

# *The Shepherd*

*Coffee Creek Association, March 2024*

## **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](mailto:Joshua.jackson50@aol.com) or by phone at (1-812-) 707-1020.

- ❖ Please let me know by May 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

The state officers will be meeting on April 27 for their spring retreat. Please pray for us as we travel and continue planning Summer Conference and Women's Day as well as refresh ourselves and fellowship together. The next state officer newsletter will be published after this gathering so watch for it and the information that it will contain.

**We have an important announcement from Edna Martin Christian Center (EMCC) regarding their food pantry. Effective immediately, EMCC has requested that all donations to their food pantry come in the form of checks.** This money will be deposited into their bank account specific to the food pantry and they will purchase needed food items. I know this is a big change for us but we can still be a ministry partner with them with our financial contributions!

### **Coffee Creek Association ABWM**

#### **Sewing Seeds of Love**

8 ladies met at New Providence Baptist Church on March 5 and continued sewing items for Cradle in Scott County. That night we completed 1 baby quilt, 2 kids blankets and 6 stuffed bunnies and started

several other projects. We still have lots of fabric so please join us at our next session on **Tuesday, April 2 again at New Providence Baptist Church from 6-8 pm!** Note the time change!

## **Scholarship**

Please don't forget our scholarship student, Ashley Walton. Ashley attends Indiana University Bloomington. College has cancelled in-person classes for the solar eclipse on April 8. Her final exams are April 29-May 3 with the last day of classes being May 3, 2024. Please pray for her during this time and maybe send her some small gifts—this last week of school is very stressful for students!

## **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. Registration forms along with flyers have been distributed to all of our churches so I hope you will join us and bring a friend.

## **Disaster Relief**

We have completed our March 2024 trip where we went to Mayfield/Graves County in Western KY, where they are still rebuilding after the December 2021 tornado. Special thanks to the 7 people who went to help: Mark Monroe, Ed Feeler, Alexsiya Scott, Sandy Sluss, Mary Leitzman, Pastor (and former contractor) Ralph McVay and myself and to those individuals and churches that gave financial contributions! Their downtown still has not started on rebuilding as they are focusing primarily on residential needs. We worked on 2 houses so look for details of what we did in upcoming issues. If you want to learn more, I can come to your church to talk about what we did, just call me. The planning team is meeting in early April to evaluate this trip and to begin planning our June, 2024, trip. So stay tuned! Won't you please pray about joining us to go help an area devastated by disaster? You will be blessed beyond measure and you will certainly bless those in need.

Having just returned from Western KY, I haven't had a chance to plan to help Indiana areas that were hit by a tornado. I expect their need to be clean up at this point so watch for announcements in the near future about opportunities to help. I will only be able to give short notice on these opportunities and they will probably be day trips. Stay tuned!

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

## **Austin**

Greeting from Austin First Baptist to our fellow churches of our association, we hope that everyone is doing well and looking forward to the hope we have in Christ this Easter season.

Jesus tells us in John 3:14-17-

V.14- And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the Son of Man be lifted up.

V.15- That whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

V.16- for God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but everlasting life.

V.17- For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

As we gather to celebrate the hope that we have through Christ Jesus let us strive to remember that Easter is more than bunnies, brightly colored eggs, and candy baskets. It is much more it is about relationship. The relationship we can have with God through His Son Jesus.

Blessings,  
Pastor Josh

### **Bethany**

We are looking forward to our Easter Services. Sunrise service begins at 8 AM, followed by Sunday School for the ladies and youth at 8:30 while the men prepare breakfast. 9:30 will find us gathering in the fellowship hall to enjoy the fine feast the men prepared. Morning worship will take place at 10:30 with our choir performing special music and an egg hunt to follow.

The church enjoyed an outing to The Waters nursing home on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> in lieu of evening worship. The youth went and we sang songs and passed out Pocket Prayer Quilts to the staff and residents, followed by a stop at McDonalds. A blessing was had by all that participated.

We will be hosting the Rural Community Fellowship on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Damon Marling from United Christian will bring the message. Jefferson County House of Hope will be the mission for the offering taken up during the service. Light refreshment will be served following the service.

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, the Coffee Creek ABWM will meet in the fellowship hall from 9 AM to 2 PM for their Spring Conference.

### **Kimberlin Creek**

Greetings from Kimberlin Creek,

Pastor Tim has been leading us through Lent with several messages from the Gospels in preparation for Easter week. "Today is Friday but Sunday is Coming"...Jesus has risen from the grave. Amen.

Speaking of Easter, our Choir has been working hard on the Easter Cantata, "King of Kings". They will present it at our 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.

We are still having former pastors come and preach in celebration of our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In March, Rev. Ken Hendrix & his wife, Kelly, were here on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Following the service that day the Anniversary Committee had prepared an excellent Italian Dinner. Also, on those Sundays we have a men's group bring special music. Totally awesome!

