

The Shepherd

Coffee Creek Association, February 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!

Singspiration

A friendly reminder from your Coffee Creek Music Coordinator: Rev. Joshua Jackson. To the fellow churches of the Coffee Creek Association- Our annual spring Singspiration is soon approaching and will be held on 19th of May, 2024, at 6 p.m. The location of this year's event will be Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church, 4756 E. State Rd. 356, Scottsburg, IN 47170.

Each church is asked to bring a music selection or other form of praise, this could include a poem, or perhaps some Scripture verses from the Bible.

Also please bring some finger foods to share for a time of fellowship after the program.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by email at Joshua.jackson50@aol.com or by phone at (1-812-) 707-1020.

- ❖ Please let me know by May 5th 2024 if your church plans on taking part in the spring music program so we can begin working on the order of service for the program.

Blessings,
Rev. Joshua Jackson

From Patty Short

State ABWM

Please don't forget our 2024 State Project, Kristy Engel. She is a nurse practitioner who travels the world where extra medical staff are needed, among other things. What are you planning for fund raising for this year? Is it something I can help with? If so, please call me. Her birthday is March 19—can you send her birthday greetings or plan your fund raiser near that date? Kristy lists the following prayer requests (taken from her page on www.internationalministries.org: “Pray for communities around the world to develop local leadership in health care. Pray for discernment about Kristy's travel and future projects. (I would add to pray for her safety as she travels.) Pray for hospitals, nursing schools, and clinics to have the equipment and supplies needed to provide training of their staff/students as well as to be able to provide needed medical care. Pray for healthcare workers around the world that they turn to God for their peace and strength.”

Coffee Creek Association ABWM

Sewing Seeds of Love

9 ladies met at New Providence Baptist Church on February 6 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, March 5 again at New Providence Baptist Church from 4-6 pm! That night we completed 6 baby blankets and 10 bibs and started several other projects.

We need churches to host us for 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. Ashley attends Indiana University Bloomington and will be on spring break March 10-March 17. College has also cancelled in-person classes for the solar eclipse on April 8.

2024 Scholarship applications are available now. The registration deadline has passed so I'm sure the committee is busy reading all the references, etc. It is really a challenging task! Remember, if you want to contribute money to our scholarship fund for this year, please send in your money by March 31 and it is sent to DuRhonda Pinegar.

2024 Spring Conference

This year's spring Conference will be held April 20 at Bethany Baptist Church from 9:00-2pm. Our theme is "Unstoppable Us"-- 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.

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 24-27. Pastor (and former contractor) Ralph McVay will be our contractor! Having a contractor on site is so helpful to those of us who have helping hands but no building skills! Registration forms were sent to all churches but if you need one, please contact me right away. 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!

Looking forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting on March 10 at Lick Branch Baptist Church!

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

Alpha

Greetings and hope all is well with our sister churches of the Coffee Creek Association.

"WOW", February has been great for us weather wise. We will be having ABW & ABM at 6:30pm on Wednesday night February 28th. We are in the process of remodeling and making two bathrooms in our church. During this process a time capsule has been found and we opened it this past Wednesday, info was from 1953 and quite interesting. We will be sharing with the rest of the congregation on Sunday morning (2-25-24).

We will also be having a pitch in dinner following our Sunday morning (2-25-24) service. Easter is in March this year, so we will be having Good Friday service at 1pm on March 29, 2024. Come if you can.

We will be celebrating Easter at 9am on March 31, 2024.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Annual Association Meeting at Lick Branch on March 10, 2024 at 4pm.

In His service,
Stan Carroll, Pastor

Bethany

The Lord blessed us with a good crowd last Sunday and has been sending us some youth on Wednesday evenings. We've moved our start time to 6 PM.

Missy and I were blessed to attend the Pastor's Retreat at Westport Camp this month. Some of our ladies will be attending the Women's Retreat this coming weekend.

Our choir is practicing for Easter and our ladies are working on some sewing projects that we look forward to taking to the nursing home as we get closer to Easter.

We continue to host our monthly fellowship meal on the First Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be March 5th at 1 PM in the rear of the church. Everyone welcome.

Kimberlin Creek

Greetings,

It seems that we won't have a month this year that won't be busy. This being our 175th anniversary year, we are outdoing ourselves. In January we were to have a former pastor, Rev. Greg Huguley preach to us on the 14th, but he got snowed in at Elgin, IL. But we still had our CoMBaT Chili Cookoff and our Lovely Ladies Dessert Bakeoff. Jeff Riley won the Chili

Cookoff and Leah Griffin won the Lovely Ladies Dessert Bakeoff. And everyone got stuffed that day!

Leah Griffin, our choir director, started Choir Practices for our Easter Cantata which will be performed on Easter Sunday at 10:30 a.m. They are meeting every Tuesday night.

Our youth were very busy this month also. Pastor Tyler had started an older youth (high school) Bible study group that is meeting about every other Wednesday after school at his house. Then he took a large group to Winter Jam in Louisville on the 20th. And nearly the same group went to FUSE at Columbus First Baptist on the 21st. Then in February they went Snowtubing in Eastern Indiana. Then they had a wonderful Pulled Pork Fundraising Dinner on the 18th where they raised \$1000 for their mission trip this summer to Rainbow Acres in Tempe, Arizona.

Pastor Tim Mohon finished up the Series, "Joshua: Joining God's Great Adventure" on the 18th. He is now beginning a series of sermons around the Lent season. The first being "Are You Riding on a Spiritual Roller Coaster?" from Mark 8:27-9:9. He also sneaked in a vacation at the beginning of the month.

Also, at the beginning of the month we finished collecting our canned goods and money for the Edna Martin Christian Center. Praise God, we reached our goal of 2500 items! Then several youth and adults went to purchase items at Aldi's on the 10th and delivered it all to EMCC afterwards...nearly \$11,000 of food and paper products!

Our Kingdom Kids weren't left out this month either. They decorated cookies and delivered them to shut-ins just before Valentine's Day. They also had a fundraiser this month selling Rada Knives.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the CCA Annual Meeting on March 10th, 4 PM at Lick Branch Baptist Church. Y'all come!

Judy Peacock, Church Secretary

Underwood

February has been pretty busy for such a short month here at Underwood. Early on, we hosted the CCA ABMen. Pastor David led the men in some hearty singing, the men discussed the Edna Martin food delivery and all enjoyed sandwiches, coffee, and pie after the meeting. UBC collected some food, but mainly funds for Edna Martin. Wednesday evening Bible Study investigated Ash Wednesday with a study of the traditions, Lent, and then observed a shortened service of dedication of self toward Easter. After receiving several remarks over the past couple of years about the translation and font size, the church decided to purchase new pew Bibles. NIV Large Print Bibles were purchased and distributed throughout the sanctuary for those who

might have left their scriptures at home or for folks who don't own a Bible. They were dedicated and prayed over during a Morning Worship Service as Pastor David taught about the importance of being in God's Word. Easter activities are in the planning stages. The Annual Community Egg Hunt will be held March 30th at 2:00. In the past couple of weeks, Covid has visited a few in our congregation again. Let us all pray for the safety of our congregations from this dreaded blight. May God Bless each of you!!

COFFEE CREEK ASSOC. UPCOMING EVENTS

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

2024 Shepherd Deadlines noon on:

03/30/2024	04/24/2024	05/25/2024	06/29/2024	07/27/2024
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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