

The Shepherd

Coffee Creek Association, January 2024

From the Moderator

The 198th Annual Session
of the
Coffee Creek Baptist Association

will be held on
Sunday, 10 March 2024
at 4:00 p.m.

with the
Lick Branch Baptist Church
10439 West Deputy Pike Road
Deputy, Indiana 47230

Speaker

Rev. Steve Allen, Region Minister
American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky

A dinner will be served by the host church,
following the annual session.

All member churches are encouraged to send representatives to our annual fellowship.

Calling All Pastors! Each month our associational pastors are invited to break bread together on the second Thursday at Denny's in Scottsburg. Our Region Minister, Rev. Steve Allen, joins us for this time of fellowship, sharing, and encouragement. The next get together will be on Thursday, 8 February at 8:30 a.m. Pastor, please come out and join us. Church members, encourage your pastor to take advantage of joining together with brother pastors in Christ.

CCBA Scholarships For those who are heading to college or trade schools, it is time to complete the 2024 CCBA Scholarship applications (please use this year's application, and not ones from previous years). The deadline for this year's submissions will be 31 March. Look for the application, which is included in this issue of the *Shepherd*, and encourage students to fill this out. We would love to help support your higher educational experience!

Congratulations to both the Elizabeth and Lick Branch churches that are observing significant anniversaries in 2024. Both churches were constituted in 1824 and will be recognized at our annual sessions on 10 March for reaching 200 years of worshipping and serving our Lord Jesus Christ!

From Patty Short

State ABWM

Our 2023 State Project was Kodiak Baptist Mission in Alaska. Our state President, Jean Langdon, writes in the recent issue of our state *Observations*: “The goal had been set at \$15,000. That goal was surpassed by \$6,329.67! Kodiak Baptist Mission received a check for \$21,329.67 because of the love and generosity of American Baptist Women of Indiana. Thank you, Sisters!” That is awesome news!! Thank you to those in our association that made it happen!!

Now on to our 2024 State Project, Kristy Engel. This is what Jean has to say “Kristy Engel, International Ministries (IM) global consultant with a focus on health care issues, has been chosen to be the 2024 ABWM IN/KY State Project. Please pray for Kristy as she serves our Lord in various places around the world, and may American Baptist Women be just as generous to this year’s State Project to allow Kristy to serve others in His name!” Watch for more information in the coming weeks, especially in the state newsletters.

Please note that our new state treasurer, DuRhonda Pinegar, assumed her office January 1 so any monies being sent to the state now are sent to her. The new treasurer’s reporting form was in our last edition of our state newsletter.

Coffee Creek Association ABWM

Sewing Seeds of Love

12 ladies met at First Marion Baptist Church on January 2 and continued sewing items for Cradle in Scott County. We still have lots of fabric so please join us at our next session on **Tuesday, February 6 at at New Providence Baptist Church from 4-6 pm**! Since September, we have made 24 burp cloths, 20 bibs, and 8 blankets for CRADLE.

We need churches to host us for March 5, April 2 and May 7—if your church wants to host us, please call me.

Scholarship

Please don’t forget our scholarship student, Ashley Walton.

2024 Scholarship applications are available now. The registration deadline is February 15, 2024. Please encourage all college/technical school bound students to apply. Also, if you want to contribute money to our scholarship fund for this year, please send in your money by March 31.

2024 Spring Conference

This year's spring Conference will be held April 20 at Bethany Baptist Church from 9:00-2pm. Our Association officers have been meeting/planning and I think it will be really exciting so please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We will be having a silent auction also—this is our only fund-raising activity so please bring a basket/item and plan to bid on and take some home with you! Auction item themes could be garden, baking, books, pets, babies, graduation, spa, books and so much more—be creative and see what you come up with! (Pinterest and other internet websites have great ideas!) Please package them so that everyone can see the contents.

The February State newsletter is now available and will be distributed this week along with this issue of *The Shepherd*. Watch your email or your US mail and be sure to share it with all the ladies of your church!

Disaster Relief

We have started planning our March 2024 trip. We will be going to Mayfield/Graves County in Western KY, where they are still rebuilding after the December 2021 tornado. This will be our first trip to Mayfield--maybe you can join us in March!! (Dates will be announced very soon!) Pastor (and former contractor) Ralph McVay will be our contractor! You will be surprised at just how blessed you will be! And as always, we are looking for prayer support and financial contributions. Donations can be sent to Grace Flynn, 139 N. Sharon Dr., Scottsburg, IN, 47170; checks should be made payable to "CCA ABWM." Thank you for your support of our past 6 trips!

