



Kimberlin *Chronicle*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF KIMBERLIN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH - FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Church Family,

I get frustrated with folks—“talking heads,” church experts, etc.—that say that we live in a post-denominational world. What they mean is that people and churches put no value in denominational life in today’s society (“it doesn’t matter if you are Baptist, or whatever”). Actually, in our anti-Christian world, I believe that denominational families are more important than ever.

The Bible teaches this valuable point in many places, but especially in Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. In these four short verses we learn that there is strength in numbers. All of these are worth your reading and contemplation, but verse 12 is probably the best known: “And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.” We are reminded in these powerful words that we need each other, that strength is found when we bond together in a family that seeks to work together in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Several years ago, I was a part of team that was revising our local Baptist association’s constitution. One of the things that I perceived was missing was a purpose statement. “Why do we come together, why do we ‘associate’ with one another?” The phrase that we came up with is something like this: “We join together to do what none of us can do alone.” This is the major purpose of why we come together as American Baptists.

As a part of the Coffee Creek Baptist Association, we associate with sister churches in Clark, Jefferson, Jennings, and Scott counties to worship together, to care for one another, to pool our resources for scholarships, Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp, and the Edna Martin Christian Center.

As a member of the American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky, we link with sister churches across our two states to serve on mission together through camps, EMCC, Spanish and Burmese ministries, and even mission trips. We find ways to serve one another, including a network of Regional Ministers who minister to our pastors, help churches locate interim pastors, and work with pastoral search committees.

As a partner in the American Baptist Churches of the USA, we join with sister churches across our nation in both national and international ministries, support colleges and seminaries, and assist churches, associations, and regions across our American Baptist family.

In all of the above, we seek out ways to “do together what none of us can do alone.”

We have two emphases of this area coming up in our church’s life. On 18 February, we will celebrate “American Baptist Churches USA Sunday,” as we celebrate our larger American Baptist family (more to come). The annual meeting of the Coffee Creek Baptist Association is coming up right behind that on Sunday, 10 March (which will be hosted by the Lick Branch Baptist Church).

Let us take strength in knowing that we are not alone in our Christian walk, both in the life of our congregation and our larger American Baptist family. Let’s come together and celebrate being a “a threefold cord [that] is not quickly broken!” WE NEED ONE ANOTHER!

With God’s Love for You All, Pastor Tim.



1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

4:12 Youth had a great start to the year, ringing in the New Year together at our annual lock-in. We helped Cradle sort and organize 20,000 diapers; we had a Mario Kart race-off at our first gathering; we took 14 teens to Winter Jam and another 12 to Fuse (a region sponsored event at 1st Baptist of Columbus.)

We are looking forward to another great month for February. Here's everything on our calendar:

- Feb. 4- Snow Tubing
- Feb. 7- High School Small Group
- Feb. 9- Load truck for Edna Martin
- Feb. 10- Deliver to Edna Martin
- Feb. 18- Pulled Pork Fundraiser
- Feb. 18- Gathering
- Feb. 21- High School Small Group

And of course, all of this is in addition to Sunday School & Worship, Wednesday evening Bible study and Mondays at Warriors Den.

We want to thank each of you for your prayers and financial support. Over the last month we have seen some new faces at youth group, we are excited about what God is doing!

-Pastor Tyler and Leah

What do you think of when you think of February? Some people may say groundhog's day, but most people are going to automatically think of Valentine's Day. Valentine's day is normally the day of the year where you do something special for the person you love, for a lot of couples this usually pertains to giving chocolates and flowers. The most popular flower that is given on Valentine's Day is roses. It is estimated that 224 million roses are grown and cultivated just for Valentine's Day. They say it takes a rose bush three to four years to reach their mature size and maximum bloom production. This means that a horticulturist has to prepare the soil, plant the seed, fertilize and water the soil, and make sure the plant receives adequate sunlight so that it can produce the most beautiful blooms to take its part in showing love to someone special. This is no different than what our Heavenly Father did for us a long time ago. When he saw mankind struggling with sin and the weaknesses of the flesh he was moved with love and compassion as he developed a plan to give us hope beyond the grave. That plan entailed him preparing a patch of soil, planting a seed, watering and fertilizing that seed, and making sure it had adequate sunlight. The result of this was a strong beautiful tree, the same tree that after maturation, was hewn down and constructed into a cross. This cross was the proverbial roses that the Father gave to us as his Son was hung on that cross so that we would have a chance to live with him one day in heaven. So, this Valentine's Day as you give your special someone that cost inflated dozen roses, just remember that God grew the trees that were the roses that he gave to us because he loved us so. Love you all.

