

# *The Shepherd*

*Coffee Creek Association, April 2023*

## **Congratulations to our Scholarship winners...**

**Tesia Baker**, First Marion, DOB: 9/23; email: tesia\_baker@ymail.com, Barry University School of Law, Law Degree (Family Law)

**Nathaniel Doty**, First Marion, DOB: 8/30; email: natedoty12@gmail.com, Hanover College, Bachelor's Degree in Business (Financial Advisor)

**Bailey Engle**, First Marion, DOB: 6/28; email: baileyengel3@gmail.com, IUPUC, Bachelor's of Science Nursing Degree (Nursing)

**Emily Foster**, Bethel, DOB: 6/20; Ball State University, Graphic Design/Visual Communication Graphic Designer)

**Rebecca Foster**, Bethel, DOB: 6/20; University of Cincinnati, Architecture (Architecture)

**Adin C. Monroe**, First Marion, DOB: 7/26; email: monroeadin@gmail.com, Indiana University, Bachelor of Arts in Law and Public Policy (Government or Public Service)

**Grace E. Monroe**, First Marion, DOB: 2/15; email: goosem9@gmail.com, Western Governors University, Bachelors of Arts in Elementary and Special Education (Elementary School Teacher)

**Jacob Perkinson**, Alpha, DOB: 2/7; email: perkinsonejacob@gmail.com, Purdue Polytech, Electrical Engineer Tech (Controls Engineer)

**Madison J. Pruett**, Alpha, DOB: 2/11; email: madisonpruett211@gmail.com, Hanover College or Indiana University Southeast, Beginning General Studies, then Elementary Education or Animal Sciences (Elementary Education or Animal Sciences)

**Brack L. Terry**, Vienna, DOB: 8/26; email: Bracklt58@gmail.com, Ivy Tech Cyber Academy, Cyber Security (Cyber Security Analyst)

**Jadda Tyree**, Vienna, DOB: 4/1; email: jadds488@gmail.com, Indiana University Southeast, Business Marketing (Business Marketing)

## **Fellowship & Worship**

New Harmony Baptist Church, 5558 N Jack Morgan Rd, Austin, Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM with Artist: On The House. Come ready to worship and eat

### **First Baptist Church, Scottsburg to host Bereavement Service**

On Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm, First Baptist Church, Scottsburg will host a community Bereavement Service. This service is open to everyone who wishes to attend. Everyone at one time or another has experienced loss. It could have been the loss of a loved one, the loss of a job, the loss of friends because of a move, the loss of our health, the loss of financial security, and many other things. These feelings of loss can be overwhelming at times. So, we will come together to share with one another, to offer support for one another, and possibly be a shoulder to cry on for one another. We invite you to come together to share in our experiences and hopefully find peace.

### **Singspiration**

A friendly reminder from your Coffee Creek Music Coordinator: Rev. Joshua Jackson.

To the fellow churches of the Coffee Creek Association- Our 23<sup>rd</sup> annual spring Singspiration is soon approaching and will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> of May, 2023, at 6 p.m. The location of this year's event will be Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church, 4756 E. State Rd. 356, Scottsburg, IN 47170.

Each church is asked to bring a music selection or other form of praise, this could include a poem, or perhaps some Scripture verses from the Bible.

Also please bring some finger foods to share for a time of fellowship after the program.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by email at [Joshua.jackson50@aol.com](mailto:Joshua.jackson50@aol.com) or by phone at (1-812-) 707-1020.

- ❖ Please let me know by May 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 if your church plans on taking part in the spring music program so we can begin working on the order of service for the program.

Blessings,

Rev. Joshua Jackson

### **ABM**

Greeting to our fellow churches of the Coffee Creek Association, Our next meeting of the American Baptist Men's Group will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, 2023 at 7p.m. The location will be Alpha Baptist Church 8089 N. Whitsitt Road, Deputy, IN 47230. Our Guest Speaker that evening will be Patty Short ABW President.

Blessings in Christ

Rev. Joshua Jackson

ABM President

## **From Patty Short**

### **State ABWM**

Our state officers' spring retreat is April 22, in Lebanon. We will be working on Summer Conference, choosing Scholarship recipients, and nominations for new officers, among other things! It will be busy and we would appreciate your prayers.

