

The Shepherd

Coffee Creek Association, September 2024

From The Moderator

Quarterly Executive Board Meeting

Our next Executive Board meeting will be on Sunday, 6 October, 2:00 p.m., with the Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church. This is when our officers and coordinators come together to coordinate and plan for the life of our association. All pastors of our churches are also members, and we encourage you to come and represent your church. Pastor, if you cannot attend, please ask a church member to take your place.

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, 14 October at 1:00 p.m. 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 Austin First and Scaffold Lick churches in your prayers as they each search for a pastor. They are the only churches that I am currently aware that do not have a stated pastor. If I am incorrect, please let me know.

Pastor Tim Mohon, Moderator

Alpha

Greetings to Coffee Creek Association Churches. Pray all is well with you.

We had a successful yard sale and want to thank all that participated in any way.

We will be celebrating ABW ladies Sunday on September 29, 2024 and Jill Begley Robbins will be our guest speaker. We always look forward to this special time of worship. We will also be having a fellowship dinner following the morning service.

Alpha participated with the Rural Community Fellowship at Coffee Creek Baptist Church; Rev. Jacob Ross of Commisky Baptist Church brought the wonderful message and we had a time of fellowship and refreshments after the service. It was well attended and enjoyed by all. The next service will be at Commisky Baptist Church and Pastor Stan Carroll will bring the message. That service will be on October 17, 2024 at 7pm and all are invited.

Alpha will be hosting the ABW fall conference on October 22, 2024.

Looking forward to our next Association get together.

In His Service,
Pastor Stan Carroll

Austin

Sunday, September 22nd, was our annual Women's Day with our very own Debra Stidham as our speaker. She told us how God had blessed and led her in various avenues of employment. During this time as a bank employee, teacher and now retirement, she continues to bless other with her many talents.

We plan to be busy in October. October 5th will be a work day here at the church. On October 12th we will have a Chili Supper cook off with free will offering going towards the benevolence fund. October 25th we will be participating in the City of Austin's 3rd Annual Freight Night. Finally on October 27th we will have ordination of Patty Brown as our newest deacon.

Bethany

As we move from summer to fall our calendars become very busy. We begin thinking about the upcoming holidays and how we can prepare for them. We will host our monthly fellowship on Tuesday, October 1st at 1 PM with a Soup pitch-in and a time of prayer and fellowship.

We will celebrate our fall and harvest time with a hayride and time of fellowship around the firepit on Friday, October 18th beginning at 6:30 PM. Our choir has started practicing their Christmas Cantata, it will be here before we know it! And plans are underway to have a wreath decorating party on October 20th at 4 PM to make new wreaths to decorate for Christmas.

Kimberlin Creek

The summer months are always very busy times in the life of our congregation, as can be seen from the months of August and September. As we look towards the fall, we will continue to seek out ways to worship and serve our Lord Jesus Christ and build our church family.

Since last year's Homecoming, we have been celebrating "175 Years of God's Blessings," in various ways. Every other month we have been blessed with a former pastor coming to preach for us, with the most recent being Rev. Greg Hughley in August. Each Anniversary Sunday we have had a Men's Choir to bring us special music. Pam Mohon, Janet Bledsoe, and Linda McDonald put together a Cookbook for us (a few copies are yet remaining, if you would like to purchase one for \$10.00). At this year's September Homecoming, Rev. Mark Thompson, our region's Executive Minister, brought the message and we had an amazing day in the Lord! Thank you to our anniversary committee for leading this year-long celebration: Pastor Tyler Griffin, chair, Janet Bledsoe, Susan Kloke, Linda McDonald, Pastor Tim and Pam Mohon, Jeff Riley, Dana Stephens.

Pastor Tim continues to lead us through bringing God's word and providing pastoral care. He is presently presenting a sermon series on "Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians and to Us" and has recently completed a midweek series on the book of Galatians (we are now in the book of Ruth on Wednesday evenings). He has reached out to quite a few who have undergone hospitalizations and sicknesses in the last two months, including the passing of our dear sister, Diana Marshall, earlier this week (we will be having her services on 30 September and our ladies will be providing a bountiful dinner for the family afterwards). PT also performed the wedding of Larry McNeely and Roxann Wilson in September.

