

# *The Shepherd*

*Coffee Creek Association, January 2023*

## **Introducing our New Interim Region Minister for Southern Indiana**

With the retirement of Dan Chadwick, we would like to announce that Darrell James is now the Interim ABCINKY Region Minister for the southern area of Indiana. Darrell, currently Pastor of Mill Creek Church in Salem, has also served churches in Madison and New Albany and has been a CLI instructor. He looks forward to meeting new faces and to renewing old acquaintances. You may contact him: darrelljames@abc-indiana.org or 502-558-7557.

## **From Patty Short**

### **State ABWM Scholarship Applications**

Now is the time for college bound students to complete the scholarship application for American Baptist Women's Ministries. The deadline is February 15, 2023. If you need an application, please contact me.

### **Coffee Creek Association ABWM**

We have resumed our sewing group **and will meet again at Coffee Creek Baptist Church on Tuesday, February 7, from 6-8 pm.** We are sewing quilts, lap throws, aprons, pot holders, etc., so if you have a pattern, please bring it. 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.

### **Disaster Relief**

Dates for our 2023 Mission trip to Bremen, KY, will be March 26-29 and Mission trip to Hazard will be June 21-24. Registration forms are now available for the Bremen trip. If you need one, please contact me right away. Hopefully you will 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!

### **Edna Martin Christian Center Food Drive**

It's time once again for our association to collect food (or money to buy food) and take it to Edna Martin Christian Center food pantry in Indianapolis. This has been a joint venture between AB Men and ABW for many years for our Coffee Creek Association. (Other associations of American Baptist Churches in our state support this food bank at other times of the year!) Their

food bank supplies food to many families who need help putting food on their tables as well as supports their before/after school programs.

We will meet at Aldi's in Seymour on Saturday, February 4 at 9 am to buy our food, load it and take it to Edna Martin Christian Center. Last year, we spent just over \$7800 at Aldi's and delivered all that to Edna Martin Christian Center. I wish we had gotten it weighed—I wonder how many tons of food that was?!!

You are welcome to join us at Aldi's and help with picking out the groceries and loading it. You are also welcome to drive with us to Indianapolis and help with the offloading if you wish.

The AB Men will be meeting on Thursday, February 2 at 6 pm at FBC of Austin (their ladies are preparing food ☺) to make final plans for delivery of these goods. They need as many men to attend as possible. If you have a suggestion on delivery options (truck, trailer, etc.) please contact Pastor Stan Carroll (Alpha Baptist Church) at 812-282-7691 or Pastor Joshua Jackson at 812-707-1020 (FBC Austin).

If you wish, you may deliver your collected items to Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church to be added to our load. If you have money that you want us to spend at Aldi's on February 4, you may take it also to Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church. If you have cash, all you need to do is give it to Judy Peacock, the association treasurer. If you have a check, it needs to be made payable to "Coffee Creek Association" and given to Judy Peacock as soon as possible. Judy needs time to deposit the check then withdraw cash for us to spend at Aldi's. Judy also works as the church secretary for Kimberlin Creek so call her at church to make any arrangements. The church's phone number is 812-889-2428.

Did you know that the food must be ordered at Aldi's at least 2 weeks before we arrive? I feel somewhat nervous when it comes to placing our food order, without knowing just how much money each of our churches will contribute. It is a huge step of faith! Thank you to each church/individual who participates in this food drive.

Allow me to share a few facts on the life of Edna Martin as found in her biography by Wilma Rugh Taylor, titled *Sister of the Solid Rock*.

Edna Mae Barnes Martin was born on November 25, 1897 to parents William Barnes and Lemah Jones Barnes. Her childhood started in Mt. Vernon, Indiana, and eventually settled in Indianapolis in 1903.

Edna was baptized at the age of 17 by a pastor of an American Baptist Church. She immediately began evangelizing, starting with her mother and siblings. And that was the beginning! She felt called by God to minister to the community of Martindale, a predominately African American community of very poor (economically speaking) people. She married her

husband, Earl Martin, on September 12, 1921 and he completely supported his wife's mission efforts.