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

We **will meet again at Bethel Baptist on Tuesday, May 2, 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. This will be our last session until this fall. We still have much fabric so if you want to take some home with you to work on over the summer, please feel free to do so!

### **Disaster Relief-KY**

Dates for our 2023 Mission trip to Hazard will be June 21-24. The registration forms have been published but if you didn't get one, contact Patty Short at [pshort@frontier.com](mailto:pshort@frontier.com) and I will email one to you. All Association Pastors should have received them too. You can make donations to the Hazard 2023 trip 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!

### **Disaster Relief-IN**

On March 31, 23 tornadoes struck (mostly) central Indiana. 17 counties were impacted, some more than others and some will need years to rebuild. 5 people died and several were injured.

I worked one day in Whiteland and 2 days in Sullivan where there was much property damage and will be returning to help as well. Sullivan county has reported that 200 homes were destroyed. (For reference, Whiteland is just north of Franklin, easily a day trip if you can help and Sullivan is a little south of Terre Haute/north of Vincennes.)

Many of these communities are posting information on Facebook on how to help so look them up and "follow" them to find how you can help. You can look for towns, mayors, civic centers, salvation army, chamber of commerce's, and church's pages on Fb. Some communities need help picking up all the debris (literally using your hands to pick up small items of trash and putting it into a garbage bag or dumpster). Some areas need help with chain saws and cleaning up downed trees. Some areas need donations of easy to prepare foods, cleaning supplies and hygiene items. Please read their lists of needed items and follow it (they have limited supply storage)! When helping, coordinate with a local church/park/emergency management group

and please follow whatever instructions you receive—this is important for everyone’s safety and coordination of relief efforts.

All of these individuals need our prayers for courage, strength and wisdom in the coming weeks and months. These people can recover but it will be a long process. These people can recover with our help and support!

Watch for more details of how you can help in the coming weeks and months.

### **ABWM Spring Conference**

Our 2023 Spring Conference will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at Underwood Baptist Church so please mail your registration form! While pre-registering is not required, it really helps us know how much food to prepare, to have enough copies of handouts and enough tables/chairs set up.

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

### **Alpha**

Hello to our fellow coffee creek association family. Hope all is well with you!

We at Alpha just had our spring ABW yard sell and it went very well. A lot of work goes into preparing for the yard sale and we are grateful for all of the folks that helped and for the donations of items.

We will be having our ABW and ABM meeting on Wednesday, 4/26/2023 at 6:30pm. It is always a great time together.

Our church family is saddened by the passing of Jack Perkinson, Sr on Sunday, 4/16/2023. Jack was a very faithful member of Alpha and even though he was living at Hampton Oaks and could not come to our church building Jack would worship with us by way of the internet. Jack was worshipping with us on Sunday when he quietly went to be with the Lord! Several ladies from Hampton Oaks came to Jack's funeral service and said how much they loved him and how kind he was to them. Our prayers are with Jack's family and friends.

Alpha will be hosting the Association ABM on Thursday May 4,2023 at 7:00pm and we look forward to seeing many of our men from the Association. There will be a time of fellowship and refreshments after the meeting.

Thank you Missy for getting the Shepherd to us. Always look forward to hearing how our Association Family is doing!

Hope to see many of you at the 23rd Annual Spring Singspiration May 21,2023 at 6:00pm at Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church!

Yours in Jesus Christ,  
Pastor Stan Carroll

### **Austin**

I would like to share some thoughts about the importance of Reaching out to Others:

I Read a story this past week about a young girl who was living in an orphanage. The story described the girl as being painfully shy, unattractive, and generally shunned by the other children. The staff of the orphanage regarded her as being a problem child. A rule of the children's home required the director's approval of any written communication before it was to be mailed out. One afternoon the young girl was witnessed hiding a letter in the branches of a nearby tree that hung over the wall surrounding the home. The letter was seized and opened by the staff. It read: "To anybody who finds this: I love you."