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FUTURE EVENTS

- 3/1-2 Ladies Retreat at Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp
- 3/03 Men's Choir Practice, 9 a.m.
Deacon's Mtg., 12 PM
Sign up Table for Photos, 12-12:30
4:12 Youth Gathering, 5-7:30 PM
- 3/05 Choir Practice for Easter Cantata, 6:30
- 3/06 High School Small group mtg. at Pastor Tyler's, 3 PM
Family Meal, 5:30 PM
Adult Bible Study, 4:12 Youth, Kingdom Kids, 6:30 PM
- 3/10 Men's Choir Practice, 9 a.m.
Men's Choir singing during M. W.
Anniversary Pastor, Rev. Ken Hendrix will be preaching
Light Lunch in the FLC, 12 PM
Sign up Table for Photos, 12-12:30
CCA Annual Mtg. at Lick Branch, 4
- 3/12 Choir Practice for Easter Cantata, 6:30
- 3/13 Family Meal, 5:30 PM
Business Mtg., 4:12 Youth, Kingdom Kids, 6:30 PM
- 3/14 CCA Pastor's Mtg., 8:30 a.m. @ Denny's
- 3/16 Shared Blessings, 10 a.m.-2 PM
- 3/17 Trustee's Mtg., 11:30 a.m.
Sign up Table for Photos, 12-12:30
4:12 Youth Gathering, 5-7:30 PM
- 3/19 April Newsletter Articles are due
- 3/20 High School Small group mtg. at Pastor Tyler's, 3 PM
Family Meal, 5:30 PM
Adult Bible Study, 4:12 Youth, Kingdom Kids, 6:30 PM
- 3/24-27 4:12 Youth Spring Retreat at the Southeastern Bapt. Youth Camp
- 3/27 Family Meal, 5:30 PM
Adult Bible Study, 4:12 Youth, Kingdom Kids, 6:30 PM
- 3/28 Maundy Thursday Service at the Lexington Presbyterian, 7 PM
- 3/29 Good Friday Service at KCBC, 7 PM
- 3/30 Pictures w/the Easter Bunny, 12-12:45
Easter Egg Hunt, 1 PM
- 3/31 SONrise Service, 7:30 a.m. followed by Breakfast in the FLC, then S. S. at 9:30
Easter Cantata at 10:30 a.m.

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STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

	<u>SS</u>	<u>MW</u>	<u>OFFERING</u>
Dec. 31	37	97	\$ 4,800.00
Jan. 07	37	90	\$ 1,600.00
Jan. 14	37	77	\$ 1,550.00
Jan. 21	43	83	\$ 2,650.00

4 Wk. Total Received \$ 10,600.00

4 Wk. Total Needed \$ 15,972.00

5 Wk. Rec. Last Month \$ 21,800.00

2023-2024 YTD needed: \$ 83,853.00

2023-2024 received: \$ 67,950.00

(September 1, 2023-January 21, 2024)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ATTENDANCE

<u>January</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>Meal</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>31</u>
Adult Bible Study	14	13	13	14
4:12 Youth	12	10	15	12
<u>Kingdom Kids</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>13</u>
Totals	44	43	49	39

Avg: Meal - 30 ABS - 14 Youth - 12

KKids - 18 Total - 44

COME JOIN THE CHOIR

On Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 PM Choir Practice began for the Easter Cantata. It is not too late to join them. Anyone & everyone is invited to participate whether you can sing or not. Any questions, please see Leah Griffin.

CCA ABMEN'S QUARTERLY MEETING

All men of the church are invited to attend the quarterly association meetings. The next meeting is at Underwood Baptist Church at 6:00 PM. This is a new day & time for these meetings. If you are interested in going, please see Pastor Tyler.

INFO ON EMCC

On Friday night, February 9th at 6:00 PM, we will be loading all of the donations here at our church into the truck that will be going to Edna Martin Christian Center on Saturday. If you would like to help, just show up.

