastor's Gathering at Willie D's in Scottsburg.  This is a time of food, fellowship, and sharing with one another, and Rev. Dan Chadwick, our Region Minister, joins us for our time together.  This month we will be meeting on Tuesday, 11 October.  If you have any questions, give me a call at 812-722-7612.

Just a reminder to our Associational Officers, Coordinators, and all Pastors, that our next quarterly Executive Board meeting is coming up.  We will gather together on Sunday, 9 October at 2 p.m. at the Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church building.  Let's have a great turn out as we conduct the business of the association.  Pastors, remember that you are a member of the board, and your attendance is greatly appreciated!

Rev. Tim Mohon, Moderator
Coffee Creek Baptist Association

**Patti Short**

State ABWM Our Women’s Day celebration is October 1 at Rochester FBC in Rochester, IN. Please pray for those of us attending: that we have safe travels, that we bless those we are serving, that our business will be conducted efficiently, that our newly installed officers will work under the leadership of our Lord, and that we will all be blessed by our fellowship together.

 Several new officers will be installed: President, Coordinator of Church & Community Ministries, Conference Registrar, Auditor, Nominating Committee, Women’s Day Coordinator and Technology.

 The three weeks following Women’s Day will be the various Fall Conferences at individual associations throughout the state. Several state officers will be traveling to these associations to share information with the individual churches. Please remember them in your prayers as well for safe travels.

Coffee Creek Association ABWM The ladies have met twice so far to do some sewing projects that can be shared with victims in Kentucky following their floods and tornadoes. 13-16 ladies have come to each session and work is continuing on quilts, aprons, pot holders and other projects. Please join us—skill level doesn’t matter! Our next gathering will be Tuesday, September 27 from 6-8 pm at Lick Branch BC (address is 10439 W. Deputy Pike Road, Deputy, IN). The following one will be Tuesday, October 18 from 6-8 pm at Coffee Creek BC (address is 2045 W. Highway 250, Paris Crossing, IN). The ladies from Bethany BC have been meeting more often—if you want to join them, contact Faye Armstrong at 812-701-7460 to get details.

 Our Fall Conference will be on Monday, October 17, from 10-2 pm at New Providence BC. Our missionary will be Mayra Giovanetti (with her husband Carlos, they are better known as the “BG’s”). You will need to bring a side dish or dessert for our luncheon. The ladies of New Providence will provide entrée, beverages and table service. Hope you can join us—it’s been at least 2 years since we’ve had Fall Conference!

Mission Trips We leave on Sunday, September 25, to go to Hazard to help flood victims. Later this year, I will have information to share with you on this trip. I hope to plan a state wide delivery to Hazard at the end of October so watch for details coming soon!

 We leave Wednesday, October 12 to go to Bremen to help rebuild after their tornadoes! The deadline to register for this trip is October 3 so please get your registration form in right away (each church in our association has registration forms). Last minute details cannot be made (and then announced) until we know the number of participants! Housing is free. We expect that some of our meals will be provided. Anyone older than 13 can join this trip—you will definitely be blessed!

 You can make donations to either location by giving/mailing them to Grace Flynn at 139 N. Sharon Drive, Scottsburg, IN, 47170. Checks should be made out to “CCA ABWM.” Be sure to designate which location you want your funds given to on the memo line of your check.

Mission trips to both Hazard and Bremen are being planned for 2023 so watch for those dates to be announced next month!

Thank you to everyone who has spoken words of encouragement to me while these events are being planned! It really does encourage me. Please consider joining us at one of these events listed above.

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

 ***Alpha***

Alpha Baptist Church is celebrating ABW for Christ Sunday, September 25, 2022.  Jill Robbins is our guest speaker. We will also be having Tammy Johnson and Sherry Stout bringing special music. There will be a fellowship dinner following the service.

On October 21 - 22 we will be having our ABW yard sale at our community center from 9:00am to 4:00pm.  We will also be starting our bible study and choir practice on Wednesday, October 5, 2022.  We are really looking forward to it.

We enjoyed the Coffee Creek Association Revival; it was wonderful to see friends from other churches.

Sincerely,
Pastor  Stan  Carroll

***Austin***

Greeting to our Fellow Churches of the Association from Austin First Baptist! We hope that everyone is having a great start to the Fall season, We as a church family recently took a picnic outing to Huber's Farm and Restaurant on September 10th. We enjoyed a wonderful time of friendship and fellowship.

Some Food For Thought-

As I have been out and about these last couple of weeks I have noticed that the leaves are beginning to change from green to yellow, orange, and red. The sequence of the leaves starting to change got me thinking more about the concept of time. There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens (Ecc. 3:1). I am reminded that the seasons will continue to change and the course of life will also advance without fail. However, it is most important to remember that God never changes. He will always be there for us. That is why we must strive to continue as the body of Christ to serve, engage, and encourage others to know Christ and grow in their relationship with God. When we have the opportunity to come together as the body of Christ we grow together and when we participate we get more out of the experience of coming together as we reflect Jesus to the world around us.

Blessings,

Pastor Josh

 ***Bethany***

At Bethany we were glad to receive a little reviving at the Annual Coffee Creek Revival. Good messages and hospitality each night. The choir is practicing for Christmas. We hope to have a hay ride for the youth now that it has cooled down more details to follow at a later date. I believe we had the best attendance post covid this past Sunday Morning. We were blessed by the Missionaries from Kimberlin Creek Youth on Sunday night and their stories about Rainbow Acres followed by tacos and a potato bar fellowship.