Pastor Tyler and Leah Griffin continue to lead our 4:12 Youth Ministry in a myriad of activities and ministries. In August, they organized our Back to School Bash, presented a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, and hosted a church-wide Cook Out at the Griffin's home. Pastor Tyler led the Association Youth Night of the Revival Services, and our youth were excited to take part. And this does not even mention their weekly times of Bible study and fellowship! In October, our youth will be attending the SBYC Paint and Fizzie Party, and will pass out candy at Hardy Lake on the 26th, and at the Scottsburg Square on the 31st (and our church will be collecting candy all month long to support these events).

Kingdom Kids, our children's ministry led by Angie Avendano, is very active with weekly times of Bible study and fellowship. This month they will be having a Rummage Sale on 11-12 October and a Lock In overnight on 18 October.

Our church enjoys being active in American Baptist life. We were represented each evening of this year's CCBA Revival Services, an amazing time of spiritual renewal and fellowship with our sister churches. As we type this, Pastor Tyler and Leah Griffin are in Muncie at our Regional

Biennial representing us in our American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky family. During the month of October, we will be receiving the World Mission Offering that we direct to the work of Nzunga and Kihomi, American Baptist Missionaries in the Dominican Republic.

We seek to reach out to our community in a variety of ways. COMBAT, our men's ministry under the leadership of Jeff Riley, continues to build ramps for those in need in our community. They also had a fish fry fundraiser this month, to acquire the needed funds to build those ramps. Susan Kloke opens our clothing ministry, Shared Blessings, every third Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stephen Spicer keeps our blessings boxes full of good foods through our Hands and Feet of Jesus Ministry. On Sunday, 20 October, we will have a church-wide Highway Cleanup on State Route 356.

A major outreach for us each year is Operation Christmas Child. Angie Avendano, project leader, continues to lead in our year-round collection of items for the shoeboxes, and will be having an OCC Preparation Day on Sunday, 13 October. Darlene and Stephen Littlepage, Drop Off Center Coordinators, are busy planning for National Collection Week, when our building will be open each day for churches and others in our community to bring in their shoeboxes. Please bring your church's shoeboxes to us the week of 18-25 November.

As we look towards October, we see quite a few ways that we will serve the Lord and enjoy serving with one another. In addition to those already mentioned, we will be having an old-fashioned Hayride and Soup Supper on Friday, 4 October at 6:30 p.m. Please come and join us for this time of celebration and fellowship.

Pastor Tim Mohon, Senior Pastor

New Harmony

AFTER FINISHING REVIVAL LAST NIGHT, THE VERSE ON MY MIND IS OUR THEME FOR THE WEEK. 1 PETER 2:9- BUT YOU ARE A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR GOD'S OWN POSSESSION, SO THAT YOU MAY PROCLAIM THE EXCELLENCIES OF HIM WHO HAS CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT;. WE NEED TO START ACTING LIKE WE ARE CHOSEN AND NOT A WOE AS ME, DOWN ON OUR LUCK, JOYLESS CHRISTIAN. THIS IS HOW WE WILL WIN OTHERS TO JESUS. THEY WILL SEE HOW WE ACT IN OUR TRIALS AND IN GOOD TIMES AND WILL WANT WE HAVE. THIS WILL OPEN A DOOR TO THEIR HEARTS SO WE CAN START TELLING THEM ABOUT THE ONE WHO SAVED US.

UPDATES: I'M SORRY I HAVE NOT BEEN SENDING IN OUR NEWS AND EVENTS. JOHNNY AND I BOTH WORK FULL TIME AND ARE BUSY. I PLAN ON WRITING AND

BEFORE I REALIZE IT, TIME HAS GOTTEN AWAY FROM ME AND I MISSED ANOTHER SHEPHERD DUE DATE.