Last month our Kingdom Kids had a Rada Knives fundraiser and sold lots of stuff. They split their profits 50/50 with the youth for their mission trip this summer. Awesome kids. Then at the end of April (26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>) the Kids will have their annual Rummage Sale in the Family Life Center...8 a.m.-5 PM on Friday and 8 a.m.-2 PM on Saturday. Be sure to make plans to come to this event.

Besides having their Sunday mornings & Wednesday nights Bible studies and their youth gatherings twice a month, our 4:12 Youth Group just got back from their 7<sup>th</sup> Spring Work Retreat at the Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp. Pastor Tyler Griffin & his wife, Leah took 10 youth this week and they did a lot of dirty work this year by looking at all the pictures they took. We are so proud of our youth leaders and of all of our youth. They really do a lot of work for our community and our church.

And last but not least, I again want to mention our "Shared Blessings" clothes closet. God has truly blessed us with this mission. I occasionally help Susan Kloke on the days she has it open and what surprises me is that not very many people use it. Believe me there are a lot of nice clothes and it doesn't have to be used by just those who are in dire need, it can be used by anyone. I would love to see it used more by even our church family. If it bothers you to come and get something new to you, then bring something you don't wear anymore but is still in good shape and exchange it. Generally, we have it on the third Saturday of the month, but in April that is when our Pictorial Directory pictures are being taken, so it will be closed then. But plan to come on May 18<sup>th</sup> to find you or a family member something new to wear.

God Bless You All,

Judy Peacock  
Church Secretary

### **Scottsburg**

Greetings to all the churches of the Coffee Creek Association; our Lenten Season has been full of reflection on the life of our Savior. Our Lenten Devotion, The Sanctuary of Lent 2024, has shown us ways to slow down and open ourselves to God during the Season of Lent. We pray that your Lenten Season has been a time of prayer, mediation, and reflection on the life and sacrifice of Jesus. Our congregation prays that your congregation has a holy and blessed Resurrection Sunday service and that the RISEN CHRIST will live forever in you. God bless each and every one!

Pastor Kevin

## **Underwood**

The UBC family hopes that each of you have had a wonderful Lent season and will have a worship filled Resurrection Day. After a short hiatus, the Women's Bible Study group are back meeting each Monday morning at 10:30. The ABWM are continually busy serving our community and working on their projects. Rhonda Compise helped with the national ABWM financial drive and reported that approximately \$10,000 were raised. At a recent business meeting, UBC decided to replace the flooring in the Fellowship Hall. It has become rather deteriorated after rendering several years of use. Chosen was a polished concrete system, much as you see in many new churches and several business locations. It will require much less periodic maintenance. The church is collecting the annual America for Christ Offering. The Wednesday evening Bible Study group continues to be strong in as we are nearing the completion of the book of Genesis. It has certainly been a blessing to see how God has had a plan in place from the very beginning. Good Friday saw UBC doing a program entitled "*The Service of the Nails.*" The scripture, readings, and music reminded attenders of the burden that we placed upon Jesus as His hands and feet were nailed to the cross. The service was well attended and extremely eye opening. Easter, Resurrection Morning will see UBC once again heartily singing songs of praise to the risen Christ. Pastor David will be sharing Luke's gospel version of the Resurrection and all will focus not on the empty tomb, but the Christ who loves each person so very much!

Pastor David Schill

### **COFFEE CREEK ASSOC. UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

2024 Shepherd Deadlines noon on:

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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## You're an Example

By [Joni Eareckson Tada](#) | Published On: March 30, 2024 | Categories: [Daily Devotional](#)



*“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

Acts 1:8

People are watching you. If they know you're a Christian, they are **really** watching. And sometimes they're watching when you least expect it.

The other day I purchased a new computer (my old one had crashed). Instead of making life simpler, the new computer had me lost in a sea of special commands and option keys. I flipped open my owner's manual and rang up the 800-number. A machine answered and presented me with layers of messages to work my way through. That only added to my frustration. Finally I spoke to a real person. “Hi, I'm Michelle, and I'm here to help you. First, what's your name?”

I growled, “Joni—spelled J-o-n-i but pronounced ‘Johnny.’ I hope you can help me.”

After a silence on the other end, Michelle said, “Are you **the** Joni Eareckson Tada?”

I'd been caught. Here I was about to chew out this lady and her computer company, but she knew who I was. She said with a laugh, “I know who you are, so you can't get too frustrated with me!” At that point we both laughed; she was right.

Should you, as a Christian, weigh every word? Never tell a lie? Always keep your temper under control? Say only what you mean and mean what you say? Of course. When you name the name of Christ, people expect you to act like him. Is that a bad thing? Not at all; for the Christian, it's reasonable.

Now, you can do your part well and build up other Christians as well as make unbelievers thirsty for God, or you can act out your frustrations and defame Christ's name. You have received a high calling—even when your computer isn't working.

*Lord Jesus, enable me to live in a way that honors you. When others aren't looking or when I think I'm anonymous, remind me that you see me and know just who I am.*