Our monthly fellowship will meet on Monday, October 3, 1 PM at the church, all welcome. Our ABWM is hard at work making lap quilts for the nursing home and will have two full size quilts to go to Kentucky. They meet each Tuesday evening at 6 PM in the fellowship hall if anyone would like to join them.

 ***Coffee Creek Baptist***

We have enjoyed the summer, we had five youth go to camp this past summer and they enjoyed the time they had at camp. Looking forward to seeing what God has for us this fall. We hosted the Coffee Creek Association Revival on Wednesday September 14, 2022, we had 16 youth for the youth night of revival, and we had 71 for revival. I will be speaking on Thursday night at Kent during the revival preaching on “Fulfilling the Great Commission”. I can’t say it enough God is good!

Pastor Keith Smith

 ***Kimberlin Creek***

We ended our church year with a Year-end Bash at Pastor Tyler & Leah’s with 40 in attendance. They played volleyball and had lots of water balloons so most of the kids got really wet. We also had plenty of hotdogs & hamburgers and all the fixings with lots of cookies for dessert.

In September we had 5 youth attend the Chrysalis Flight for teens in Brown County. They were Isabel Hill, Destiny Simpson, Ethan Hill, Luke Bledsoe and Tristyn Beaver. God blessed them all with a wonderful weekend. Then we had 14 youth attend youth night at the revival.

We also celebrated our 173rd anniversary on September 11th with former youth pastor, James Bryant bringing the message. James is now the senior pastor at Livonia Baptist Church in Washington County. Pastor Tyler had lots for memorabilia set up in our small fellowship hall for everyone to look through. We had 116 in attendance and all enjoyed a large meal in our Family Life Center in the afternoon. We are looking forward to celebrating our 175th in 2 years. Pastor Tyler has already begun working on that celebration.

We pray that everyone is enjoying this wonderful fall weather.

 ***Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp***

**SAVE THE DATE**

Semi-Formal Banquet & Silent Auction Fundraising Event

Thursday, November 3, 2022

### This is an elegant evening with dinner, music, testimonies, and a silent auction.

### During this event you will hear an update on 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. RSVP opening soon.

***Fall Devotion***

Autumn Reminders of an Eternal Kind

Hope & Passion Ministries, Inc, posted September 22, 2012

Fall. It is a season that reminds us of endings. Once thriving leaves now drop from their branches bursting with color, but dying. Beautiful summer flowers have lost their grandeur and now succumb to hues of brown and gray. Colder temperatures flow in and bright, long days full of sunshine move out. We are inundated with change. We are regularly reminded of our helplessness to stop the flow of God’s creation. We are caught between summer and winter in the fleeting uniqueness of autumn. Though the season brings its own joy with fabulous scents and colors of orange, yellow, and red; we know it is the end of summer and the start of a period of dormancy and cold.

As we enjoy the changes of fall, let it remind us of a vital truth. I believe God intends for us to see with physical eyes something that points to a lasting, spiritual truth. When you look at a fallen leaf or disintegrating, summer flower; think this thought:

“All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever.” (I Peter 1:24, NIV, 1984)

Let crinkling leaves and fallen blossoms remind us of something God wants always at the base of our thinking – we are finite and fallen and soon to pass. Any glory we claim to have is as transitory as summer leaves. We live and we die. We seek to accomplish much, but in the end we disappear from this earth. We cannot prevent our own demise. We stand helpless before our “fall.” Except for one thing!

Notice the severe difference God highlights between people and His Word. People wither and fall as the grass. God’s Word stands forever! God’s Word never bends, stoops, or loses its glory. Its beauty never fades; it’s “color” never wanes. No season comes that stops God’s Word. It endures, and endures with full dignity – “standing,” as it were! No weather pattern knocks God’s Word down. No disease causes His Word to waste away. No disaster or tragedy causes His Word to twist or weaken. Through every change, through every heart break, through every earth-shattering event, through death itself; the Word of God stands!

I believe God purposefully showed us the drastic difference between our glory and His Word here in I Peter to remind us to stay focused on Him and not our own selves. I believe one of the reasons for autumn is to demonstrate through His creation an important reminder about human nature when compared to God. Our Lord graciously desires us to live with a constant awareness of *our* impermanent nature and *His* eternal nature. Of *our*failing attempts and *His* trustworthy ways. Of *our* sinfulness and *His* holiness. Of *our* dependence and *His* self-sufficiency. Of *our* need for His Word at the deepest and broadest levels.

You see, God reminds us at the end of I Peter 1:25 (NIV, 1984), “And this is the word that was preached to you.” This is no small or incidental statement! The Word that stands forever can be accepted into your own heart! The seed of God’s Word can be planted in your soul so that the death of you is certainly not the end of you!

God expresses this hope very succinctly in I Peter 1:22 (NIV, 1984), “For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.” Do you see it? We can be born again of an imperishable seed through God’s Word! When I put my hope for forgiveness and salvation in Jesus Christ, I am born of a seed that cannot be abolished – a seed that lasts forever and ever. The enduring Word of God gives me eternal, unbending life. Come seasons, winds, storms, difficulties, even death itself; but I will survive and live forever because the everlasting Word of God has been preached to me. And I have gladly and humbly accepted!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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:

10/22/2022
11/19/2022
12/17/2022

Please mark your calendars.

Thank You,

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