"In fall 1941, without financial or institutional support, she rented a room for \$14 a month in the apartments on Norman Court....Instead of offering just babysitting, social skills, and recreational opportunities, Edna wanted to win the children for Christ." (Page 43) A year later, she relocated to an unused circus tent. Edna said that she never knew where they would get money for food and other necessities but the Lord always provided for their needs. (Pages 43-44)

In 1945, the East Side Christian Center was born. (Page 45) Edna's ministry to children included meals, baths, clean clothes, music, drama, social skills and most important to her: evangelism. The mission moved to a 3 room shotgun house that had little heat, no water or bathrooms but lots of roaches and rats. Still it attracted children as only the magnet of love can do. This building was eventually condemned and a newer building was purchased. Growth continued then and still continues today.

An important note in the book is listed on Page 61: "Frequently Edna would travel to rural and small-town Baptist churches scattered across Indiana—such as in Warren... Scottsburg..... In many of those places, blacks were not welcome in white churches or public places." Did any of you ladies get to meet her during her travels in the 1950's and maybe very early 1960s? A few of our ABWM ladies from Bethel did meet her (all of those ladies are now with the Lord) and we treasure the 2 pictures we have of Mrs. Martin when she was visiting Bethel ladies.

Stories abound in this book that testifies to Mrs. Martin's love of people and her commitment to her God-given mission as well as many hardships and her perseverance during the journey. I encourage you to read the biography.

She was one woman devoted to our Lord and committed to following his leading. Her dedication to our Lord and her mission is an honor for us to continue to support. Thank you for being a part of her mission.

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

## **Alpha**

Greetings to our Brothers & Sisters of the Coffee Creek Association.

Sorry we didn't get info in for December so will share some of what happened at Alpha in December. We were able to make 17 fruit baskets for those that were having difficulties and they were greatly appreciated. We also were able to participate in Carols & Choirs; what a great turn out from our association and we thank First Baptist of Scottsburg for hosting.

We also had our monthly ABM and ABW meeting. It is always a great time of getting together and having fellowship and refreshments. We had a wonderful hanging of the green program and the church was beautifully decorated. Our choir did a beautiful job of presenting our Christmas Cantata --- "The Dawn Of Redeeming Grace".

We have had a lot of illness and our loved Brother in the Lord, Dale Perkinson passed on December 23, 2022.

We are still blessed to be able to come together in January but we have had loss. Paul Shepherd passed on January 3, 2023, Earl Lamb passed on January 10, 2023, and Martha Whitsitt passed today, January 19, 2023.

We are having our ABM and ABW meeting on Wednesday night January 25, 2023, at 6:30pm. All are welcome to come and visit with us. Sunday, January 29, 2023, we will be having a pitch – in dinner following our morning service.

Our men are looking forward to the Coffee Creek ABM meeting at Austin First Baptist Church on February 2, 2023, at 7:00pm.

God Bless You and we look forward to seeing you soon.  
Stan Carroll, Pastor

## **Austin**

### **ABM**

The American Baptist Men's group will be meeting on February 2, 2023, at Austin First Baptist Church at 7 p.m. The church is located at 210 West Cherry Street, Austin IN 47102.

### **Austin**

Greeting to the fellow churches of the association from Austin First Baptist. I hope that everyone is having a blessed start to the New Year. We have a few things we would like to share with our fellow churches. On February 2, 2023, we will be hosting the American Baptist Men's Group at 7 pm. We will be serving soup and sandwiches after the meeting for a time of fellowship.

Also on February 18, 2023, from 6-8 pm, we will be having a chili dinner which is open for all in the community to attend. This event will be used to help support our benevolence fund/blessing box. The cost of the dinner will be a free-will donation.

I also want to say thank you to everyone who has called, visited, or sent a card or a text message to check on me as I continue to recover from ankle replacement. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Blessings,  
Pastor Joshua

### **Bethany**

Bethany Baptist, located in Deputy, has been busy over the Christmas Holidays visiting the Waters nursing home to deliver lap blankets that the women of the church put together. A quilt got sent to eastern Kentucky that the women had sewed. Christmas caroling at the shut ins and a few other houses. The choir put on a Christmas cantata and are now working on special music for Easter. The youth performed right after the Choir for Christmas and were a crowd pleaser. In keeping with Jesus as the reason for the season, Santa left a few gifts for the youth department under the tree. We may be a small church with an average attendance of 20 or 30 but we serve a mighty God. We were even able to have service on Christmas Day with someone clearing the parking lot and lane. We really appreciate whoever that was. Please remember our shut ins in prayer, namely Ron and Sue Carrol and Nathan and Teresa Prather. Having a fellowship night of games in the fellowship hall this evening 6-8. Fellowship monthly meal will resume on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of February at 1pm, hope to see you there. As always, Sunday School at 9:30 am and Worship at 10:30 am and Evening Service at 6 pm with youth each Wednesday evening at 7. Everyone is welcome to come worship with us.

