

The Shepherd

Coffee Creek Association, November 2024

IT'S TIME FOR CAROLS AND CHOIRS!

As we enter the Advent season, it is time for us to come together for Carols and Choirs on Sunday, 1 December 2024, commencing at 6:00 p.m., hosted by the Scottsburg, First Baptist Church! What will your church be sharing for this time of worship and festivities? Please give Pastor Tim Mohon, 812-722-7612, a phone call and let him to know so that your church can be added to the order of service. Don't forget that our offering will be for the Edna Martin Christian Center, and that we will be receiving turkeys, canned goods, etc. for their ministries. Also, Scottsburg First is planning on a dessert reception following the service and asks everyone to bring goodies to share. Looking forward to seeing everyone as we sing and lift up praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

From Patty Short

CCA ABWM

Sewing Seeds of Love resumed this fall. We meet monthly (except December) at various churches within our association. We met Tuesday, November 19 at New Providence Baptist Church with 11 present to work on our current project. Our next meeting will be January 21 at Coffee Creek Baptist Church from 6-8 pm; the host church serves a light supper. This is open to both men and women. Our current project is to make 300 stuffed bunnies to give to C.R.A.D.L.E. over the coming months. No sewing skills are necessary--right now we are tracing and cutting 4200 pieces for the bunnies!

If you aren't familiar with C.R.A.D.L.E., it is a Pregnancy/Family Resource Center located in Scottsburg. They offer numerous services to those about to become parents as well as those who are already parents, including but not limited to clothing, formula, diapers, counseling and infant furniture. You can follow them on Facebook at "Cradle Family resource Center-FRC."

DISASTER RELIEF

Perhaps you have been following the devastating effects of the hurricanes that landed this fall. Numerous states were impacted. While I don't take groups to these states, my heart goes out to these people and I am following some of the recovery process in Western North Carolina. There are numerous groups on Facebook that share information—the pictures show roads washed out, trees uprooted, landslides, houses damaged or gone completely and even some streams/creeks/small rivers actually relocated after all the flooding. Many people are still living in tents/temporary housing. Most people now

have electricity and some have had their water services restored but there is still much need for assistance/volunteers to help due to the large geographic area impacted.

Indian-Kentuck Baptist Church (outside of Madison) led a group of volunteers to the area to help in October and are currently putting together a toy drive. You can read about it in this week's issue of *The Observer* e-mail version that was just published on Thursday, November 21.

Another way you can help is to visit the area. This region is highly dependent upon tourists for their local economy. So if you are looking for a getaway, visit this region—just check with the town you want to visit to make sure they are actually open to tourists (some are but others are not). There are again many postings on Facebook that give this information.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Carols and Choirs on Sunday, December 1 at 6 pm at Scottsburg FBC!

Patty Short, CCA ABWM President

Alpha

Greetings to our Coffee Creek Association Churches. We hope you have a blessed Thanksgiving Sunday and a wonderful Thanksgiving Day with your family and friends.

We at Alpha just had a great time at our ABW and ABM meetings this past Wednesday night. We are looking forward to our worship time together this Harvest Sunday, November 24, 2024. Some of us will be dressing in the attire of days past. It is a fun time and we will also bring canned food to share with those in need. We will also be having a pitch-in dinner following the morning worship service.

Several of our men went to the Association ABM meeting at Commiskey Baptist Church on November 12, 2024. The meeting was well attended and Pastor Jacob Ross gave an inspiring devotion. And of course, being Baptist, we had a time of refreshment and fellowship.

On December 1, 2024 we will be having "The Hanging of The Greens" for our morning worship and will be attending the "Carols and Choirs" at 6pm. at First Baptist Church, Scottsburg, Indiana. Our choir will be bringing a special as part of the program. Thank you, Scottsburg First Baptist Church, for hosting this wonderful time of worship as our churches come together to praise our Lord and also help the Edna Martin Christian Center with their wonderful work. What a glorious way to bring in the Christmas Season.

It's hard to believe that we are entering into the last month of the year and with the Lord's blessings will soon be entering 2025. As Christians we have a lot to be thankful for; but, we also have a lot to be praying for now and into the new year. There is a lot of turmoil going on in America and around the world. People are crying out for peace. Jesus Christ is the prince of peace and if the people will turn to Him peace can replace the anxiety and hatred that is so prominent. Our Christian prayers and examples do make a difference.

Hope to see you at the "Carols and Choirs".

