

# *The Shepherd*

*Coffee Creek Association, May 2024*

## **From The Moderator**

### **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, meets with us for this time of fellowship, sharing, and encouragement. The next get together will be on Thursday, 13 June at 8:30 a.m. Pastor, please come out and be with us. Church members, encourage your pastor to take advantage of joining together with brother pastors in Christ.

### **Churches Seeking Pastors**

Please keep the following member churches in your prayers who are currently seeking new pastors: First Marion, Scaffold Lick, Tea Creek.

## **From Patty Short**

### **State ABWM**

The next state officer newsletter has been published and distributed. **Summer Conference** is in June and registration form has also been distributed. Summer Conference will be back at Franklin College (but staying at hotels instead of a dorm). If you've never been to Summer Conference, please consider joining us! It's always a great day and Franklin is close enough you don't have to get a motel room for the night before.

### **Coffee Creek Association ABWM**

### **Sewing Seeds of Love**

We had our final session of Sewing Seeds of Love for the spring. 8 ladies and our one gentleman met on May 21 and completed 6 bibs, 1 burp cloth, 3 bunnies, 6 blankets of varying sizes for CRADLE in Scottsburg. We gave birthday cards to Larry Campbell. We still have lots of fabric so please join us when we resume our sessions in September. We will continue to make some small stuffed animals but will also be looking for another project so keep your eyes open over the summer as to who might bless with our sewing.

### **Scholarship**

We will be assigned a new student at our Summer Conference for the next school year.

## **Disaster Relief**

We leave June 2 to go to Perry County in Eastern KY which includes the town of Hazard. They are still recovering from their flood of July 2022. Our housing arrangements are all made. We just need YOU to send us your registration and **join us!** Anyone over the age of 10 can **join us.** We will return to Indiana on Wednesday, June 5. There is no cost for you to **join us.** We have received a generous donation from a church in North Vernon so all of our costs are covered plus we have enough money to share with someone in Kentucky. What a blessing!! All churches have received registration forms but if you still need one, contact me and I'll get one to you so you can **join us.** Registration forms can be sent through May 31 but we recommend you email them at this point so that they don't get delayed in the mail. We have a (former) contractor, Pastor Ralph McVay, going with us who will teach us as we work so you don't need building skills to go on this trip! We could use 1-2 more people to cook for us as well—is that you? Please **join us**—you will bless others and you may be surprised at just how much you will be blessed as well. Thank you for all of your support! And please pray for us next week—Satan does not like us going to bless others and frequently tries to put roadblocks in front of us.

Our next trip will be in October but no details are available at this time.

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## **Alpha**

Greetings to our sister churches, hope all is well with you.

We are saddened at the passing of our brother Bill Herald who was a long-time active member and deacon of Alpha. His funeral was at Collins Funeral Home on May 10, 2024 with a dinner for the family and friends after the service.

We had a successful yard sale in April and are looking forward to our fall sale in September. Alpha's choir sang at SingSpiration; was blessed to have Madison Pruet as one of the college scholarship recipients and we enjoyed the service and fellowship that evening. We also had our ABW & ABM this past Wednesday night and it was enjoyed by all. Of course, when Baptist get together, we had a wonderful meal together.

We also were blessed to have Ethan Peacock make his profession of faith in Jesus Christ and Austin First Baptist Church was kind to allow us to use their baptistery on

Sunday noon, May 19, 2024 to baptize Ethan. What a glorious worship day!

Stan Carroll, Pastor

## **Austin**

We will be having our VBS June 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:30 PM. Our theme: "Deep Bible Adventures" Scuba-diving into friendship with God. June 22 from 12:00-2:00 PM will be our kick off party at the church. Sea you there!

## **Bethany**

We will be hosting our first Tuesday of the month fellowship on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM in the back Sunday School Classroom. Everyone is invited to come for a time of fellowship and prayer, our menu is "Brunch".

Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM we will be honoring our fathers with a family fun night. We will be having a Luau around the fire pit. Everyone welcome for some good food, games and fellowship.

We are gearing up for VBS to be held, Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13 from 6 PM to 8 PM and Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> during morning worship at 10:30 AM. This is an all ages program with the theme Christmas in July.

## **Kimberlin Creek**

First of all, Summer Greetings to everyone. I am so happy for warmer weather and hopefully the spring rains will now slow down too.

