

# *The Shepherd*

*Coffee Creek Association, July 2023*

## COFFEE CREEK ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING

JULY 9, 2023; 2:00 PM

Moderator, Pastor Tim Mohon asked Pastor David Schill to open with prayer. Prayer Concerns were asked for: Pastor Stan Carroll, Robert Baker, Bill Herald, Vince McGannon, Pastor Tim Mohon. There were 9 in attendance: Stan & Bonnie Carroll, Sue Payne, Joshua Jackson, Pastor Tyler Griffin, David Schill, Patty Short, Judy Peacock, Pastor Tim Mohon.

We had no minutes from the last meeting since the clerk was not in attendance. Judy Peacock was asked to take the minutes of this meeting.

The treasurer's report was presented. Stan Carroll made the motion to accept with David Schill, 2nd. Motion carried.

### ABW: Patty Short

They had their Summer Conference this past weekend, Friday-Saturday, July 7-8 in Tipton, IN. They had a larger crowd than in years past. Our Fall Conference will be held on Monday, October 23 at Austin First Baptist Church from 9-3. Speaker will be Debbie Witmer.

### ABM: Joshua Jackson

The Men's Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 6 at 4 PM at the Bethany Baptist Church. Question: Will the November meeting be held on the 1st or 2nd Thursday. That will be discussed on August 6.

### Missions/Evangelism: Stan Carroll

The associational Revival Services will be held on September 11-15 at 7 PM with Wednesday, Youth night at 6 PM. The theme for the revival is "FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS". The Schedule was determined as the following: Monday night at Underwood with Joshua Jackson preaching; Tuesday night at Bethany with Keith Smith preaching; Wednesday night at Kimberlin Creek with Mike Payne preaching and Tyler Griffin leading up the youth; Thursday night at Coffee Creek with David Schill preaching and Friday night at Austin First with Tim Mohon preaching. Each church is responsible for getting special music and providing refreshments after the service the night they host the revival.

### Music: Joshua Jackson

Joshua stated that he is stepping down as music chairman. We all need to work to find a replacement between now and our October 8th meeting. Carols & Choirs will be held on December 3rd and that will be their first assignment. Pastor Tim will be contacting Kevin Sills to make sure Scottsburg First is still hosting it.

### Camp Trustees: David Schill & Tyler Griffin

The 2nd Junior Camp was cancelled this week because of not enough registrations. They raised \$32,000 for the camp house but not enough to get started. The attendance at the camps this summer has been up except for this week. Things are going well and all workers are happy with the jobs. Several youth have been baptized in their own churches after accepting Christ at camp.

### Disaster Relief: Patty Short

25 went on the last mission trip to Hazard, KY. They helped a disabled couple with their new small house...drywall, etc. It was a very good trip rating it a 15 on a scale of 1-10. They may be looking at going on another trip but their funds have about run out. They are hoping to go to Sullivan County in IN. They will be discussing that at a meeting on Tuesday.

Pastor Tim stated that our next meeting would be on October 8 at 2 PM. Joshua Jackson closed in prayer.

Judy Peacock, substitute Clerk

### **ABMen**

Our ABM Men's Picnic will be held on Sunday August 6, 2023 at 4p.m. Our host church will be Bethany Baptist Church in Deputy IN. We hope everyone will be able to come and enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship and friendship as we grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Rev. Joshua Jackson ABM President

Hello Everyone, I am excited to invite You, Your Family and your congregations to the Annual Picnic where all Men, Women, Boys and Girls are invited. This year's picnic will be held August 6<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm at Bethany Baptist Church. Please note that this is on a Sunday afternoon rather than on Saturday as we have done in the past.

The men will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and drinks so bring your favorite sides and desserts. Bethany will provide the music and 2 or 3 of the Men who attended the Hazard trip will share their experiences. There will be a bounce house/slide for the kids. Make sure to join us Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at Bethany Baptist Church of Deputy for the Coffee Creek Association's American Baptist Men's Picnic. All Men, Women, Boys and Girls are invited to attend.

Dale Armstrong

## **From Patty Short**

### **State ABWM**

Summer Conference was July 7-8, 2023. We had a great number of ladies in attendance, as in pre-COVID! I don't know how many women actually attended but it was so good to see the large meeting room filled with ladies! (Each of the churches in our CCA should have received the July newsletter with highlights from the conference.)

### **State Project**

Our 2023 State Project is Kodak Baptist Mission in Alaska. Our state-wide goal is to raise \$15,000 to send to them. At summer conference, we learned that costs are astronomical on this island as EVERYTHING must be shipped to them! This includes food, gasoline, dog/cat food, school supplies, clothing, appliances, etc., etc. You can look them up on the internet and learn more about them. Please plan to give to this project before December 31, 2023.

