

The Shepherd

Coffee Creek Association, October 2022

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, 10 November. If you have any questions, give me a call at 812-722-7612.

Rev. Tim Mohon, Moderator
Coffee Creek Baptist Association

A Message from the CCA Music Coordinator

Greeting to our fellow churches of the association. I would like to share that our annual Carols & Choirs gathering will be taking place on December 4, 2022. The location of this year's event will be Scottsburg First Baptist Church the program will begin at 6 p.m. Please bring some finger foods to share after the program concludes. If your church has a musical selection, a poem, or Scripture that they would like to share please come and take part in this time of fellowship and friendship with our fellow churches. If your church plans on taking part in the program I would ask that each church please reach out to me by November 1, 2022, so I can plan the order of service for the evening. If anyone has any questions I can be reached at 1-812-707-1020 or by e-mail at joshua.jackson50@aol.com.

Blessings,

Rev. Joshua Jackson

ABM

We will be meeting November 10, 2022 at Underwood Baptist Church at 7pm. Don and Sarah Snyder will be sharing info with us about Westport Camp. They are retiring at the end of this year and I believe they have been serving at Westport Camp for 18 years.

This meeting is open to our families (family night) and will give you an opportunity to come and share your appreciation for Don and Sarah's years of service. We will also be having a special program of entertainment. We are going to be having a time of

refreshment and fellowship. Underwood will provide meat and drinks and we ask that you bring side dishes, salads, and dessert. Let's make this a time of wonderful worship and fellowship. Hope to see many of you there.

Stan Carroll, President of ABM Any questions, call me at: 502-802-3511

State ABWM

Women's Day celebration was held October 1 at Rochester FBC in Rochester, IN. Our theme was "Be Kind" based on Proverbs 16:24. Many objects related to honey bees were present as decorative items. We did not have a quorum of the board of managers so could not vote on our 2023 State Project so that will be handled in the near future and presented to everyone. The new theme for us for 2023-2025 is "Be Strong and Courageous." Look for more information on this theme in the coming weeks.

Fall Conferences were held at individual associations throughout the state for the three weeks following Women's Day. Mayra Giovanetti was able to attend all of them and share about working for IM.

My term as Church & Community Coordinator ends on October 31, 2022 and Janie Barnett will take over this position for the next 3 years.

Coffee Creek Association ABWM

The ladies continue to meet to do sewing projects that can be shared with survivors in Bremen, KY, following their 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, November 1, from 6-8 pm at Bethel Baptist Church in Leota. We will also meet at Bethel on November 15 from 6-8 pm. This will be our final sewing group meeting this year and we hope to resume them in January if the weather cooperates. A delivery date will be set for November and will be open to all who want to make the day trip—details will be available soon.

We had our Fall Conference on Monday, October 17, at New Providence BC. Our missionary speaker was Mayra Giovanetti (with her husband Carlos, they are better known as the "BG's"). 18 ladies were present and fellowship and sharing was enjoyed by all!

Disaster Relief

I took 1 lady to Hazard to help flood victims on Sunday, September 25. We stayed 3 nights and helped in their distribution center as survivors came to get needed supplies. We also drove around and were still able to see remaining damage from the flood waters.

8 adults and 6 teenagers went to Bremen to help rebuild after their tornadoes on Wednesday, October 12. 4 adults and 3 teens were with us in June. These teens held car washes and bake sales prior to this trip and raised \$500 which was donated to Bremen's Disaster Relief Coordinator! We hung some sheet rock, did some mudding, caulked around windows/doors and helped in their distribution center warehouse. We stayed in a Methodist Church in Sacramento, KY, and ate lunch/supper at the firehouse.

Mission trips to both Hazard and Bremen are being planned for 2023 so watch for those dates to be announced very soon! You can make donations to either Hazard or Bremen 2023 trips by giving/ mailing them to Grace Flynn at 139 N. Sharon Drive, Scottsburg, IN, 47170. Checks should be made payable to "CCA ABWM." Be sure to designate which location you want your funds given to on the memo line of your check. Thank you for your generosity!