### **Coffee Creek Baptist**

Happy New Year's from Coffee Creek Baptist Church! We are asking for Prayers for Margaret Hendricks. We will be having our Pastors Valentines Dinner on February 11, 2023, at 6pm. Please RSVP with Pastor Keith by February 8th at 502-836-2020.

Ephesians 5: 25-33 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. 29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: 30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. 31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. 32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

Pastor Keith

## **New Harmony**

ISAIAH 43:18-19

Forget the former things: do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.  
NIV

Change is defined as to make different, alter or modify, replace with something else (Oxford languages). We are guaranteed in life that we will have to go through change. Change is inevitable. Change can be difficult. Everyone experiences change. However, sometimes we want to stay in the same place rather than experience growth or new things. Same is comfortable. Same is safe. Same can make us stagnant. Same can be harmful. If I want to have something in my life to be different then I have to change what I am doing to get a better outcome. If I have weight to lose, then I change my eating habits to get the outcome I want. If I want to become more joyful then I need to change my attitude. If I want my finances to improve then I change my spending habits. This also goes with our spiritual life. When we accept Jesus as our personal Lord and Savior then we have to change our relationship with Him. He needs to be first, not last. We have to spend time with Him. We need to improve our prayer life. We need to listen to Him. I can't go forward at church, profess Him as my Savior, be baptized and not change in my relationship with Him. All I did was make an empty promise and got wet.

Change in our spiritual life means we need to transform! How? Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. Put your mind on Jesus! We, as Christians, need to look different from the world....so do you look different? If not, CHANGE!!!! We will not grow spiritually in our personal lives and our church won't grow in number if we don't. Ezekiel 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

## **NEWS**

Adult bible study is now Sunday nights at 6pm

We are starting a ladies group and the date is TBA

We are still looking for musicians for a Praise and Worship team...guitar, keyboard... contact me, Ruth

If you would like to help donate to our food box ministry please email me at [ruth22johnson@gmail.com](mailto:ruth22johnson@gmail.com)

Until next time,  
Ruth Johnson

### **Scottsburg**

Greetings to all the sister churches of the Coffee Creek Association. We have just come through a very busy season here at First Baptist and I know it was busy for you, as well. Our year ended with us hosting the Edna Martin Children's Dance Group.

We had a very nice turnout for this event with over 140 in attendance. The young ladies who performed for us were absolutely wonderful. They were all dressed in lovely black gowns and their program was first rate. During the fellowship afterwards, I learned that this is a new ministry for the Edna Martin center and there are over 20 young women participating in the program. The lady in charge of this ministry was very enthusiastic about how the program was expanding.

Then on December 18<sup>th</sup> our Youth Group Christmas program was the play "Not the Same Old Story". Our young ladies did a wonderful job and the congregation enjoyed it too. After our service we had our Holiday Meal which celebrated both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our Christmas Eve service was very well attended and a good number of people braved the bitter cold to worship with us Christmas Day.

Our next Fifth Sunday Praise Service will be January 29<sup>th</sup>, and afterwards we will be treated to something new for our congregation. We will have Birthday Bash as we celebrate all of the birthdays in our church. The way it works is that all January birthdays will sit together, all February birthdays will sit together, and so on. This will give us the opportunity to fellowship with folks we may not have sat with before. It should be a wonderful time. God bless each of you as we continue spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Kevin

### **Kimberlin Creek**

Well going back to December 23, 2022, we had a lot of snow and very extreme cold weather. So our Christmas Eve and our Sunday morning Christmas Services were cancelled. But things warmed up and we were back at the church building by Wednesday night. Good ole southern Indiana weather...never know for sure what it will be.

We started off the new year with our youth leading our Worship Service on New Year's Day after being here all night without much sleep. They are a super bunch of kids. The 4:12 Youth are making plans to go back to Camp Verde in Arizona for another mission trip in the summer of 2024. So it's never too soon to start making those plans.