One of our most basic needs is to be loved. The Rev. Billy Graham said: "There is an empty space and a loneliness in our hearts that we try to fill in all kinds of ways, but only God can fill it." Jesus faced many "Untouchables" in his day. No one wanted to touch the lepers. (Matthew 8:1-4). When they went out in public they cried "Unclean" so that people could avoid them. Jesus However went out of His way to touch the lepers. Why they needed His love. Jesus had fellowship with the religious untouchables. Those who did not scrupulously keep the law and were regarded as ceremonially unclean. Jesus saw each person as valuable and full of potential. Many think of God as being harsh, judgmental, or indifferent toward the world. The truth is He Loves Us. The cross of Christ is God's bold demonstration of love because He loved us he sent His Only Son to suffer the shame and agony of the crucifixion. Because of God's love for us, he built a bridge across the gulf of sin that separated us from Him. Are we reflecting the love of Christ so that others can build and a relationship with God through Christ? Are we standing boldly for Christ?

Blessings,

Rev. Joshua

### **Bethany**

Bethany Baptist of Deputy had a really good Easter with a good sunrise service with the men cooking breakfast while the Women and youth had Sunday School. The choir had a mini cantata followed by a message from the book of John chapter 20. We share some messages

on face book for those that are shut-in due to their health or still on Covid break. Our numbers were better in attendance as we continue to pray for the Lord to send the ones he would have be there and the Holy Spirit. We remain steadfast in the knowledge that Christ will return some day and we want to be ready for his return at all times as to not be caught off guard. Sunday school starts at 9:30 followed by 10:30 worship and Evening service at 6.

We have been blessed by the addition of a music minister and piano player Steven Sullivan. We are really happy to have him join us. The women sewed curtains for a new baptismal and we were able to put it to use with Michael Redmon as the first baptized. He became a new member. He had already accepted Jesus as his personal savior. We have it set up in our fellowship hall that was convenient for a fellowship meal after words. We look forward to using it in the future.

### **Coffee Creek**

We had a great Easter Sunrise Service, we had about 35 in attendance, Commiskey Baptist had a great Easter Sunrise Breakfast. We had around 55 for Easter Sunday Service, we had a great Easter Egg hunt after church. We had our Spring Revival April 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>; the Revival Theme was Gathering Together To Seek The Lord. Pastor Dan Corbin from Camp at MCR preached on the first night, Tim Bitz from Commiskey Baptist preached on the 18<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Keith from Coffee Creek Baptist preached on Wednesday Night and Pastor Stan Carroll from Alpha Baptist preached on Thursday Night to close out the Revival.

May 18<sup>th</sup> will be Rural Fellowship it will be at Graham Presbyterian and Pastor John Riggs of Coffee Creek Christian will be the speaker, it will start at 7pm.

Thanks

Pastor Keith Smith  
Coffee Creek Baptist

### **Kimberlin Creek**

As of this writing, our Kingdom Kids are having their annual Rummage Sale in the Family Life Center. I hope all our local people saw the announcement on Facebook and in the local paper and came out to find some wonderful treasures.

With this month being Easter, we have been very busy. We were invited to join the Lexington Presbyterian Church for their Maundy Thursday service. Pastor Aaron Fluke had a wonderful service. We also invited them to join us for our Good Friday service. Pastor Tim Mohon planned a blessed service too. Then on Easter Saturday we had nearly 60 children show up for our Easter Egg Hunt and many of them had their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Everyone

received a bag of candy, popcorn and a prize. It was a very fun day. Easter Sunday began with a very different SONrise service planned by Pastor Tim, followed by an awesome breakfast prepared by our deacons. A few extras stayed for Sunday School and then we had a large crowd for our Easter service. HALLELUJAH! HE IS RISEN!

On Sunday, the day we received the Shepherd, we will be going out to clean up Highway 356. We try to get this done twice a year depending on the weather, of course. If you drive by in a day or two afterwards, you will see a large pile of trash bags piled in our parking lot waiting for the state to pick up. This is one way we "SHOW THE LOVE" to our community.

God Bless each and every one of you.