Your church is invited to participate in a state wide winter coat drive. We will collect **NEW winter coats of all sizes (no used coats, please)** and take them to Hazard in early November. You may give 1 coat or many, so if your church wants to participate, please contact me by phone or email so I can share delivery details with you.

Thank you to everyone who has spoken words of encouragement to me while these events are being planned! I really appreciate it! Patty Short, CCA ABWM President. Cell: 812-595-1082. Email: ppshort@frontier.com

Alpha

Hello Coffee Creek Association Family. We at Alpha had a very wonderful worship service and pitch in dinner for Ladies Day. Jill Robbins brought a very uplifting and encouraging message and The Stout sisters, Tammy and Sherry brought some very special and beautiful special music.

We are having our fall yard sale October 21 & 22 and today, Friday October 21 we have had a great turn out. Many folks came and bought a lot of goodies and our ladies have had a great time of fellowship along the way. They put in a lot of hard work but have also enjoyed being

together.

God has also blessed us with a fall full of beautiful colors throughout the area. Many of the leaves have already turned.

Blessings to all of our brothers and sisters!

Pastor Stan Carroll

Austin

Sunday, October 16th was Pastor Appreciation dinner for Pastor Joshua. We had a good “turn out” and a lot of delicious food. The Lord can use us for His glory no matter what we think our disabilities are, if we are willing.

We plan to participate in the City of Austin’s Annual “Trunk or Treat” night on October 28th from 6-9 PM.

On November 6th at 6 PM, we are planning our Harvest Dinner with Singer Dwayne Colwell & group. You are all invited.

We want to welcome our newest member, Sandy Scott, to the First Baptist Church of Austin. God Bless You!

Our services are: SS 9AM, Church 10 AM, Bible Study 6 PM. We are studying “The Life of Christ”, the Smart Guide to the Bible series by Robert Girard and Larry Richards, PH.D.

Bethel

Greetings from Bethel in Leota,

Hope and pray all of you are well, and enjoying the brilliant autumn colors. I’m sure you are keenly aware of autumn colors and the declining temps. Nevertheless, I think it bears mentioning, just in case someone forgot or had not noticed. I see the local marketplace is beginning to bustle (or something like it) with the colors, sounds, and whispers of Christmas. This premature “decking of the marketplace” aisles puts me in something of a cynical if not outright fowl (don’t forget Thanksgiving) mood. Peace on earth, indeed! Yes, peace to the corporate marketplace, the land of spend-more, be happier. And while you are at it, purchase one of those fruitcakes and give to your best friend. I declare that the marketplace drags out those same fruitcakes and the same display crates year after year, and after Christmas they put them in some remote dark storage bin until next Christmas. Interestingly, I’ve never seen one of

those things (fruitcakes) in a bag or cart. Never! They are practically indestructible. I imagine you could unwrap them and sit them in the sun for a couple of hours and build a nice house with them.

Thank you for dealing with or disregarding this rant. I am done, for now anyway.

Now for the good stuff. Bethel Baptist of Leota is once again offering the "Live Nativity" drive-through on Saturday December 10th from 6 to 9pm. Bethel/Leota folks would love for you to join with us as we celebrate our Savior's birth, complete with a live nativity, including a marketplace, very live (as opposed to dead) animals, as well as angel and shepherds. But beware the census takers and tax collectors! They are a formidable bunch. But unlike the census takers/tax collectors of old, they have a worthy cause. They will be taxing families with some canned goods, and other non-perishable food items for your visit. Even fruit cakes. But rest your weary minds. They will not be getting their grubby, weaselly hands on any of it. All collected goods will go to the Scott County Clearinghouse and the Edna Martin Christian Center.

