

# *The Shepherd*

*Coffee Creek Association, February 2023*

The 197th Annual Session  
of the  
Coffee Creek Baptist Association

will be held on  
Sunday, 12 March 2023  
at 4:00 p.m.

with the  
Tea Creek Baptist Church  
5465 S. County Road 300 West  
North Vernon, Indiana 47265

Speaker  
Sarah McCurdy  
Regional Coordinator for Education in  
Iberoamerica and the Caribbean  
American Baptist International Ministries

A dinner will be served by the host church,  
following the annual session.

All member churches are encouraged to send representatives to our annual fellowship.

## **Calling All Pastors!**

Each month our associational pastors are invited to break bread together on the second Thursday at Denny's in Scottsburg. Our interim Region Minister, Dr. Darrel James, joins us for this time of fellowship, sharing, and encouragement. The next get together will be on Thursday, 9 March at 8:30 a.m. Pastor, please come out and join us. Church members, encourage your pastor to take advantage of joining together with brother pastors in Christ.

## **CCBA Scholarships**

For those who are heading to college or trade schools, it is time to complete the 2023 CCBA Scholarship applications. Deadline for this year's submissions will be 31 March. Look for the application, which is included in this issue of the *Shepherd*, and encourage students to fill this out. We would love to help support your higher educational experience!

## **ABM**

The Coffee Creek American Baptist Men meet on 02/02/2023 at First Baptist Church of Austin at 7 pm. We discussed the upcoming trip to help support the Edna Martin Christian Center. We also voted on a new slate of officers for the ABM Men's Group those officers are as follows: President- Joshua Jackson, VP- Stan Carroll, Treasure- Edgar Lamb, Secretary- Dale Armstrong. The next meeting of the Men's Group will be Thursday, May 4th, 2023 the host will be Alpha Baptist Church at 7 pm. A big Thank You to Austin First Baptist for Hosting our February meeting and the ladies of the church for providing such a delicious fellowship meal for everyone.  
Blessings,

Rev. Joshua Jackson

## **From Patty Short**

### **State ABWM**

A message from our state ABWM president, Jean Langdon, to all the ladies: "Love Day (their version of Valentine's Day) is June 12 in Brazil. Corenne Smith (she and her husband live in Indianapolis when they are not serving in Brazil), our IM missionary to Brazil AND our Indiana sister, would like for us to make valentines for her Brazilian kiddos who have not had a whole lot of love in their lives. She says so much happiness is given to them in the form of valentine cards. SO, get your ABW ladies, Sunday School classes, children's classes, and any other group you can think of to make cards to send LOVE to Brazil in the form of valentines. It would be wonderful to send valentines from the four corners of Indiana and from every place in between!!! To you, it might seem like a little thing, but showing LOVE is never a little thing, is it? 'How do I get started?' you ask. Well.....Google Search -- **Heart for Kids-Hope Unlimited for Children**. Now, just follow the instructions on this page. Mailing address is: Hope Unlimited for Children, 3130 Alpine Road Ste 288-125, Protola Valley, CA 94028. Now here is the most important thing to do before sending them: Pray for these children who will receive your valentines. Put them on your prayer lists. Remember where your love is going." If your church will do this, please let me (Patty) know.

The February State ABWM newsletter has been published and will be delivered to either your email or your US mailbox within the next week. Please share it with all the ladies of your church. If you have any questions, please contact me and I'll get you some answers. And if you are interested in serving as a state ABWM officer or on a state ABWM committee, please contact me as well as I am on the nominating committee.

### **Coffee Creek Association ABWM: Sewing Seeds of Love**

We have resumed our sewing group **and will meet again at Coffee Creek Baptist Church on Tuesday, March 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.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our annual meeting on March 12, 2023, at 4 pm at Tea Creek Baptist Church.

### **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. The deadline to register for the March trip is March 13 so mark your calendars! If you need a registration form, please contact me right away. Hopefully you will join us!

I am going to Tell City First Baptist Church on Sunday, February 19, to speak about our mission trips. If your church would like me to speak at your church, please contact me.

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**

Our Association wide food drive on Saturday, February 4 was a huge success! We delivered \$10,628.16 worth of dry goods to Edna Martin Christian Center! We had 31 wonderful volunteers to help load all those goods at Aldi's in Seymour! 8 of our association churches, AB Men and one individual participated in giving money/food/both to make this such a success. Plus Leah & Tyler Griffin rented a 26 foot U-Haul truck for transporting all these goods and it was great for loading and hauling all that weight. You can ask Leah how it was to drive!

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

### **Alpha**

God's blessings for the Coffee Creek Association! Just a short update. We are happy to see our attendance is beginning to increase. Covid 19 has had a terrible impact, but God's people are being faithful and it is wonderful that we are seeing more folks at our church and that we have many following our services on the internet. We feel blessed to have Wednesday night bible study and choir practice.

We will be having our ABW and ABM this coming Wednesday night (2-22-23) at 6:30pm. We also enjoy having refreshments afterwards. We bring finger foods. We would love to have you join us if you can make it.

Sincerely, Stan Carroll, Pastor

### **Austin**

Greeting to our fellow churches from Austin First Baptist Church. We hope that everyone is doing well.

We recently held our First Monthly Workday at Church on Saturday, February 11th, we had a very good turnout of volunteers who helped to clean and organize the parsonage. It was a wonderful time in which we could come together in friendship and fellowship and also use our time and talents to help improve our church as well.

On February 18th, 2023 will be hosting a chili dinner from 2 p.m. to 5 pm in the church's fellowship hall this event is a fundraiser to help support our Benevolence Fund /Blessing Box. The cost is a free-will donation.

Blessings,

Pastor Joshua

### **Bethany**

Teresa Prather our beloved piano player here at Bethany Baptist of Deputy went to be with the good Lord. She had suffered for quite a few years with Parkinson's disease. She never wavered in her faith even to the end. She loved Jesus and He had given her a great talent in the musical field. French horn, Piano, and Recorder were her instruments of choice. She will be sorely missed. We have started doing a monthly church fun night. Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, will have an Irish theme everyone invited. Our last one had a Valentine theme and was well attended. We have started to talk about VBS. You can never get started too early planning. Attendance is growing ever so slightly. We always ask the good Lord to send the ones He would have to be here. The local pastors got to meet with the interim area minister, Darrel James, at the monthly pastor breakfast. Darrel James informed us that the region office is going to be without a physical address but can be reached thru the same phone as before. Just leave a message and someone will return your call. As usual, our services are Sunday School At 9:30, Worship 10:30, Evening Service 6. Wednesday 6:30 choir practice 7 youth.

## Underwood

### **Greetings from Underwood Baptist Church!**

We are in that phase of the year where we are between Christmas and Easter, the weather is winter one day, maybe spring the next, followed by a few hours of summer. In spite of what goes on around us, we continue to lift our voices high in praise of our Lord. Wednesday evening Bible Study has had interesting learning and questions from the book of Genesis. We find humanity hasn't totally changed much through the ages. During Morning Worship, Pastor David has led us with challenges from the story of the "Woman at the Well." Our food collection was successful for the Edna Martin Center and we will soon be focusing on collecting camp supplies for Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp.

We are gearing up for a great Easter celebration. Folks are working on programming, children's ministry, music and study as well as decor. As March will be on us very soon, we anticipate the fickleness of the weather, look for ministry needs in our community, and seek God's leading in us with love and concern as we reach out to where we are planted to share the truth of Jesus Christ.

### Underwood Baptist Church

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 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:

- 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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