As usual we are staying busy with a lot of activities. Pastor Tyler has planned a Chili Cookoff and a Trivia Night Contest for the last Saturday in January. We always have a lot of fun and eat well too. I believe we have 9 teams signed up for the trivia so that will be an interesting night.

God Bless You All,  
Kimberlin Creek

**Underwood**

We are enjoying some quiet time together as a Church Family after our very busy Christmas Season which focused on Advent. Our worship services are well attended, and our Fellowship is sweet. Wednesday evenings we are being led by Pastor David in our study of Genesis. AB Women are continuing their study of the Sermon on the Mount. Everyone is gathering canned goods and non-perishables for the Edna Martin Food Drive. We are looking forward to all that the Lord has for us in the coming year!

May God Bless you in 2023!  
Underwood Baptist Church

**Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp**

IGNITE February 24-25, 2023

Grades 6-12

REGISTER TODAY: [www.sbycamp.com/ignite](http://www.sbycamp.com/ignite)

IGNITE is a Jr./Sr. High Retreat created to put a FIRE in the hearts of students for Christ through worship, teaching, and interactive programming!

We would like to invite Jr./Sr. High students to come to this retreat WITH their youth leader(s). But, if you're not a part of a youth group, don't worry! We will have a leader for you! This is a great opportunity for smaller youth groups to have the chance to come together, meet new people, be encouraged and rejuvenated, and grow closer to the LORD!

Hannah Joy Eberts, Assistant Director

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## **Why We Pray Poorly** (from Today in the Word)

Friday, January 20 | [Luke 22:39-46](#)

A preacher once lamented, “My preaching is better than my praying, and my praying is better than my life.” What he meant was that our prayers often reflect our aspirations more than they do our practice. But sometimes, our praying falls short as well. Why do we pray poorly?

We aren’t alone. In Luke 22, we see Jesus with His disciples. After leaving the upper room, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus withdrew about a stone’s throw away and gave them one job, “Pray that you will not fall into temptation” (vv. 40– 41). According to Matthew’s version, Jesus said, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me” (Matt. 26:38). But instead of praying, the disciples slept! They weren’t being lazy or insensitive. Luke offers a more natural explanation in verse 45 when he says the disciples were “exhausted from sorrow.”

There are many reasons we pray poorly. We may be tired, stressed, or even ill. Sometimes we are distracted by the very problems that we bring to the Lord. Talking about our concerns causes us to think about them, and before we know it, we are just worrying aloud. When Jesus found the disciples sleeping, he woke them and urged them to get up and pray “so that you will not fall into temptation” (v. 45).

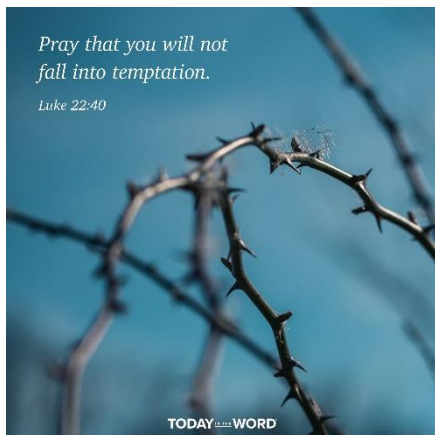
Some of the things that cause us to pray poorly are under our control. Others are not. But we do not need to pray well to be heard. It is better to pray poorly than not at all.

There are some simple ways to pray better. First, pray when you are most alert. Second, find a quiet place without distraction. Third, pray using a posture that is more likely to keep you from falling asleep. Some people keep a prayer list or write out their prayers.

No matter how you do it: just pray.

## **Pray with Us**

Help us when we feel too overwhelmed to pray. Give us simple words to utter. Show us how to bring our pain, fear, shame, or hopelessness to You. Give us strength to pursue You in all circumstances and conditions.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

02/02/2023 ABM, Austin FBC, 7 PM  
02/04/2023 Edna Martin Food Delivery, Aldi's Seymour, 9 AM  
03/12/2023 Annual Meeting, Tea Creek, 4 PM  
03/31/2023 CCA Scholarship Application deadline  
04/02/2023 CCA Board Meeting, Kimberlin Creek, 2 PM  
05/21/2023 Singspiration, Kimberlin Creek, 6 PM  
09/11-15/2023 CCA Fall Revival, TBA  
12/03/2023 Carols & Choirs, TBA

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

2023 Shepherd Deadlines noon on:

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.

Thank You,

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