Additionally, Bethel Baptist would like to invite our sister choirs and/or musicians to provide some Christmas music for the traveling pilgrims. I've already spoken with some of you. If I was unable to contact you and your choir wishes to provide 15-to 20 minutes of carols, please call Bruce at 812-595-9411 to set a time. We would love to have you celebrate with us.

Meanwhile, peace to you, and your fruitcake too.

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Bethany

We would like to thank Stephen Spicer of Kimberlin Creek for bringing the message while our pastor was gone on vacation. He does a good job. We continue to have both morning 10:30 and evening 6 services on Sunday with Sunday school at 9:30. The ladies have been working on Quilts for both Western (Tornado) and Eastern (Flood) Kentucky to be delivered through the ABC and warming lap blankets to go to one of the nursing homes in Scottsburg hopefully to be delivered by the Choir. The youth meets at 7 on Wednesday evening. The Choir is working on a Christmas cantata.

Our monthly fellowship will meet on Monday, November 7, 1 PM at the church, all welcome.

Coffee Creek Baptist

Our church hosted the CCA sewing on October 18 with 12 in attendance and 5 churches represented. Each time we meet we have a devotion on peace with a time of prayer. We have

had some good fellowship while sewing and getting reacquainted with those we have not seen for a few years.

We have decided to call our sewing group Sewing Seeds of Love, the group will meet Nov 1 and Nov 15 at Bethel.

Betty Campbell

Kimberlin Creek

We had another busy month which is not unusual. It seems all our months are busy. The month began with Pastor Tyler and Leah heading out for a well-deserved weeks' vacation. And at the end of that week Pastor Tim & Pam went to Terre Haute for the Biennial Gathering.

On the 9th we hosted the CCA Quarterly meeting with 8 in attendance. It seems a few were on vacation and some Pastors just plain forgot about it. Just so everyone knows, our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 8, 2023. We hope all of you will be there at Kimberlin Creek that day.

We held our Fall Festival at the Lexington Ballpark on Sunday, October 16 from 4-8 PM. It was pretty cool and not many had planned to stay for the movie so we cancelled it. We served around 300 people that day with 4 bouncy houses, popcorn, cotton candy, sno cones, water and chips. The Kiwanis gave out free hotdogs. CASA also had a table set up with information.

Pastor Tyler and several of our youth went to The Refuge in Austin one day during fall break to help get it all cleaned up for their opening. Our youth love doing community service projects and we love them for doing those projects. They will also be going to Hardy Lake on Saturday, October 29th for a fun day but also passing out lots of candy at their Halloween celebration that evening.

Our CoMBaT men's group will be having another Fish Fry on Sunday, October 30th. The cost for the meal will be around \$9.00 but donations will also be accepted. They will be serving meals from 12-2 PM that day. Stop by after your church service and get you a fish dinner.

Many are thankful for this cooler weather, but please keep those of us who would have rather have warm weather in your prayers.

God Bless You All.

New Harmony

JEREMIAH 3:15 "Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding." NASB

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. This is the month we recognize all the things that a pastor does for us and our church. The word pastor is derived from the Latin noun pastor which means “shepherd” and the verb pascere-”to lead to pasture,set to grazing, cause to eat.” - wikipedia.org

A pastor feels a lot of responsibility for his congregation. He leads them. He prays for them. He loves them. He is never off duty. He is a maintenance man and a counselor. He is also a husband, a father, a brother, a son and a friend. Most pastors also do double duty by working a full time job to provide for their family as well.

Did you know that the website research.lifeway.com states that 250 pastors leave the ministry every month? It states that pastors feel isolated and lonely, they lack confidence and a supporting leadership team behind them. It also states a pastor only serves 5 years at one church.

What do we do as a church to stop these statistics? As a congregation we need to pray for our pastor, uplift him, encourage him, thank him, and just let him know he is appreciated. Our pastor needs this support from us every week though, not just in October. He needs us to check on him. He needs friendship. He needs you!

