

The Shepherd

Coffee Creek Association, October 2024

From Patty Short

CCA ABWM

Women's Day 2024 has come and gone now—there were nearly 100 ladies present and I'm told it was a great day! We also had our Fall Conference on Tuesday, October 22, at Alpha Baptist with 20 ladies present, most from our Association but 2 ladies from Hayden joined us since they do not have an active association now. I have the next state newsletter to distribute to all of you which I should be able to do during the week of Halloween. Lots of news in the newsletter so be sure to read it once you receive it!

On a personal note, my father-in-law, Prentice Short Sr., died on Saturday, October 19 and his private funeral is this weekend. My husband and I greatly appreciate all the prayer support we were given during his illness as we cared for him (along with his daughter.) Prayers are still welcome as we start the task of cleaning out his house and settling his estate over the coming months. I will be able to resume my usual duties with ABWM now so hope to start visiting our churches again very soon.

Patty Short, CCA ABWM President

Alpha

Hello Coffee Creek Association Churches. Hope all is well with you.

Alpha is continuing to be blessed as we prepare for the fall and winter season. I was privileged to bring the message for the Rural Community Fellowship meeting at Commiskey Baptist Church. This was the last meeting until spring of 2025.

Alpha ABW was host for the ABW fall conference on October 22, 2024 and was blessed to have Coleen Smith, missionary to Brazil, as their guest speaker. Everyone enjoyed hearing her and also had a great time of fellowship and refreshments for breakfast and lunch.

We also had our October ABW & ABM meetings on October 23, 2024 and had a great time of refreshments and fellowships afterwards.

We are going to be especially blessed on Sunday, October 27, 2024 to be ordaining Mike Pruett and Brad Bowman as Deacons during our morning service. We are having a pitch-in lunch after our service.

Stan Carroll, Pastor

Bethany

At Bethany Baptist, we brought a small message about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the midst of a bonfire, hay ride, and wiener roast. We all had a good time as we stressed the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. You see sometime our time here on earth will come to an end and then we will go to Judgement Day. Without a personal relationship with Jesus, we will be lost for all eternity. We do not want to see our neighbors and family lost to the lake of fire for all of eternity because they are not covered by the blood of Jesus. We need to boldly bring the message of repentance for our sins to all those that we love and know. We do not want to see any left behind because they are living in sin. Jesus, God's one and only true son, came to the earth to bring us Truth (how God really felt about stuff) and Grace (undeserved forgiveness of our sins). Jesus became our blood shed on the cross for the remission of our sins. Jesus paid the price for our sins and we only have to accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior to be ready for eternity. We are looking forward to Christmas and the Choir is preparing a Christmas cantata. A cookie exchange is planned for the first Tuesday in December. Be there or be square. Cause everyone knows Christmas cookies make you round.

Bethel

Greetings & Shalom from Bethel Baptist in downtown Leota, Indiana.

Like many of you, we have been enjoying the sounds (combines & tractors), temperatures, and autumnal colors. Many folks in our community enjoyed a "Blessings for the Harvest" service last Sunday followed later that evening with a soup picnic, hayride and smores by the fire. The pumpkin catapult enjoyed by many in previous years was conspicuously absent this year. Though a favorite among kids and adults, Pastor Bruce felt convicted (after hitting a deacon the previous year) to give the catapult a rest. Pastor Bruce noted that "it just won't do to go around maiming or killing the deacons." If any of you folks are interested in acquiring a good, low-milage pumpkin-pult with apparent homing instinct for unwary deacons, please give him a call.

Like a bunch of little ants, we are running around making preparations for Bethlehem in Leota. We look forward to getting Leota all gussied-up and sharing the good news of our Savior's birth. "Journey to Bethlehem" (our live nativity) will take place on 11/7 from 6-8pm. Rain date is 11/14. The Leota Christmas concert will be on 11/15 beginning at 6:00pm. Featured performers are "On The House", Brian Allen & Josh Richards, Kayla & Steve Griffen, Bomar & Ritter, and Brandon Visetchaisri.