Then, on Saturday morning, the 10th we will meet at Aldi's in Seymour at 9:00 a.m. to shop for goods to fill the truck and then take it to Edna Martin in Indianapolis to unload it. If you are interested in helping in anyway, please just show up at the times mentioned. You can come to just shop, then go home or go with the group to unload in Indy.

TRIVIA NIGHT

I hope everyone is looking forward to our annual Trivia Night in the Family Life Center on Saturday, February 4th beginning at 6:05 PM. The time is right because Mickey is always running a few minutes late.

You can have teams with up to 6 people on them. There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board for this. Prizes will be given for the team with the Best Decorated Table and the team with the Most Correct Answers.

CoMBaT will also provide a free meal for everyone attending. So get your teams together for this fun night.

Just so everyone knows, you don't have to be on a team to come enjoy this special night. And as in the past, you will get to learn a lot from this event.

There will be a Marriage Retreat at the Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp on Friday-Saturday, February 16-17. The cost is \$150 per couple. See Pastor Tyler Griffin for any further details.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MONTHLY DONATIONS
NEEDED FOR AT LEAST 150 SHOE BOXES**

FEBRUARY: 300 TOOTHBRUSHES MARCH: 150 BAR SOAP
APRIL: 150 ACTIVITY BOOKS MAY: 750 SMALL TOYS
JUNE: 1800 PENCILS & 750 PENS
JULY: 150 BIG PENCIL SHARPENERS & 150 BIG ERASERS
AUGUST: 1800 SMALL ERASERS & 150 CRAYONS (24 COUNT)
SEPTEMBER: 150 COLORED PENCILS & 150 GLUE STICKS
OCTOBER: SCHOOL SUPPLIES (ANY OF THE BELOW)
NOVEMBER: 150 SMALL PAPER TABLETS
DECEMBER: 750 SMALL TOYS
JANUARY: 300 COMBS & 300 WASHCLOTHS

Items may be brought during the month listed or anytime you have something available. They can be put in the box under the communion table in the sanctuary.



Mark 10:14-15
 When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Greetings Church Family!

Kingdom Kids has been busy as usual! We finished our "Bible Basics" in Children's Worship and we started our "Snowflake" series last Wednesday! We have been seeing some new friends and we have room for more friends!

During the month of February Kingdom Kids will be selling Rada knives. We will split our proceeds with our 4:12 Youth friends to help raise money for the Mission Trip this summer. Thank you in advance for your purchases.

On Friday, February 9th at 6 pm we will be decorating cookies to deliver on Sunday, February 11th, weather permitting. Our goal is to try to show a little love to some of our shut ins. If you know of someone who could use some cookies and a song from our children, please let us know! As a reminder if your child would like to join us for these events, we must have a COMPLETED and UPDATED consent form on file.

Thank you for supporting our ministry through prayers, donations, love and support!

God Bless you, Ms. Angie A., Ms. Rita and Ms. Malina

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 5 Malina Jeffries, Michael Dickerson
- 10 Ryan Blevins
- 11 Beulah Wells, Barb Deal
- 12 **Keith & Tracey Bixler (1993)**
- 12 Amanda Hurt, Tim Brunner
- 13 Marly McNeely, Doug Snelling
- 14 Juanita Hobbs, Kyrie Joyce, Lesley McDaniel, Taylor Towne, Charlie Shields, Emily Amos, Valerie Petty
- 16 **Earl & Karen McClellan (1996)**
- 17 Molly Bledsoe, Virgil McKinney, Diane Mullins
- 18 **Chris & Jenny Beverly (1994)**
- 18 **Matt & Amanda Jones (2006)**
- 19 Odin Petty
- 20 **David & Janet Wells (1966)**
- 20 Clayton Gibson
- 21 Alicia Johns
- 22 Jeff Jackson
- 23 Jason Johns
- 25 **Larry & Nicole Peacock (2023)**
- 26 Jay Stephens, Pat Berna
- 27 Dana Stephens, Makayla Nowlin, Dennis Peacock, Rebecca Sims
- 28 **Markt & Sherry Nay (1993)**
- 28 Angie Avendaño

**HAPPY
VALENTINES
DAY**