MARCH- OUR LADIES GROUP HAD AN OUTING TO COLUMBUS TO PAINT POTTERY AND HAVE LUNCH AT CAMILLAS. WE REALLY ENJOYED OUR FELLOWSHIP. WE ALSO HAD OUR COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT AND WE HAD A WONDERFUL TURNOUT AND THE KIDS ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PAINT EGGS AND ENJOY A BOUNCE HOUSE.

APRIL- WE HAD A WORSHIP NIGHT WITH ON THE HOUSE

MAY- WE HAD OUR FIRST VENDOR EVENT OF THE YEAR. WE HAD A GREAT TURNOUT WITH BEAUTIFUL WEATHER AND ALSO HAD A CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT DURING THAT TIME AS WELL. OUR LADIES GROUP WENT TO A NURSING REHAB FACILITY TO HAVE LUNCH WITH OUR SISTER, SHARI. SHE WAS RECOVERING FROM HIP SURGERY. SHE IS MUCH BETTER NOW AND IS RETURNING TO WORK.

JUNE- THIS MONTH WE HAD VBS. WE TEAMED UP WITH 2 OTHER LOCAL CHURCHES, NEW SONG CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND KENT BAPTIST CHURCH. THE KIDS LEARNED ABOUT JONAH, MADE CRAFTS, HAD SNACKS, MUSIC AND A FUN AFTER PARTY. ALSO, OUR LADIES GROUP MET AT THE CHURCH FOR LUNCH AND PAINTING PORTRAITS OF EACH OTHER AND HAD LOTS OF LAUGHS.

JULY- WE HAD OUR ANNUAL THUNDER OVER NEW HARMONY WITH AT LEAST A 45 MINUTE FIREWORKS SHOW, FOOD, CORNHOLE AND FELLOWSHIP. THIS IS ALSO A COMMUNITY EVENT.

OUR LADIES WENT OUT FOR LUNCH AT CRACKER BARREL AND THEN WENT TO KNOBSTONE FLOWER FARM TO PICK BEAUTIFUL BOUQUETS OF FLOWERS.

AUGUST- WE PARTNERED WITH THE JEFFERSON COUNTY GOODWILL CONSERVATION CLUB AND HAD A BACK TO SCHOOL BASH. THE KIDDOS HAD ACCESS TO FOOD, FUN, HAIRCUTS AND JOINTLY AROUND 150 BACKPACKS WERE PASSED OUT WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

SEPTEMBER- WE STARTED THIS MONTH WITH A COLD MOVIE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS. WE WATCHED THE BLIND. IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN IT, WE RECOMMEND IT!! WE JUST FINISHED OUR COFFEE CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION REVIVAL. WE HOSTED MONDAY NIGHT AND PASTOR JOHNNY PREACHED WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT COFFEE CREEK BAPTIST. IT WAS A WONDERFUL WEEK AND IF YOU DID NOT MAKE IT YOU MISSED OUT. WE ARE HAVING OUR SECOND VENDOR EVENT ON 9/21.

UPCOMING- OCTOBER 19 2024 6-9 PM IS OUR ANNUAL HARVEST BLAST WITH TRUNK TREAT, BOUNCE HOUSE, PUMPKIN PAINTING AND A SOUP COOK OFF. THIS IS OPEN TO OUR COMMUNITY SO BRING OUT YOUR LITTLES.

FOLLOW OUR NEW HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ALL OUR ACTIVITIES AND TO LISTEN TO PASTOR JOHNNY EACH WEEK.

