

# *The Shepherd*

*Coffee Creek Association, November 2022*



## **Carols & Choirs**

Carols & Choirs will be December 4, 2022, 6 PM at Scottsburg First Baptist Church. Please bring some finger foods to share after the program, Santa will visit during this time of fellowship. If anyone has any questions, please contact Josh Jackson at 1-812-707-1020 or by e-mail at [joshua.jackson50@aol.com](mailto:joshua.jackson50@aol.com).

## **ABM**

On 10 November 2022, we had family night for our association ABM at Underwood Baptist Church. It was well attended and we had a great time of worship and fellowship. We had family night because Don & Sara from Westport Camp were our guest speakers and they are retiring at the end of December 2022 after serving for 18 years. Our offering for the evening went to Westport Camp and our ABM also gave a gift card of appreciation to Don & Sara.

We also received a special treat from Pastors David Schill and Tyler Griffin by sharing a couple of skits with us. (video of skits sent with Shepherd email, hope they work). We also had a time of fellowship and refreshments after the service.

Our next meeting will be at Austin First Baptist Church, Austin, Indiana at 7pm. on 2 February 2023. Men, save the date and come fellowship with us. Officers will be announced at this meeting.

Stan Carroll, President

## **From Patty Short**

### **State ABWM**

Our new state ABWM President is Jean Langdon. Jean recently sent an email that reads:

“Hello Sisters, I have been serving as your IN/KY ABWM President since November 1st. I am so excited to serve in this capacity! I have received many words of encouragement and congratulations. I am thankful that many of you have expressed willingness to help in any way.

God has blessed our organization with so many gifted and talented women who are now serving in various positions and on committees. I feel confident that I can call on any of you if needed. A big THANK YOU to each of you in advance, because this is a position that needs many helping hands.

I am sure some of you are wondering who in the world is Jean Langdon? My husband, Bob, and I live in Columbus, IN. We have two grown children, Nathan and Melissa, five grandchildren, and a little great-granddaughter (Miah) who will be five in January. We are fortunate to have our entire family living within two miles of each other. My husband is a retired minister, and I am a retired elementary school teacher. We were teenage sweethearts, and never dated anyone else. I knew a good man (boy) when I saw one and kept him. Hopefully, he thought the same of me. 😊

I look forward to seeing each of you in person and getting to know each of you better as we serve our Lord and Savior together. Feel free to contact me by email [jiangdon3231@comcast.net](mailto:jiangdon3231@comcast.net) or phone 812-344-3615. I thank God for each of you as you serve Him. You are blessed to be a blessing! Happy Thanksgiving! Blessings, Jean Langdon, IN/KY ABWM President.”

Jean has asked Valorie Cole, immediate past president, to continue writing our state wide newsletters with the first issue scheduled for December. I will continue to forward that to each of our churches! Jean is committed to ABWM and will be another great leader for us so I hope you welcome and pray for her in this new role.

### **Coffee Creek Association ABWM**

The ladies have met several times to make sewing projects that can be shared with survivors in Bremen, KY, following their December 2021 tornadoes. We have quilts, pillows, lap throws, afgans, pot holders, aprons, etc., to send and will be delivering these items on Monday, November 20. I have room in my van for 3 passengers so if you would like to go with me, call me. We have had our final sewing group meeting this year but plan to **resume them on January 10, 2023, at Lick Branch Baptist Church from 6-8 pm.** If the weather is uncooperative, those who have been participating will be contacted about cancellation. If you want to be added to this notification system, please contact Patty Short.

Our officers will be meeting soon to begin planning a spring retreat so watch for details soon.

### **Disaster Relief**

Winter Coat Drive for Hazard, KY: 40 coats were delivered on Monday, November 14. Thank you to all who collected coats or sent money. Those that sent money should have received copies of the receipts in the mail as confirmation on what was bought. 40 women, men & children will be warmer this winter due to your contribution!

Dates for our 2023 Mission trip to Bremen, KY, will be March 26-29 and Mission trip to Hazard will be June 21-24. More information will be available in January for the Bremen trip but you can mark your calendars and hopefully join us.

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!

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**

Sunday 20 November 2022 we will be having our harvest Sunday. At this service we bring and dedicate food and non-perishables for needy families. Following the service, we will be having a fellowship dinner.

Sunday 27 November 2022 we will be having our Hanging of the Green in our 10am service. All are invited to help us prepare our church for the upcoming advent season.

We had our ABW and ABM meeting and had a great time of fellowship.

Everyone have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Stan Carroll, Pastor

### **Austin**

Greeting to all the fellow churches within the Association. On October 28<sup>th</sup>, we as a church family came together to reach out to our community and take part in the City of Austin's Annual "Trunk or Treat event. We had around 375 children and their families stop by the church's fellowship hall and collect candy. We also held our Annual Harvest Dinner on November 6<sup>th</sup> as well. We had a wonderful time of fellowship, friendship, and good food. On November 20, we will be having a baptism for church member Addie Chandler after the morning service.