Admission for the Concert and the Drive through Bethlehem is a donation of non-perishable food items and/or \$\$ which will be donated to the Scott County Clearinghouse and the Edna Martin Christian Center.

In 2025, Bethel Baptist will be exploring ways churches can have a more active part in helping folks achieve good mental health. This comes from grant support from the Center for Congregations. We will begin with a Mental Health Fair complete with a dinner and keynote speaker in January. First Baptist Church of Scottsburg has agreed to let us host this event at their church. We will invite all of our Coffee Creek Friends to attend this event. The church with the most folks attending will win a \$250 gift card to Menard's. (Could be helpful with some of those pesky church repairs.) We have many more things

planned for 2025 in which we will be inviting sister churches to participate. So be looking for these opportunities all through 2025.

Coffee Creek

We will be having our 2nd annual Church Bazaar on November 2nd from 10-2pm. Come out and get a bowl of chili a piece of pie and a drink for just six dollars also you can come and pick up some Christmas crafts. We also will be having our November Wednesday night fellowship dinner on Wednesday, November 6 at 6 PM.

On Sunday, November 24, we will have our Thanksgiving day dinner after church come and join us.

Pastor Keith Smith

Kimberlin Creek

Biggest event coming up for us is we are again the Drop Off sight in Scott County for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. The schedule is as follows: Monday, November 18, 1-3 PM; Tuesday, November 19, 6-8 PM; Wednesday, November 20, 1-3 PM; Thursday, November 21, 5-7 PM; Friday, November 22, 4-6 PM; Saturday, November 23, 10 a.m.-12 PM; Sunday, November 24, 12-3 PM; Monday, November 25, 9-11 a.m. So, if you or your church has boxes for this, please bring them to one of our drop off days.

As Pastor Tim mentioned last month (and I want to thank him for sending that letter as I was in Louisiana visiting my daughter and her family for a week) we did have our old-fashioned Hayride & Soup Supper earlier this month. We had lots of soup with lots of people attending. The wagon for the hayride was very full and we had a wonderful time with Lawrence Parks taking us through a lot of the counties back roads. Some in our group had never been on a hayride before.

Our Kingdom Kids did a wonderful job with their Rummage Sale. They raised over \$1100 and they had lots of fun during their Lock-in. Coming up in November they plan a Fall Blessings outing where they will be going to visit several of our shut-ins. The kids love visiting our older generation and our older generation loves visits from our kids.

Our 4:12 Youth will be going to FUSION at the First Baptist Church of New Castle in November. They will also be having their annual Friendsgiving meal on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

We will also be having another Blood Drive on Tuesday, November 26 from 1-6 PM. If you can give blood, be sure to come to this event.

And I am sure many of you may know our sister, Ms. Carol Gibson who went to be with our Lord on Tuesday, October 22. Our church family will miss her a lot. She was always one of our faithful Sunday School attendees. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Judy Peacock, Church Secretary

SBYCamp

What an AWESOME October!!!! We have had events every weekend and several weekdays out here at Camp!!! What a huge blessing to see how God is using this Camp in so many ways! We have had a Concert Fundraiser (which had to be indoors due to rain), a Fall Advance (Event for Camp Staff around the state to get together and "talk shop"), Rentals, Fuse (teen Retreat), a Wedding (the couple met at Family Camp here), Wood Cutting Day, and right now, we are between 2 Emmaus weekends! We are definitely keeping busy!

Here's some of the upcoming events to put on your calendars now:

1. Sunday, Oct 27 from 4-8pm - Columbus Panera Bread Fundraiser
2. Nov 1-2 - Ignite Retreat for Teens
3. Nov 1-17 - Camp Shirt Fundraiser
4. Nov 10 - Annual Trustee Meeting
5. Dec 6, 7, 13, 14 - Bethlehem Lights (Churches can begin decorating NOW!!! If you don't have a cabin, we have other areas your church can help decorate!)

Thank you so much for all your prayers and support of this place!! We look forward to hopefully seeing you out here at Camp!

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:

11/23/2024 12/21/2024

Please mark your calendars.

Thank You,

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