

# *The Shepherd*

*Coffee Creek Association, May 2023*

## **Singspiration**

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 6 p.m. The location of this year's event will be Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church, 4756 E. State Rd. 356, Scottsburg, IN 47170.

## **From Patty Short**

### **State ABWM**

Our state officers' spring retreat was April 22 and many plans were made for Summer Conference, Scholarship recipients were chosen, and suggested nominations were made for new officers, as well as lots of fellowship! If you are interested in serving at the state level, please let me know as I'm on the nominating committee.

Summer Conference is July 7-8, 2023, at St. Joseph Retreat and Conference Center in Tipton, IN. Registration forms were in the last state newsletter but if you need one, just contact me. Registrations need to be received by June 16 so don't wait. I will be going Friday; if you want to go but don't want to drive, just contact me and you can ride with me. My van comfortably holds 5 passengers.

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

We have had our last session until this fall. We plan to resume in September. If your church would like to host us, please contact me.

The items we made this winter will be taken to Hazard in June. Thank you so much to the ladies who participated!

### **Disaster Relief-KY**

Dates for our 2023 Mission trip to Hazard will be June 21-24 and the deadline to register is June 9 which is quickly approaching. We will be staying at one of the churches in the region and other details will be announced before we depart on June 21 so watch your email. 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/mailling 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. Many of these communities are posting information/updates 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, chamber of commerce’s, and church’s pages on Fb. 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!

Sullivan County reported that 200 structures were destroyed. (Sullivan County is a little south of Terre Haute/north of Vincennes.) They are very organized in their recovery plan and we are planning a mission trip there in the future so watch for upcoming details.

## **CCA ABWM Spring Conference**

Our 2023 Spring Conference was held on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at Underwood Baptist Church. 21 ladies were present. The evaluations indicated that our speakers did a great job and everyone was blessed. We had several silent auction items and \$323 was raised for our treasury. The ladies gave \$40.25 to our state scholarship fund, \$35.25 to OGHS (disaster relief) and \$50.90 to our ABWM State Operating Fund. Thank you ladies so much for your giving!

Our Association Fall Conference will be Monday, October 23, at Austin First Baptist Church. More details in the future.

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## **Austin**

We were blessed to have the men of our church serve us at our Mother/Daughter Banquet on May 12<sup>th</sup>. We had a good turn out with plenty of good food. On June 16<sup>th</sup>, the women plan to serve the men at their Father/Son banquet.

The Girl Scout Troop, under the direction of Brenda Bowman, has blessed us with a fine looking dogwood tree.

Our services are: SS 9 AM; Church 10 AM; Bible Study 6 PM.

## **Bethany**

We’ve been doing a little Spring Cleaning. We’ve recently spruced up the Sanctuary by refinishing our hardwood floors, painting the walls, replacing the carpet and ceiling tiles. A lot of

hard work and elbow grease was put into the project and it looks great! Thanks to everyone that helped make this possible.

We have decided on our theme for VBS. We will be doing Pets Unleashed to be held July 14-16, more information to follow next month.

We continue our monthly prayer/fellowship meal the first Tuesday of each month. We next meet on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM in the back of the church. Everyone welcome. We have a monthly game night the third Friday of each month 6:30-8:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Our next gathering will be June 16<sup>th</sup>. We invite you to bring your favorite snack and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

### **Coffee Creek**

I want to thank all the Ladies of our church who have been helping with Coffee Creek Association ABWM: Sewing Seeds of Love sewing quilts, lap throws, aprons, potholders, etc. and I also want to thank Larry Campbell for his support to the group. May 18<sup>th</sup> was Rural Fellowship at Graham Presbyterian; Speaker was Pastor John Riggs of Coffee Creek Christian the Mission was Wayside Inn. The next Rural Fellowship will be **June 15<sup>th</sup>** at Alpha Baptist, Speaker will be Pastor Damon Marling of United Christian will start at 7pm Mission will be Camp M.C.R.

Our Adult Sunday School group has been reading and studying the whole Bible; we started with the first book of the Bible and have gone all the way through the Old testament into the New testament. We will be in the book of Titus this week, just 11 more weeks and we will complete the study of the whole Bible. II Timothy 2:15 tells us Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. I am so proud of our members who have studied each and every book of the Bible, they have learned a lot.

