

The Shepherd

Coffee Creek Association, November 2023

CALLING ALL CHURCHES! IT'S TIME FOR CAROLS AND CHOIRS!

As we enter the Advent season, it is time for to come together for **Carols and Choirs on Sunday, 3 December 2023**, commencing at **6:00 p.m.**, hosted by the **Scottsburg, First Baptist Church!** What will your church be sharing for this time of worship and festivities? **Please give Pastor Tim Mohon, 812-722-7612, a phone call and let him to know so that your church can be added to the order of service.** Don't forget that our offering will be for the Edna Martin Christian Center, and that we will be receiving turkeys, canned goods, etc. for their ministries. Also, Scottsburg, First is planning on a dessert reception following the service and asks everyone to bring goodies to share.

Looking forward to seeing everyone as we sing unto the Reason for the Season!

5th Sunday Hymn Sing

The 5th Sunday Hymn Sing will be held Sunday, December 31st at 6 PM at Bethany Baptist Church. Following the entertainment will be food & fellowship. Make plans to stay and ring in the New Year. We will have games and fellowship starting about 8 PM, please bring your favorite snack to share. We hope to see several come out and join us.

From the Moderator

As we looking at the closing of 2023, let me share with you a few things and ask for your help on a project!

1. Pastor's Gatherings—14 December, 11 January

Every second Thursday of the month, the Pastors of the CCBA meet for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at Denny's in Scottsburg. Pastors, I encourage you to come out for this time of fellowship with your co-laborers in the Gospel. Our Region Minister, Rev. Steve Allen, comes for these occasions and shares all the latest info from across Indiana and Kentucky.

2. Executive Board Meeting—07 January

The Executive Board is made up of the associational officers and coordinators, and the pastor from each of our twenty churches, hosted by Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church at 2 p.m. The Board meets four times a year and makes decisions on behalf of the association between our annual meetings. I would love to see a larger representation of our churches present. Pastor, if you are not able to attend, please ask a

layperson in your congregation to take your place. We can make a greater difference when we all come together!

3. Carols and Choirs—03 December

Before you know it, the Advent and Christmas season will be upon us! Please put this date on your calendar and make plans for your church's contribution of music for this evening of worship and joy in the Lord! We will be hosted by the Scottsburg First Baptist Church and we will begin at 6 p.m. Don't forget that our offering for the evening will be dedicated to the ministry of the Edna Martin Christian Center.

4. HELP!

In just four years we will celebrate our association's bicentennial year. Since 18 August 1827, we have been coming together and seeking to do what none of us can do on our own.

As I look forward to this commemoration, I need to ask you all for your help.

Each year since 1827 we have published a booklet of associational minutes or proceedings. I am putting together a complete set of these as I work on our 200 years of history. Our congregation has some years, and I am wondering what other churches have available. There are also libraries, such as Franklin College, that have especially the older years that I am seeking out.

Could you look around your church building and see what you have available? If I could borrow what you have that we do not, I can make copies for the purpose of creating a complete set. My long-term goal is to scan each year and create a CD or flash drive with this collection of minutes that I can give to every church in our association.

Thank you for your help with this project. Just give me a call or drop me an e-mail of what you have available.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Tim Mohon, Moderator

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From Patty Short

State ABWM

Most of the new officers took their new positions on November 1, 2023 (the treasurer will begin her position January 1). I am one of those new officers as now I am the Missions and Service Coordinator. Be sure to look for my articles in the state newsletters. I am following Janice Mott in this role and she will be tough to follow!

State ABWM Project

Our 2023 State Project is Kodak Baptist Mission in Alaska. Our state-wide goal is to raise \$15,000 to send to them. We had a generous contribution to this project at Women's Day but we still have not met our goal so please don't forget it. You can look them up on the internet and learn more about them. Please plan to give to this project before December 31, 2023. Mail checks to our state treasurer, Cynthia Leffel, using the state reporting form.

Sewing Seeds of Love

8 ladies met at Coffee Creek Baptist Church on November 7 and continued sewing items for Cradle in Scott County. Our supper was potato soup, ground ham sandwiches and cake, very tasty! We still have lots of fabric so please join us at our next session on **Tuesday, December 5 at Underwood Baptist Church**. We are *changing the time to 4-6 pm* so please take note of that! Their address is 22817 West St., Underwood, IN. Hope to see you there! We need churches to host us for the upcoming months—if your church wants to host us, please call me.

Fall Conference

I still have state newsletters to get mailed out—I'm sorry I'm so late with this!

Scholarship

Please don't forget our scholarship student, Ashley Walton. Her birthday was October 5—in case you missed it, belated birthday greetings can still be sent! 2024 Scholarship applications will be available in the near future. The registration deadline is February 15, 2024.

Disaster Relief

We thank you for your prayer and financial support in 2023. We will start planning for our 2024 trips in January so be sure to watch for details—may be you can join us in March!! You will be surprised at just how blessed you will be!

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at Carols and Choirs on December 3 at Scottsburg First Baptist Church.

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Alpha

Hello brothers & sisters in the Lord!

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. We enjoyed having our harvest Sunday with fellowship dinner after. That Sunday we bring non-perishables for families in need.

This Sunday morning, November 26, 2023 we will have Hanging Of The Green at our 10am service. All are invited.