### **Sewing Seeds of Love**

Please mark your calendars for our first Fall 2023 session for this group will be on Tuesday, September 5, from 6-8 pm at Bethel. Please come prepared to discuss who we will be giving our gifts to.

The quilts, throws, lap covers, pot holders, etc., that we made last winter were delivered to the distribution Center in Hazard in June. Thank you so much to the ladies who participated!

### **Fall Conference**

Unfortunately, we have had to change the date and location for our Fall Conference. Please accept my apologies for this change. The new/correct date is Tuesday, October 17, so please change your calendars and plan to attend. We are still working on finding a new location and that will be announced soon. Barbara Bolick will be our missionary speaker and you do not want to miss her. She is a dynamic speaker and has a wonderful story to tell!

### **Scholarship**

Our new scholarship student has been assigned to us and her name is Ashley Walton. I will be distributing her information to our churches in the near future so watch your mail/email.

### **Disaster Relief-KY**

We had 25 people go to Hazard for our Mission Trip in June. We had a great trip, one of our best (although they have all been great!) I'm told that 2 men on our trip will be sharing what we did at the AB Men's Picnic so do come to hear them. I'm looking forward to hearing someone else (other than me 😊) talk about one of our trips!

Please read the articles I am writing and that are published in the *Observations* (the ABC IN/KY region e-mail newsletter). If you do not receive these newsletters, simply email Wendy Shuler at [wendyshuler@abc-indiana.org](mailto:wendyshuler@abc-indiana.org) and she can easily add you to the roster to get these informative newsletters.

Did you know that western KY had floods this week? That was some of the same areas that were impacted by the December 2021 tornadoes! Many people have not rebuilt their homes yet and now they are dealing with 11 inches of rain! These people need our prayers and ongoing support.

Our mission planning team will be meeting July 25 to start planning future events so watch for upcoming announcements. Our Southeast Region Minister for ABC IN/KY (formerly “area minister”), Steve Allen, has joined our planning committee and even participated in our Hazard trip!

We are still able to take these mission trips totally free of cost to the participants. That happens because of the donations that churches and individuals like you give us. So please keep sending your donations by mailing them to Grace Flynn at 139 N. Sharon Drive, Scottsburg, IN, 47170. Checks should be made payable to “CCA ABWM.”

Patty Short, CCA ABWM President. Cell: 812-595-1082. Email: [ppshort@frontier.com](mailto:ppshort@frontier.com)

### **Austin**

Greeting to all of our Fellow Churches of the Association, We have been blessed with some exciting activities here at First Baptist. On July 9<sup>th</sup> after Morning Worship we had two baptisms, Jeremy and Gabriella Brown made a commitment to follow Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

We are an everyone is welcome and come as you are kind of people. We gather at 9am for Sunday school, 10 am for Morning Worship and 6pm for Bible Study each Sunday. We are currently studying the workbook entitled: The Life of Christ the Smart Guide to the Bible Series by authors Robert C. Girard and Larry Richards Ph.D. We hope that everyone continues to enjoy all the blessings of the summer season. We also hope you will come and grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ with us.

Pastor Josh

### **Bethany**

Summer is in full swing! We just finished our three day VBS, Pets Unleashed, who knew kids could have so much fun crawling through a homemade pet tunnel. Our numbers were small but

a great time learning about Jesus was had by all. We rounded out our VBS with a church picnic on Sunday complete with water slide. At the writing of this, we have learned that one of our young ones has been diagnosed with Leukemia. Please keep this family in your prayers.

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday hymn sing will be held at Bethany on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. We encourage you to bring your talents and come join us for a night of worship and fellowship followed by light refreshments.

On Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, we will have a rededication service as part of our morning worship for the remodeling we have completed at the church followed by a pitch-in lunch. That evening at 4 PM, we will host the ABMen's Family Picnic (see details above). Everyone invited to attend both services.

### **Coffee Creek**

We had a great VBS on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Keith will be starting a Seven Week Series on "The Seven Letters to the Seven Churches" will be on Sunday nights at 6pm starting August 6, 2023, everyone is welcome to attend, each sermon will be on the letter to the church and how the can be viewed Prophetically, Practically, and Personally and how today churches compare. Please bring a pen and notebook.

II Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (KJV)

Pastor Keith

### **Kimberlin Creek**

Dear Fellow Churches,

First of all, I want to let all of you know that our pastor, Tim Mohon, just had colon cancer surgery this week. He is still in the hospital but is doing well. Please keep him in your prayers for the next few weeks as he recovers.