Just a reminder that July 30<sup>th</sup> will be the next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Hymn and it will be at Bethany Baptist at 6pm

Pastor Keith

### **New Harmony**

GALATIANS 6:9 NLT So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

1 TIMOTHY 6:12 NLT Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have declared so well before many witnesses.

Sometimes this journey of life seems to get hard, we may be on an uphill climb, or we are just getting really tired. Remember that this time we have on earth is short, even if we live to be 100 years old, compared to eternity. Take each moment as it comes and remember you are not alone on your journey. JOSHUA 1:9 NLT This is my command- be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. MATTHEW 28:20b NLT And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age. So in layman's terms- God's got this! Keep fighting! You are never alone!

## **NHBC News**

In April we had our annual community Easter Egg hunt. We had a great turn out from the community and were able to pass out about 50 door prizes. We also had our first Evening of Worship event. Brooklyn, our worship leader started off our evening and then On the House performed. It was also a great turn out and we hope to repeat this again before the year is over.

In May we celebrated our ladies with a ladies brunch. We had a great time of fellowship and fun. On Mother's day we honored our mothers with flowers and chocolate. Today(5/20) we are having a fundraising vendor event from 10-2 pm. If you get this before 2pm today please go check out our local small business owners that are showing their crafts and support them. This is a great way to support our community and help them earn some extra income. On May 29th New Song Church in Scottsburg is having their annual fish fry at Beechwood park. I will post more info on our Facebook page.

Coming Soon!!!! On Saturday, June 24th we are having a one day VBS! Bring your kiddos. They will be learning about Jonah, and as always there will be crafts and food. We will also have an after party with a bouncy house/water slide and food. More info to follow on our Facebook page. On July 3rd we will be having our 3rd annual Thunder over New Harmony. Everyone is welcome. Bring a chair and enjoy some fellowship and fireworks. Fireworks will begin at dark. In October we will be having our Fall Harvest event with trunk or treat, food and pumpkin painting. Like our Facebook page New Harmony Baptist Church so you can see upcoming events and listen to our service.

Remember God's got this!! Much love! Ruth

## **Kimberlin Creek**

May has been a busy month for us. We began the month with a Cinco de Mayo open game night. We got to eat Tacos and play a lot of games. A fun night for everyone.

On Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> we promoted the Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp and raised over \$600 for them. Then Pastor Tyler had a mandatory meeting for all who are planning to volunteer at VBS this year. I believe he has everything ready to go for it now. VBS will be from Sunday, July

16 through Thursday, July 20 from 6-8:45 PM with a short meal each night from 5-5:50 PM. Then on Friday, July 21 we will have a Family Night with a cook-out, games and prizes from 6-8 PM. We hope that all the parents will be able to be there with their children. Commencement will be on Sunday morning July 23 at 10:30 a.m.

We got to hear Pastor Tyler Griffin preach on Mother's Day as Pastor Tim Mohon was on vacation that week. It was a wonderful service.

As of this writing, the Kingdom Kids, age 0 to 6<sup>th</sup> grade are planning to have a lock-in tonight, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Angie Avendano, Rita Fields and Malina Jeffries work very hard with this age group every Wednesday night. Tonight, will be a very fun night for all of them. I forgot to mention that they took all the children to Kangaroos in Madison on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> for a great afternoon of fun. All the parents got to go on that adventure too.

This Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> Kimberlin Creek will be hosting the Coffee Creek Association Spring Singspiration at 6:00 PM. We hope that all of you will be attending. There will be lots of wonderful music and we will be handing out \$600 scholarships to 11 college students. We are so amazed by the generosity of all our association churches in that we are able to give out that much money in scholarships.

As we end this month, we congratulate all of our High School Graduates ... Hadden Brown, Bree Haysler, Hunter Joyce, Aaron Stainbrook and Andrew Stainbrook ... and our College Graduate, Lauren Jeffries.

Judy Peacock, Church Secretary

### **Scottsburg**

Greetings to all churches of the Coffee Creek Association; may this find you abounding in God's grace. Our Fifth Sunday Praise and Music Service on April 30<sup>th</sup> was very well attended and we heard exciting testimony and wonderful music. This hour was followed with fellowship and dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Plans are already being made for July.

Things are gearing up for the summer as June 10<sup>th</sup> we will be having a community yard sale, along with a bake sale and concession stand. People can rent an inside table for \$20 or an outside table for \$10, and they keep any proceeds from their sales.