We are having bible study and choir practice on November 29, 2023. We will be having ABW & ABM meeting at 6:30pm, on December 13, 2023.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Carols & Choirs.

Pastor Stan Carroll

Bethany

At Bethany, we had a very good turn out for our Thanksgiving dinner. We are heading toward Christmas in good spirits and looking forward to sharing Jesus thru Christmas caroling on the evening of the 17th for our evening service. It continues to be an opportunity to bring a little Jesus to the shut ins in our congregation during this season of great Joy. We plan on hanging the greens on Monday night November 27 at 6:30. As we come to the Advent Season, we look toward the arrival of our Hope in baby Jesus. May your joy in the Lord be rekindled in this holiday season.

The plans are for the choir to take part in Carols and Choirs on the 3rd of December. The Choir plans on a cantata on the morning of Christmas Eve the 24th followed by a short message.

We have been trimming a few trees around the grave yard that were fixing to fall on some tombstones.

On December 31st, we plan on hosting 5th Sunday hymn sing at 6 followed by our version of a watch party.

Pastor Mike Payne

Kimberlin Creek

While our church has been active with giving to Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes for several years, we were excited to increase our involvement in this ministry. The week of 13-20 November 2023 we served as the Scott County Drop Off Center. We were blessed to receive 445 shoeboxes from five churches and 8 individuals during the eight-day period. We rented a truck and a team of three delivered the shoeboxes in 30 cartons to the area collection station in New Albany.

This is far from a one-person job and we are thankful to Angie Avendano, Tristyn Beaver, Chris Beverly, Larry Blevins, Marcia Blevins, Jim Fields, Rita Fields, Molly Gregg, Leah Griffin, Pastor Tyler Griffin, Doug Gross, Malina Jeffries, Darlene Littlepage, Stephen Littlepage, Marilyn Mcaloon, Pam Mohon, Pastor Tim Mohon, Judy Peacock, Marcida Potts, Richard Potts, Diana Sebastian, Christian Simpson, Destiny Simpson, Stephen Spicer, Dana Stephens, Jay Stephens, Devon Stone, and Phillip Turner, for

donating a total of 165.25 work hours! Special thanks go to Stephen and Darlene Littlepage for serving as our Drop Off Center Team Leaders for this inaugural year! Look for us again next year!

This month we also celebrated another Sunday with a former pastor, Rev. Tim Lucas, coming to preach. We will have another former pastor coming every other month to preach in honor of our 175th year of being Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church. On that day we also had our Thanksgiving meal for everyone to share. We are so blessed.

The Saturday before our 4:12 youth prepared and served several Veterans a huge breakfast. We pray that next year more will be able to come and enjoy this special meal. The youth really enjoy volunteering to do this each year.

Another soul was accepted into God's Kingdom this past Sunday. Mr. Jason Bledsoe accepted Christ and was baptized. Praise the Lord!

This weekend will begin our Christmas season at Kimberlin Creek. We will decorate the church building for Christmas on Saturday then on Sunday evening, November 26th we will have our first Christmas Kick-off Hymn Sing at 6 PM. The whole association is invited to join us. There will be lots of Christmas hymns and songs and several doing special music. Please join us.

A HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

Judy Peacock, church secretary

Leota

Bethlehem in Leota (flyer attached)

Bethel Baptist Church December 9

Drive Through from 6-8 pm

Walk Through from 8-8:30 pm

Park at Bethel Church

Mini concert series in the church sanctuary:

6:00 -JOSH RICHARDS , lead guitarist from Flamekeeper

6:45 - KAYLA & STEVE GRIFFIN

7:30 - ON THE HOUSE

8:00 - All musicians play together

Please bring canned goods for donations to Scott County Clearinghouse & Edna Martin Christian Center.

New Harmony

“ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING AND HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE” PSALM 100:4

We are entering into the holiday season once again. Just a little reminder that we need to be the light of Christ more now as we celebrate His birthday. This season is not always joyful. This time of year is difficult on mental, physical, and even financial health. People are having their first holiday without a loved one, or maybe even the 20th. We can overspend trying to buy the perfect gift to please a loved one. We can overeat at every holiday dinner and party. We can get so stressed about the bustle and hustle and become a person we don't recognize.

Show kindness!! Don't lose joy!! Keep it simple!! Show the love of Jesus (you are the only Jesus a lot of people will see). My suggestion– the first thing you do every morning is to thank God for all He does, put on an amazing worship song and give Him all the praise He deserves. Praise like no one is watching. Praise song suggestion- Goodness of God, CeCe Winans. We are very blessed children of God!!!

LUKE 2: 10-11 THEN THE ANGEL SAID TO THEM, “DO NOT BE AFRAID, FOR BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY WHICH WILL BE TO ALL PEOPLE. FOR THERE IS BORN TO YOU THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOR, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD.”

NEWS

THANKSGIVING DINNER AFTER CHURCH 11/19

DECORATING 12/2

ADVENT 12/3-12/24

Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp - Upcoming Events

Bethlehem Lights, Drive Through Light Display & Live Nativity (flyer attached)
Friday & Saturday, December 15-16, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

COFFEE CREEK ASSOC. UPCOMING EVENTS

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:

12/16/2023

Please mark your calendars.

Thank You,

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