New Harmony News

Our food box is being accessed regularly. If you would like to assist in this ministry please contact me at 812-595-2848 via text. We would gladly accept any non-perishable food items. With inflation and the cost of groceries going up we have been filling our box daily to find it empty sometimes within thirty minutes of being filled.

If you know anyone who would be interested in being in a praise team please reach out to us. We would love to have that role filled in our church. We are looking for guitar, keyboard, drummer...

This Saturday Oct 22 5:30-8pm we are having our first annual Harvest Blast which includes our trunk or treat for the community. We are planning a chili cook off, bouncy houses, pumpkin painting and fellowship.

Ruth Johnson

Scottsburg

Greetings to the sister churches of the Coffee Creek Association. Those lazy, hazy days of summer were gone in an instant this morning when we woke to snow on the ground. Do you think this will be all we get? Me neither! After a long slumber due to Covid, FBC Scottsburg is getting back to as near normal as we can. Sunday, October 30th, we will have our Fifth Sunday

Praise Service. We've had a small band form who, along with others singing their favorite hymns, will lead us in musical worship. Following the service we will have a good, old-fashioned pitch-in dinner. The dishes on the sign-up sheet sound wonderful! That night, the Youth Group will be filling treat bags for Trick or Treat during our Family Fall Festival on October 31st. Along with the candy we will also have hot dogs, chips, and drinks for those who are out and about. Last year we had over 140 families stop by and we hope for many more this year. Also, we are pleased to announce that we will be hosting Carols and Choirs on Sunday, December 4th at 6pm. Thanks to Kimberlin Creek for hosting last year. During this time we take a special collection for the Edna Martin Center and enjoy our favorite Christmas carols and hymns. This collection will be added to other donations for a planned trip to Aldi in 2023. Also, as we have done in the past; we will be collecting non-perishable food items and frozen turkeys for the Edna Martin Center. After the program, we will go to the Fellowship Hall for a time of visiting old and new friends, as well as finger foods and drinks. If you are going to attend, please bring finger foods and snacks to share with those in attendance; we have had as many as 150 people or more attend this wonderful event. Our calendars will quickly get pretty full with so many things to do; let us remember through all the hustle and bustle that Jesus came to save us and it is He who is worthy of our praise. God bless each and every one!

Pastor Kevin

Underwood

October has been challenging for Underwood Baptist Church. We laid to rest another cherished member, Joyce Campbell. We sent a representative to the Biennial in Terre Haute. We hosted the ABWM Executive Committee as they planned for the Fall Conference. One of our members hosted the Fall Conference missionary speaker Mayra Giovanetti for two nights. Our ABWM group sent 4 members to represent our church at Fall Conference. We shared 50 of our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes with a sister church. We will begin distributing our Shoeboxes on October 26, with Shoebox Dedication on November 13. We have started our choir practice for a song to sing at Carols and Choirs.

We had several meetings with our new Youth Leader and Assistant to plan for our Fall Youth Event on October 22. (Did you know that there are websites to suggest pairing scriptures with candy products? Just type in the search blank "scripture for Halloween candy" and choose whatever interests you.) We got "label happy" with lots of candy so that the children will be reminded that Jesus loves them. Hopefully, we will be able to report a wonderful experience in our next Shepherd article.

The last three months of the year are always BUSY with all the Holidays leading up to Christmas. It is a constant challenge to balance the activity necessary to present well planned

ministry against the call of the scripture to “Be STILL and KNOW that I AM GOD.” It is our prayer that these many activities will be accepted by God as our “living sacrifice” and that He will breathe the life of the Holy Spirit into the things that we touch. Please pray for us as we attempt to be the hands and feet of Jesus in Underwood.

Rhonda Compise

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 now open.

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/04/2022 Carols & Choirs, Scottsburg First Baptist Church, 6 PM

01/08/2023 CCA Executive Meeting, Kimberlin Creek, 2 PM

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

2022 Shepherd Deadlines noon on:

11/19/2022

12/17/2022

Please mark your calendars.

Thank You,

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