We are very excited to announce that beginning Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm; we are bringing back Wednesday Night Worship Service. This will be an ongoing service each Wednesday night. This will be another opportunity to worship our God and possibly be an option for those who find it difficult to attend our 10:00am Sunday morning service.

Our one-day Vacation Bible School is Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Our theme this year is, Let's Rock: Jesus is My Rock! Plans are well underway with our decorations almost completed. There will be Bible lessons, storytelling, great music, crafts, games, and lunch; it should be a rockin' good time for all. We, hopefully, will start live-streaming our service on Facebook, this Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>; we pray that this will bring glory to God.

May the grace and peace of God be with each of you.

Pastor Kevin

P.S. – I've enclosed VBS sign-up forms that are included in this issue of the Shepherd. You can fill out the form to be preregistered and mail the form to us at: FBC Scottsburg, PO Box 207, Scottsburg, IN 47170.

### **Underwood**

Greetings to our Sister Churches

Now that Easter is over, our congregation has turned our attention to the next highlight of our year, which is Vacation Bible School. During the past month we have completed several planning meetings. We previously had "one day" VBS, but feel like we are ready to take on a "three day" VBS. (Y'all be praying for us!!!) We will have VBS June 13-15, with commencement on June 16. Our dinosaur theme is entitled "Stompers and Chompers."

The AB Women's Ministries Spring Conference was located at Underwood Baptist Church. We had six women attend from our church. Speakers included State ABWM President, Jean Langdon, who gave the opening address on the theme topic of Grace-Full Living. Our ABWM women have drawn names for our "Secret Sister" program which is a great encouragement to the participants. The Secret Sisters will be revealed at a December Christmas Party.

We celebrated Camp Sunday on May 7. In early announcements of this special day, our Pastor challenged our congregation to raise \$750.00 in special offering at the end of the service. To the Glory of God, we more than doubled this goal! We have also collected needed supplies to be delivered to camp. It should be fun to watch our Pastor try to get it all into his little Ford Fiesta!

The best Mother's Day ever! Along with a fresh rose, each lady also got a beautiful cupcake. Kudos to our Chair of Deacons, Jerry Cable!

The choir has been practicing special music for Singspiration. We look forward to seeing you there on Sunday May 21st!

Underwood Baptist Church

## **Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp**

### **HOMECOMING- 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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### **Food for thought**

My Mother-In-Law told me about this devotion she read and it made me think about our upcoming VBS and our weekly youth groups. We sometimes wonder if we are really getting through to these kids. This helped me to remember that Yes! We do. It all works together in His timing.

From Guidepost: Walking In Grace, 2023 daily devotions to draw you closer to God, Wednesday, May 17.

**Hymns of Praise: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty.** *And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory:!"* – Isaiah 6:3 (ESV)

A few years ago, I received my Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) assignment – volunteer co-leader for the young toddler class. Our children's program made it convenient for mothers of preschoolers to attend, but our class was more than childcare, with a curriculum that included singing specific hymns eight times during the year.

My instinct was to sing catchier, more age-appropriate songs to the fifteen-month-old babies. It seemed pointless, but I reluctantly followed the program that BSF headquarters had set in place. I plopped on the floor and sang, "Holy, Holy, Holy." The class sat circled around me and stared without comprehension.

First written as a poem by Reginald Heber, bishop of Calcutta, more than two hundred years ago, Heber's widow found the verse among her husband's papers after he passed. Thirty-five years later, a music publisher rediscovered the four stanza poem, put it to melody, and in 1861 created the popular Christian hymn.

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty:  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

Months into the BSF year, a young mother lingered in our doorway after class. She shared how while running errands, a toddler's voice sang, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God all mine be," from the back seat.

I smiled. That antiquated hymn was still relevant today – even for toddlers.

*Dear God, I may not understand Your ways, but help me walk in them.* – Stephanie Thompson.

I needed this reminder as we are preparing for our VBS. I hope it blesses you as well.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

05/21/2023 Homecoming, Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp 1-4 PM  
05/21/2023 Singspiration, Kimberlin Creek, 6 PM  
06/15/2023 Rural Fellowship, Alpha, 7 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  
07/30/2023 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Hymn Sing, Bethany, 6 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:

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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