May has been a busy month. Pastor Tyler & Leah returned from their vacation which started in April. Then Pastor Tim & Pam went on a vacation back home because they had family members graduating from high school.

Angie Avendano, Rita Fields & Malina Jeffries planned and participated in their Kingdom Kids semi-annual lock-in and they all had lots of fun.

Rev, Dan Barringer returned to preach on the 19<sup>th</sup> as one of our former pastors are doing to celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It was good to see him and some of his family was here with him.

As I am writing this, we have several things planned for our actual date of our beginnings, June 1, 1849. On this June 1<sup>st</sup> a fishing tournament will be held at the home of Perry & Becky Stainbrook from 2-4 PM. Then at 4:30 we all will meet on the church property for an old-fashioned church picnic on the grounds. We will conclude the day with a Hymn Sing in the sanctuary. We hope most of our church family will be here for all these events. Pastor Tyler and the Anniversary Committee have been working hard on planning this.

We are now looking forward to summer camps and VBS. And the main event for our youth this summer is their mission trip to Rainbow Acres in Arizona. That is happening on June 29-July 6. Any and all donations for this trip would be greatly appreciated.

Judy Peacock, Church Secretary

### **Scottsburg**

Greetings from First Baptist Church in Scottsburg, IN to all churches in the Coffee Creek Association; we pray that your churches have made it through the recent storms without sustaining any damage. God kept us from harm, as well. On June 30<sup>th</sup>, for our Fifth Sunday Praise service, we will be welcoming "Stones Crossing" from Greenwood, IN who will lead us in worship.

Here's a little bit about them: "Stones Crossing is a family gospel band out of Greenwood, IN. Mark Graham with the lead vocals and guitar, daughter, Shalynn Adams thumping the bass and singing a few, and son in law, Bill Adams can play about anything in front of him, you never know what he'll bring out next! With over 30 years of music experience, Mark says this is the most fun he's ever had playing music! We'll see about that! They are just so excited to share God's word through their music and testimony." You can find them at [stonescrossingmusic.com](http://stonescrossingmusic.com)

We don't want to take anyone away from their Worship Service that Sunday, but if you aren't busy, drop by at 10 AM for a time of wonderful music, followed by food and fellowship afterwards. Since this is the weekend before Independence Day, we will be having a picnic. If you could bring a dish to share, that would be wonderful! God bless!

Pastor Kevin

### **Underwood**

Greetings from Underwood Baptist Church!

It was great to see so many of you at the Singspiration this month! The special presentation by the Southeast Baptist Camp Director, Chris Kallal was amazing! And the offering for camp received the night of Singspiration was generous! Our congregation collected a special offering for the camp during the entire month of April, with some giving spilling over into May. We exceeded our goal. We are thankful for the opportunity to support such an important ministry that results in the salvation of the souls of young people. The Underwood Singer did a great job in preparing for and singing at 'Singspiration.' They always enjoy singing with the other groups from our Coffee Creek sister churches. All churches presented fantastic musical selections. A BIG THANKS to Pastor Josh for his dedicated work in this endeavor!!

The church gathered on Memorial Day to remember, celebrate, and say thanks to those veterans who paid the ultimate price for our nation. The morning study from Ephesians 6:13-20 challenged us about being ready for the evil that the devil places before us as God's people. It also assured us that we have Victory through the blood of Jesus Christ!

We celebrated Mother's Day with a special message from Pastor David. Each lady then received a long stemmed rose and a cupcake as they exited for home. The roses lasted many days, and the cupcakes were delicious! This was compliments of our Deacons. Great choice!

We had an Italian Luncheon after worship on May 19. Our Pastor challenged us to sit with someone that we don't usually get to visit. There were lots of conversation and laughter. It was also fun to have a theme instead of "pot luck." Resident Italian connoisseur, Pete Compise, said the day was "*meravigliosa*." Word is that future these dinners are in the planning stages.

May's Business meeting included the financial report for our new floor in the Fellowship Hall. Actually, we cannot say it is new, because it is the exposed original concrete that was poured when our church was built in 1979. We just hired a company to come in and polish and seal the floor. It is paid in full with no financing and no pinch on the future monthly obligations. To God be the Glory!

We look forward to seeing what God will do next as we continue to serve Him!

Underwood Baptist Church

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

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

2024 Shepherd Deadlines noon on:

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.

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