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

ABM

Greeting to all of our fellow churches of the association, our next scheduled meeting of the American Baptist Men will take place on 6th of February at 6pm. Our host church will be Underwood Baptist Church which is located at- 22817 West St. Underwood, IN 47177. We will be discussing our group's upcoming trip to help continue support for the Edna Martin Christian Center. We will also be electing officers for ABM for the coming year. I hope everyone will be able to attend this meeting and enjoy a time of friendship and fellowship.

Blessings,

Rev. Joshua Jackson
ABM President

Greetings from the Coffee Creek Association's American Baptist Men's Group

As you know January is the month the American Baptist Men conduct the Food drive for the Edna Martin Center. This year we plan on collecting through Tuesday, Feb 6th and delivering on Saturday, February 10th. This will allow us to take up an offering at our Men's meeting on February 6th at Underwood Baptist Church at 6 pm.

We will be having election of officers and completing our meeting agenda for the year as well as any last-minute items for the food drive so I encourage you to attend. In the past we have requested that those Churches who wish for us to do the shopping for them to send \$250 and several have sent that or more or whatever they can. We plan to be Shopping in Seymour at Aldi's at 9am on the 10th and then heading to Edna Martin Christian Center.

If you send a check, please make it out to the Coffee Creek American Baptist Association and mail to Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church 4756 E. State Road 356 Scottsburg Indiana 47170 so that it is received by Feb 6th. Please Mark Edna Martin on the Memo line.

You can deliver your items to Kimberlin Creek Friday Feb 9th at 6pm. If your Church has items to be picked up, please contact [email: deputyandg@msn.com](mailto:deputyandg@msn.com) or call 812-701-6460. Hope to see you Tuesday the 6th at Underwood, Saturday the 10th or both days if possible.

Please note that this is on Tuesday at 6 which is a new day and time for us.

Thanks- Coffee Creek Association American Baptist Men

Austin

Greetings to all of our Fellow Churches of the Association. I hope that everyone is staying safe and warm during this recent cold weather. I would like to share some thoughts about keeping our focus on Jesus Christ. It may be cold outside but the Sun is Still Shining. Exodus 16:10 says –They looked and behold the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. Without the clouds we would not be shielded from the burning effects of the sun. Without the clouds we would have no colorful sunsets, no beneficial rain, or no beautiful landscapes. The same is true with the clouds of life. When hard times come we easily get discouraged. However behind the clouds God is still present, and can even use them to water our souls with unexpected blessings. Each of us experiences clouds in life-sometimes slight, sometimes dark and frightening. Whatever clouds you may be facing today ask Jesus the Light of the World to help you look behind the cloud to see His Glory and His Plan for each of us.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Josh

Bethany

Happy New Year!! As we look back on the happenings at Bethany last month and so far into 2024, we have been busy. We finished out 2023 with 5th Sunday Hymn Sing on December 31st followed by a fun night of fellowship of food, Euchre, Rummy and just hanging out. A fun time was had by all.

Looking into the New Year, we will begin having our monthly fellowship starting back on February 6th at 1 PM in the back of the church. Everyone welcome. Our choir has begun practicing for Easter. We recently moved our Youth Meeting to Wednesdays at 6 PM.

Coffee Creek

We will be having our annual Pastors Valentine's Day Dinner on February 14th I would like to invite anyone who would like to come, but I will need an RSVP by February 7th you can RSVP by email keith.smith@louisvilleky.gov or call me at 502-836-2020. I want to also let everyone know we will be having our Spring Revival March 25th – 29th 7pm each night at Coffee Creek Baptist we will have light refreshments each night after the service. The scripture for the Revival is ***Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*** The theme for Revival will be **“Where have all the Congregations Gone?”** March 31st will be the next 5th Sunday Hymn at 6pm and Coffee Creek Baptist will be hosting.

Pastor Keith Smith

COFFEE CREEK ASSOC. UPCOMING EVENTS

12/31/2023 5th Sunday Hymn Sing, Bethany 6 PM

01/07/2024 CCA Executive Board Meeting, Kimberlin Creek 2 PM

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

2024 Shepherd Deadlines noon on:

02/24/2024	03/30/2024	04/24/2024	05/25/2024	06/29/2024	7/27/2024
08/24/2024	09/28/2024	10/26/2024	11/23/2024	12/21/2024	

Please mark your calendars.

Thank You,

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