Our services are SS at 9 AM, Morning Worship at 10 Am, and Bible Study at 6 PM.

We are also currently continuing our study of "The Life of Christ", the Smart Guide to the Bible series by Robert Girard and Larry Richards, P.H.D.

Pastor Josh

## **Bethany**

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas, even though it's just Thanksgiving. These crisp temperatures sure do take some getting used to. We've been busy at Bethany, we held our annual Fall Festival with hay ride on October 29th, and several came out and enjoyed an evening of fellowship and a cool ride through the country.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner will be held, Sunday, November 20th at 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We invite you to come join us.

Our first Monday of the month fellowship will be December 5th at 1 PM at the church. Everyone is welcome to join us. We will be have a cookie exchange and sloppy joe lunch. Always a great time. We have some really good bakers.

Our ABW continue to meet on Tuesday evenings at 6 PM to make lap blankets for a local nursing home. They made two blankets to send to Kentucky. This past Tuesday, they had an evening of making water color Christmas cards.

Our choir continues to work hard on their Christmas Cantata "Jesus Makes Christmas a Holy Day". They will perform on Sunday, December 18th during morning worship. We look forward to participating in Carols & Choirs on December 4th.

We continue to meet for Sunday School at 9:30 AM, Church 10:30 AM, Evening 6 PM, Choir Wednesday 6:30 and Youth Wednesday 7 PM.

## **Coffee Creek Baptist**

Please keep our church members, in prayer we have had several of them that are fighting cancer, COVID, Alzheimer's and Dementia and others.

On November 20<sup>th</sup> we will hold our Thanksgiving pitch-in after church. We will be holding our Live Nativity on December 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm.

On Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup> we will do Christmas Carols at the church starting at 7pm. And we will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 6pm.

Thanks

Pastor Keith Smith

## **Kimberlin Creek**

November began with our youth going to the Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp to help serve at their banquet and help with the silent auction. I believe this is something they have done since this banquet began. Then that weekend 7 of them went to IGNITE at the camp.

Also, that weekend our Kingdom Kids had a lock-in at the church on Friday night and then sponsored a Craft Fair on Saturday. Angie Avendano, Rita Fields and Malina Jeffries are

planning to have the craft fair on the first Saturday of November next year. So, if you have crafts for sale just contact the church about setting up.

Then on the following Wednesday night both the youth and Kingdom Kids filled 147 boxes for Operation Christmas Child and with the appearance of 4 more boxes 151 were dedicated on Sunday. Plans are already being made to fill at least 150 boxes again next year. We have a monthly donation list for our members to follow so we have enough items for fill those boxes.

November is one of the months we have a Red Cross Blood Drive. Malina Jeffries works really hard getting people signed up to give. This drive brought in 27 units with our goal being 25. Our next blood drive will be on January 31<sup>st</sup> in our Family Life Center. Walk-ins are welcomed.

One of our oldest members went home to be with Jesus this month. Wenonah Morrison was 97 and had joined our church in 1957...a 65-year member. Besides teaching VBS and Senior Adult Ladies SS Class she also was a part of a group who regularly sent out get well, birthday and condolence cards to a lot of people for many years. She will be missed. Blessings and Love to all of her family.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> we had our Thanksgiving dinner in the Family Life Center with nearly a 100 in attendance. Then on the 20<sup>th</sup> the youth will be having their Friendsgiving meal. This is something that Pastor Tyler and Leah have been providing the youth for a few years now.

We will finish the month off with decorating the church building for Christmas. Usually there are around 15-20 who come to do this. It is so beautiful when we are done. Love this time of year and all of its beauty.

We wish everyone a Thankful and Blessed Thanksgiving Day.

Judy Peacock, Church Secretary

### **New Harmony**

November is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving. We take time (at least one day this month) to be thankful. We celebrate with wonderful dinners. We fellowship and plan what we are going to do as we roll into the Christmas season. We play games, watch football and stay up all night looking for the best deals. Hopefully in all the celebration a short prayer of Thanksgiving is sent up. However God deserves our thanks every day. Maybe even several times every day. We serve a good God! Do you realize that thanks and praise go hand in hand? When you research scriptures that talk about being thankful they usually mention praise also. Thanks is defined as kindly or grateful thoughts. ([meriam-webster.com](http://meriam-webster.com)) Praise is defined as an expression of approval. ([meriam-webster.com](http://meriam-webster.com)) Approval is defined as the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable. ([meriam-webster.com](http://meriam-webster.com))

Psalm 106:1 "Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Hebrews 12:28-29 "Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be

shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our “God is a consuming fire.” Psalm 69:30 “I will praise God’s name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.” Psalm 100:4 “Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!” 1Thessalonians 5:18 “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” I can continue on and on with scriptures talking about thanksgiving.