Kimberlin Creek

### **Scottsburg**

Greetings to all churches of the Coffee Creek Association; may this find you abounding in God's grace. It certainly feels good to be finally doing those things that bring fellowship to the church. This Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will hear from Tamme Dillon, a missionary to Africa, from Grace Christian Academy, about her work bringing Christ to the area and her work with the children at the school she founded. She will share her testimony during the Sunday School hour and have a presentation during the Worship Service. On Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> we will have our Fifth Sunday Praise and Music Service with a meal afterwards. It should be a wonderful time of music, testimony, and fellowship. On Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm, we will be hosting a community Bereavement Service. We will come together for a time of sharing our feelings of loss. This service is open to all who wish to come. See more details in the upcoming events section of this month's Shepherd. We're also gearing up for VBS which is June 24<sup>th</sup> so save the date. We pray that each and every one will find peace through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. God bless you.

Pastor Kevin

### **Underwood**

Greetings from Underwood!

Spring Break has come and gone since our last article. Most of our families are associated with the Borden Henryville school system which took a two-week break. Consequently, not much Church activity was planned during the past month.

We threw all that saved up energy into preparations for Easter! We had a "Stuff It!" gathering where adults filled 1300 easter eggs with candy. We tried not to eat too much of the candy, and

had a blast! Everyone gathered around three tables and laughed and fellowshiped for an hour! That's a lot of eggs! Then we had choir practice with our sugar rush intact. We thought we sounded great (of course!). Later during Easter week we had a Good Friday service, attended by others in the community whose churches were not having Good Friday services.

We did have an amazing Easter gathering on Saturday April 8. The Easter Bunny was present to get his picture taken with the children. Adults hid 1300 eggs that were stuffed with candy. Crafts were focused on the true meaning of Easter. Many children who do not regularly attend worship services participated with their parents. It was a very good outreach and a lot of fun!

Many of the extended families from the Egg Hunt attended the Easter Sunday service. The sermon focused on Easter as covered in the book of John. We had a special soloist, and the choir sang two songs. We had a great Children's Church with the extra numbers. We have subsequently met to determine how to continue to minister to the additional children that the LORD brought our way. Praise the LORD!!!!

Our church will be host for the Spring Conference for American Baptist Women on Saturday April 29, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. The theme is based on survey responses from ABWM members in Coffee Creek and is entitled "Grace-Full Living." Speakers will focus on aging gracefully. Speakers include the State ABWM President, Jean Landgon, a licensed Spiritual Director, an RN, an attorney, and a Pastor's wife. Registrations were sent to all churches, see your pastor for a form, or show up and register at the door! Hope to see you soon!

Grace and Peace to All,  
Underwood Baptist Church

### **Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp**

#### **SBYCamp Sunday**

##### **WHEN?**

- Sunday, May 7

##### **WHERE?**

- Wherever you attend church! Let them know it's SBYCamp Sunday!

##### **HOW Can You Get Involved?**

- Pray for the ministry of SBYCamp.
- Give a donation to help us continue serving campers.
- Purchase something from our wishlist.
- Plan to bring a group to volunteer on our camp work day, May 13
- Share our upcoming events & ministries!



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## HOME COMING- OPEN HOUSE Sunday, May 21, 1:00-4:00 PM

You are invited to join us to kick-off our summer the right way! Come meet Stinkerbelle the skunk, Sunny the bearded dragon, and our new staff! Bring your family, a picnic lunch, invite your friends and enjoy the grounds, putt-putt, fishing, and swimming! There is no entrance fee.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

04/29/2023 ABWM Spring Conference, Underwood 9 AM  
04/30/2023 Fellowship & Worship, New Harmony 5:30 PM  
04/30/2023 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Praise & Worship, Scottsburg  
05/02/2023 ABWM Sewing Seeds of Love, Bethel 6 PM  
05/03/2023 Bereavement Service, Scottsburg 6:30 PM  
05/04/2023 CCA ABM, Alpha 7 PM  
05/21/2023 Homecoming, Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp 1-4 PM  
05/21/2023 Singspiration, Kimberlin Creek, 6 PM  
06/21-24/2023 Mission Trip to Eastern Kentucky  
06/24/2023 VBS, Scottsburg  
07/09/2023 CCA Board Meeting, Kimberlin Creek, 2 PM  
08/12/2023 CCA Family Picnic, Bethany 4 PM  
09/11-15/2023 CCA Fall Revival, TBA  
11/02/2023 CCA ABM, Coffee Creek 7 PM  
12/03/2023 Carols & Choirs, Scottsburg 6 PM

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

2023 Shepherd Deadlines noon on:

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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