

# *The Shepherd*

*Coffee Creek Association, August 2024*

## **Coffee Creek Baptist Association Fall Revival**

**“You Are a Chosen People”**, 1 Peter 2:9-10

September 9<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM nightly

Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, New Harmony, Pastor Keith Smith

Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, Hopewell, Pastor Jacob Ross

Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, Coffee Creek, 6 PM Youth Pastor Tyler Griffin, 7 PM Pastor Johnny Johnson

Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, Commisky, Pastor Steve Herald

Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, New Providence, Pastor Mike Cammack

## **From The Moderator**

### ***Calling All Pastors!***

Each month our associational pastors are invited to break bread together on the second Monday at Denny’s in Scottsburg. Our Region Minister, Rev. Steve Allen, meets with us for this time of fellowship, sharing, and encouragement. **Our next get together will be on Monday, 09 September at 1:00 p.m.** (this is a change from our previous gathering time). I send out a text each month as a reminder of this meeting. If you are not receiving the text, I do not have your number in my phone. Please text me your name, number, and church, and I will be happy to add you to this form of communication. My cell number is 812-722-7612.

I know that these gatherings are during the day and can be a difficult time for our bi-vocational pastors to meet. Some of us have thought about having an evening meeting, maybe once a quarter. If this is of interest to you, please reach out to me at my cell number, previously listed.

### ***Churches Seeking Pastors***

Please keep the Scaffold Lick church in your prayers as they search for a pastor. They are the only church that I am currently aware that does not have a stated pastor. If I am incorrect, please let me know.

### **Patty Short**

I know we've missed hearing from Patty over the last couple of months. Please be in prayer for Patty and her family. Her father-in-law has some health issues going on and she is providing a lot of the daily care.

### **Alpha**

Hope all is well with our Sister Association Churches.

Alpha will be having our annual church picnic at Johnita Meeks camp grounds on Wednesday, 28 August 2024 at 6:30pm. We always have a wonderful time. Alpha will be having our fall yard sale on Friday & Saturday 13 & 14

September 2024 from 9am til 4pm at the family center. We are located at 8089 N. Whitsitt Rd., Deputy, In. 47230-9600.

Many of us plan to attend the Coffee Creek Association fall Revival at our hosting sister churches on September 9th - 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Nightly. What a great time of worship and fellowship!

Alpha will be celebrating ABM Sunday on September 28, 2024 at our morning worship service and Jill Begley Robbins will be our guest speaker. We will be having a pitch-in lunch following the services. As you know, where there is a Baptist get together there must be food.

Pastor Stan Carroll

### **Austin**

We at Austin First Baptist want to thank Pastor Joshua Jackson for his 3 ½ years of faithful service to our congregation. Also, we would like to welcome our interim Pastor Phillip Meredith.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> we are to have our yearly Women's Sunday, our own Debra Stidham will be our speaker.

### **Bethany**

Lots happening at Bethany Baptist Church this month. We will be worshipping with Hopewell Baptist Church at Neavill's Grove, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 11 AM pitch in meal to follow, Pastor Steve Herald will bring the morning message.

Our monthly Fellowship Meal this month will be at Stream Cliff Farms on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM.

Water Color Paint Party, September 21st, 10AM-12PM in the Fellowship Hall bring snacks to share

Our choir is beginning to work on Christmas.

Covid has started to rear its ugly head again, please be in prayer for those suffering.

### **Bethel**

Bethel Baptist of Leota was privileged to be one of 31 congregations selected to participate in the Center for Congregations' Mental Health Initiative. During 2024, our planning team has had the opportunity to experience four different training experiences. We've learned more about what comprises good mental health. How mental health problems can affect our physical health and even our spiritual health.

We spent a good portion of the summer interviewing various people in our community and in our own church to learn what they think are the most critical mental health needs. The next step for our planning team is to take what we learned from the interviews and draft a plan of how we can address mental health problems in a way that can be sustainable even after the funding is gone.

We will submit a "draft" proposal to the Center for Congregations in mid-September with the final draft due mid-October. Our project officer, Shellie Jordan, will help us fine-tune our proposal. Then at the close of the year, we will receive \$40,000 that will be used for our project in 2025. We are excited to see how God can work through our project and be able to touch on mental health needs in our church and in our community.

Other Happenings at Bethel: our annual drive-through Nativity, "Journey to Bethlehem" is scheduled for Saturday, December 7 from 6:00-8:00pm. Walk-through is from 8:00-8:30. We have a scheduled a "rain date" for Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. So, in case of rain or stormy weather, the event will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> instead of the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Once again, we will collect canned goods, or non-perishable food items for the Clearinghouse. All cash donations will be given to the Edna Martin Christian Center food drive in February.

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 we will have our Bethlehem Concert. Last year's performers were Brian Allen, Josh Richards (from Flamekeeper), Kayla & Steve Griffen, and on the House. This year's performers are yet to be determined, but we will post as soon as we know. Donations & offerings go to the Edna Martin Christian Center for the February Coffee Creek Association Food drive.

## **Coffee Creek**

September is a big month; we have a lot going on.

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Dinner and Fellowship at 6pm, please RSVP with Pastor Keith 502-836-2020.

Sept. 9-13<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Creek Association Fall Revival 7pm. Theme is **“You Are a Chosen People”** 1 Peter 2:9-10 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light; <sup>10</sup> Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> – Rural Community Fellowship 7pm Coffee Creek Bapt. Speaker Jacob Ross Mission Jennings County Coordinating Council

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Creek Bapt. VBS-Youth Night 6-9pm Camp Fire & Hotdogs

Love  
Pastor Keith

## **SBYCamp**

SBYCamp is buzzing with excitement as we reflect on a remarkable summer! We're thrilled to announce a 19% growth in summer attendance, welcoming more campers than last year. Even more inspiring, 47 campers made the life-changing decision to give their lives to Christ—an incredible testament to the impact of this ministry. This was such an awesome season, with everyone raving about the new program activities and changes at Camp, which have added even more fun and enrichment to the experience. One of everyone's favorite is our new mobile climbing wall! This has been a fun, and a bit scary, program this year!!! Because it is mobile, we're excited to offer it to churches for their events, providing a fun and engaging activity for all ages. This is a great opportunity to bring a taste of SBYCamp to your community, and also for us to promote our camp while the wall is in use. If your church is interested, let us know, and we can make arrangements to bring the adventure to you! As we look ahead, the enthusiasm continues to build for the upcoming fall and winter events, and we can't wait to see what God has in store next! If you would, please add the following events to your calendar and learn more about them from [sbycamp.com](http://sbycamp.com)!

Sept 29: Concert Under the Stars

Oct 13: Paint & Fizzy Party

November: Begin Decoration for Bethlehem Lights

Nov 1-2: Ignite

Nov 1-16: Camp Tshirt Fundraiser

Nov 17: Christmas Craft Day

Dec 6, 7, 13, & 14: Bethlehem Lights

We are filled with excitement and anticipation to see where God will lead SBYCamp in the future, as we continue to be a place where God is transforming lives for Him! Thank you so much for all your support of this incredible place!

Chris Kallal, Executive Director

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

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

2024 Shepherd Deadlines noon on:

09/28/2024      10/26/2024      11/23/2024      12/21/2024

Please mark your calendars.

Thank You,

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