WE STILL ARE DOING OUR FOOD BOX MINISTRY AND WE ARE NOW COLLECTING TOILETRIES FOR THE WOMEN'S PRISON IN MADISON. THIS IS FOR THE WOMEN WHO DO NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO BUY WHAT THEY NEED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP JUST MESSAGE US ON FACEBOOK OR TEXT ME AT 812-595-2848

RUTH JOHNSON

Scottsburg

Greetings to all churches in the Coffee Creek Association; I pray that you had a blessed summer, even in the midst of all the heat. This Sunday, September 29th at 10 AM FBC will have our Fifth Sunday Praise and Worship Service. This service will feature music, testimonies, and a reading from our very talented congregation. Immediately after the service we will have our Fifth Sunday Fellowship Dinner. Our menu for this dinner is soup and sandwiches and the dinner wouldn't be complete without the wonderful deserts, all of which are from the congregation. We are very thankful for the forecasted rain and our prayers are with all of those affected by Hurricane Helene. The past few months have been very busy as the Trustees have done a lot of work getting the church ready for the upcoming months. This included installing a new steel double-door at the kitchen entrance of the church, replacing the old wooden doors. They did a fantastic job. As you know the months are going to start flying by with Pastor Appreciation Month, Halloween Trick or Treat, Thanksgiving, Advent, Carols and Choirs, culminating with the birth of Lord, Christmas Day. These are times for wonderful blessings, fellowship, and for remembering that it is God who is in control and who loves us. One of my favorite verses in the Bible is Jeremiah 29:11; "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (NIV). May the Lord bless you,

Pastor Kevin Sills

Underwood

Where has the Summer gone!?

On Sunday it became easier to believe that Fall is here. Large wreaths of fall leaves graced our Church foyer doors. Everyone arrived in a beautifully decorated sanctuary. Fall mums and bright sunflowers are placed in the windowsills. The baptistry is lined with greenery and fall colors. This setting is perfect for the greatest thing that our church ever does, baptize a new believer! This will be occurring at UBC the last Sunday of September. To God be the Glory!!!

September has been a very eventful month. We had the annual business meeting for the election of new officers. We had a HUGE yard sale which morphed into our Pole Barn being open for most of a week. Our congregation turned out to help and the fellowship was amazing. AB Women had snacks available for a donation. Everyone enjoyed "hanging out" with each other and our neighbors who dropped by. Everyone found things that we had that they couldn't live without! God blessed our efforts greater than we could imagine! His blessings of fellowship and financial gain were our focus of praise during the following Sunday worship service.

In September UBC celebrates AB Women's Ministries with a "Woman's Sunday." Our guest preacher was Meta Clark. She preached along the National ABW theme of Be Strong, Be Courageous. Her sermon is available on our Facebook page, and you are invited to listen! We had 27 women and girls in attendance. Each woman was greeted with a red heart to wear over her heart and with the written verse from 2 Thes. 2:16-17. She got a hug and the quick prayer of "May God strengthen your heart!" We thank the LORD, and Meta, for the sermon which did indeed strengthen our hearts! We thank Pastor David for also sharing in our celebration by continuing in the role of the Pastoral Prayer, and for the invitation and benediction of the Service.

We thank God for how He continues to work among our congregation and bring us closer to Him. We thank Him for the upcoming baptism of new life into the Body of Christ.

Until next month,
Underwood Baptist Church

SBYCamp

Fall Retreat Season has kicked off at camp with every weekend FULL!!! At the beginning of the month, we wrapped up an awesome Family Camp, with five more families joining us than last year—three of them experiencing camp for the first time! This coming Sunday will be our Concert Under the Stars with "doors opening" at 6:00pm. This will be a Free Fundraiser event for Camp that is sure to be a great time! Now with Family Camp over, we have to official summer numbers:

- Addition of 15 new activity areas at Camp (11 in 2023)
- 1 Climbing Wall given to Camp!!!
- 95 total Cabin Leaders volunteering their time out here (5 more than 2023)
- 29 Camp Staff working behind the scenes
- Camper Gender Breakdown: 59% Girls and 41% Boys
- Camper Attendance had a 21% increase from 2023 (that's 104 more campers)
- 25.5% of campers say they do not attend a church so we have suggested ABC churches in their areas for them to attend!
- 47 decisions for Salvation!

We have tons of upcoming events this fall so be sure to check out our website, sbycamp.com for all the adventures that await!!!

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:

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

Please mark your calendars.

Thank You,

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