The next important item from us is that we just finished a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School. In the weeks leading up to it, Pastor Tim Mohon, led us in a sermon series entitled "Taking Up the Whole Armor of God" from Ephesians 6:10-18 with our VBS Theme being "Keepers of the Kingdom". We had 60 children attend with 43 volunteers. Our final night is Friday with it being Family Night. We will have a cookout, games and prizes for all the kids. This is our most looked forward to event each year.

Last month I had mentioned that we had several children receiving Bibles and going into the second and seventh grade. I now have their list of names for you: 2<sup>nd</sup> graders: Conner Gregg, Sabrina Hill, Harper & Lily Petty & Elan Smith; 7<sup>th</sup> graders: Rachel Bailey, Aleeyah Couch, Preston Craig, Mya Gibson, Reagan Goode, Kyrie Joyce, Jaden Johnson, Reece Middleton & Devon Stone. All those 7<sup>th</sup> graders also moved into our 4:12 Youth group. Youth Pastor Tyler has an even larger group to work with now.

Another very important thing I want to mention is that this year Kimberlin Creek will be Drop-Off Center for Operation Christmas Child. The National Drop-off week is November 13-20. Monday thru Friday we will be open from 4-7 PM, Saturday, 8-11 a.m., Sunday, 1-4 PM and the last day, Monday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> from 8-11 a.m. All boxes need to be here that day by 11 as we will need to deliver all of them to our dropping point that afternoon. We want to encourage all our churches and even individuals to drop off your boxes here that week.

We will have several volunteers to help that week, but we want to thank Stephen & Darlene Littlepage for volunteering to head this up. It will be a big job for them.

God Bless Everyone as we finish up our summer season.

Judy Peacock, Church Secretary

### **Lick Branch**

Subject: The Importance of the Torah in Today's World

Dear Fellow Pastors/Shepherds,

I am writing to you today out of a sense of urgency. The world around us is becoming increasingly hostile to the truth of God's creation and His Law. Homosexuality, transgenderism, and other perversions are being celebrated and promoted, while those who stand up for the truth are being marginalized and silenced.

In this time of darkness, it is more important than ever for us to stand together as pastors and preach the truth of the Torah. The Torah is the foundation of our faith, and it contains the principles that we need to live a godly life. It teaches us about God's character, His plan for humanity, and His standards of morality.

The Torah is not just a historical document or a set of religious laws. It is the living word of God, and it is still relevant today. The principles of the Torah can help us to navigate the challenges of our modern world, and they can give us hope for the future.

I urge you to join me in standing up for the truth of the Torah. Let us not be silent in the face of evil. Let us preach the truth, and let us let our light shine in the darkness.

Together, we can make a difference in the world.

Jim Barber aka Mr. BATMAN  
Shepherd at Lick Branch Baptist Church  
Phone or Text 502-354-8699 Church: 812-414-1814

P.S. If you are interested in learning more about the importance of the Torah, I would be happy to provide you with some resources. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **Scottsburg**

Greetings to all of the sister churches in the Coffee Creek Association.

I pray you are having a wonderful summer. Some wonderful things are happening here at FBC Scottsburg. Our congregation approved the hiring of a Youth Pastor and we are actively praying that God is sending us the person he wants to fill this position. If your congregation has someone who feels they are being called to this important ministry, please have them contact us. Our church email is, [office@fbcsburg.com](mailto:office@fbcsburg.com) and our office telephone number is 812-752-3924 (if no one answers, please leave a message.) More details concerning this position will follow soon.

We have started a Wednesday Night Worship Service. This service is different from our Sunday service in that it is much more comfortable and interactive. People are encouraged to wear shorts and t-shirts, if they have a question about the Bible passage for that night or another topic they are encouraged to speak up, and our music is more contemporary. We are not looking to take members from other churches, however if your church does not have a Wednesday Night service, you are welcome to join us.

Finally, this coming Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, the Southern Gospel Music Group, Smith and Company, will be at our church as our special guest for our Fifth Sunday Praise and Music Service. They were here previously, pre-Covid, and we are very excited to have them back. This service will be very uplifting and you are welcome to attend. There is a pitch-in dinner following the service and if you come, please bring a dish to share. See the flyer sent with the Shepherd.

May God continue to bless you and all of your ministries,

Pastor Kevin

## UPCOMING EVENTS

07/30/2023 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Hymn Sing, Bethany, 6 PM  
07/30/2023 Smith & Company Concert, Scottsburg, 10 AM  
08/06/2023 CCA Family Picnic, Bethany 4 PM  
09/11-15/2023 CCA Fall Revival, 7PM Nightly  
10/08/2023 CCA Executive Meeting, Kimberlin, 2 PM  
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:

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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