I challenge you starting today to start having a daily habit of thankfulness to our Heavenly Father. How? Turn that worship music on and raise those hands, picture our Heavenly Father sitting on His throne and just worship Him. Tell Him thank you for all the blessings that you have in your life and all the unseen things that he has saved you from. The breath in our lungs, our eternity in Heaven through Jesus, a place to live, heat, food, lights, a job, provision for ourselves and our family. 1Chronicles 16:34 Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Psalm 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Dear Heavenly Father, THANK YOU!! Thank you for salvation, waking up today, the blessings you have given us and the trials that grow us. (That one is hard Lord). Lord, I just want to praise You and glorify You. Help me be a light to those around me and remind me when I am not shining as brightly as I should. In Jesus name, Amen.

### **NHBC news**

We had our first Harvest Blast in October. We had a wonderful turn out. We had food, bouncy houses, corn hole, and trunk or treat. This is something that we want to do again. We are currently gathering food for 20 food baskets. If you have a family that could benefit from this please let us know. We want to make this a monthly mission. Lots of help happens during the holidays but fade away quickly after. Our food box is doing well and being used frequently. If you would like to donate food as your family mission each month feel free to contact us or just drop by and put food in it. Our Thanksgiving dinner is this Sunday after church. We are still working on the times for our Christmas and New Years Day services. We are also planning a NYE game/family night. Also if you are interested in starting a praise band, worship team we would love to have you.

Til next time Happy Thanksgiving!

Ruth

### **Scottsburg**

Greetings to all from your brothers and sisters at FBC Scottsburg. It is our great honor to be hosting Carols and Choirs on December 4th at 6 PM. As has been our custom, we will collect non-perishable food goods, as well as frozen turkeys for the Edna Martin Center. Please put your donations by the coat rack that is on the left as you enter the foyer. Also, there will be a

time of fellowship after the program. Since this is a Coffee Creek Association event, we would appreciate all attending churches to bring finger-foods to share during the fellowship. We look forward to seeing all our brothers and sisters in Christ as we celebrate each other and remember Christ's coming at this joyous event. Hope to see you all then. God bless you,

Pastor Kevin

### **Underwood**

Greetings from Underwood!

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

November ushers us into the Holidays. Our entire country gets into the spirit of Thanksgiving and Christmas, even if they do not realize the Reason for the Season. We realize this our time to be a strong witness to everyone around us as we attempt to remind people "Holidays" means "Holy Days."

Our "Fall for Jesus" event at the end of October was fantastic! Outreach to extended family members resulted in attendance numbers roughly double of our average Sunday worship attendance. Children painted pumpkins, and one of our adults painted the children...their faces! There were outdoor games and lots of food. Due to the fact that the township fire department is next door, we were able to get permission from them to have a bonfire, very special in this time of drought.

Our ladies have suspended their weekly Bible Study to be able to focus efforts on the festivities of this "most wonderful time of year." We continued during November to work on quilts to send to Bremen, KY tornado disaster relief center. We will be packing Christmas gift bags for our members who are unable to attend services in person. Our Secret Sisters will be revealed at our ladies Christmas party in December.

Underwood hosted the AB Men's Family Night. Great attendance, great food, great fellowship and great offering toward Westport Southeast Baptist Camp! Wonderful program presented by clowns Mulligan and Sammy (Pastors David Schill and Tyler Griffin) and an inspirational vision for the future camp ministry was shared by Don and Sarah Snyder.

Operation Christmas Child is one of our favorite ministries. Our young people packed 10 boxes during Children's Church. This fit very nicely with their lesson focus on sharing with others. Adults contributed also, with total number of boxes again, roughly double our average worship attendance.

We hosted Kimberlin Creek Youth on Wednesday for a program about their summer trip to Rainbow Acres. Everyone had hotdogs and chips and a time of fellowship. The slide show was

informative, with a lot of humor thrown in. The testimonies of the young people were inspirational.

We are practicing our music for Carols and Choirs! We look forward to seeing you there the first Sunday evening in December.

Peace to you,

UBC

### **Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp**

Wood Cutting Day at Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp Saturday, December 3 beginning at 9:00 AM. Bring your tools! Lunch provided.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 12/03/2022 Wood Cutting Day, SBYPcamp, 9 AM
- 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:

12/17/2022

2023 Shepherd Deadlines noon on:

- 01/21/2023
- 02/18/2023
- 03/18/2023
- 04/22/2023
- 05/20/2023
- 06/17/2023
- 07/22/2023
- 08/19/2023
- 09/17/2023
- 10/21/2023
- 11/18/2023
- 12/16/2023

Please mark your calendars.

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