Pastor Stan

Austin

Thanksgiving comes to us in many forms. On Saturday, November 16th, we had our bountiful Harvest meal. Yesterday, November 17th, we were blessed with a baptismal service of a young boy (great grandson of our interim minister Pastor Phil) from Alabama.

December looks like a month of many blessings. December 1st Communion and beginning of Advent. December 8th we will have a luncheon after our morning service. December 22nd will be our Christmas program during morning worship. December 24th Christmas Eve Service at 6 PM.

Bethany

It has been a busy time at Bethany. The ladies have been busy making Cookies in a Jar, addressing Christmas cards and will be getting together to make Christmas Chex Mix to pass out while Christmas Caroling on December 22nd at 5 PM.

Our youth got together after church this past Sunday to decorate the Christmas tree. We are very thankful that we have kids and workers willing to come together and get the church ready. Later that evening, we celebrated Thanksgiving with plenty of food and fellowship. It was wonderful to have so many come together.

Our annual Cookie Exchange will be on Tuesday, December 3rd at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Our meal will consist of "dips". Everyone is welcome to join us, just bring a couple dozen cookies along with a dip to share.

Coffee Creek

Happy Thanksgiving: The month of December will be very full at Coffee Creek Baptist, on Wednesday December 4th we will be having Christmas With Aaron Stainbrook at 7pm, then on December 6th we will be having a Youth Christmas Party from 6:30-8:30pm all youth from all churches are welcome, and we will be having our Christmas Eve Candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 6pm. Remember Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

Pastor Keith

Kimberlin Creek

Greetings from Kimberlin Creek,

As I write this, we are in the middle of our week of Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drop Off week at our church. So far, we have had over 450 shoeboxes dropped off including our 150 boxes. Our kids love collecting items for our boxes and love filling them too. We will continue to collect boxes through Monday

morning, November 25th. So, if you see this in time and still have boxes to deliver somewhere, bring them to us by 11 a.m. on Monday.

Also, coming up next week on Tuesday, November 26th the Red Cross will be here for another Blood Drive. The times are from 1-6 PM. If you are able to give, please come and "Give the Gift of Life" for someone in need.

Then we want to wish everyone a HAPPY THANKSGIVING. We pray that everyone is able to have a great meal and spend time with their families.

On Saturday after Thanksgiving, we hope several of our church family will be here to help decorate the church for Christmas. It is one of my favorite activities to do. Decorating for Christmas helps to get me in the spirit and the church looks so bright and beautiful when we are done. Jesus was born in a lowly manger, but the world now is just so lovely because HE brought Christmas into our lives. Thank you God for giving us your son.

Pastor Tim Mohon started us on thinking about meditation on Wednesday night. It is mentioned lots of times in the Old Testament mostly in Psalm. He asked us to read and meditate on Nehemiah 8:10 this week. You may want to, also.

Pastor Tyler Griffin and our 4:12 Youth will be Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army at Wal-Mart on Saturday, November 30th from 4-6 PM and again on December 21st from 10 a.m.-12 PM. Be sure to stop by and give them a donation.

Judy Peacock, Church Secretary

Scottsburg

Greetings to our sister churches in the Coffee Creek Association; we pray that everyone will have a thankful and blessed Thanksgiving. It's snowing this morning as I'm writing this which is getting me ready for Carols and Choirs. We at FBC Scottsburg are honored that we are able to host this wonderful event. It is a great pleasure to see all of our brothers and sisters in Christ at this time of the year. I am especially grateful to be able to be with you in-person this year. As you may remember I was at home last year recovering from hip replacement surgery. Watching the program on Facebook was nice, but it's not the same as being with all of you. If you have been coming to Carols and Choirs year after year, it'll be good to fellowship with you again. If you haven't been to Carols and Choirs before, it is a wonderful time to celebrate the Christmas season and to meet folks from other churches in the association. I pray for safe travel for those coming from the Edna Martin Center and all people coming to the program. May God's blessings continue to rain (snow) down upon you! Yours in Christ,

Pastor Kevin

Underwood

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in the LORD!

November has been a month of preparation for the upcoming Holiday season. We have celebrated our Holiday Feast, a special pitch-in luncheon combining both Christmas and Thanksgiving. Pastor David preached on giving as we celebrated Veterans Day and the Dedication of the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Both events are a perfect example of giving! It was a very appropriate message as we prepare to go into the Christmas season of giving.

Our choir is preparing several gifts of songs for December. We will be participating in the annual Carols and Choirs. We are looking forward to singing with you other churches as we do the closing song of the evening. Our Choir will have a special selection each week leading up to Christmas.

Our ABWM will have a Christmas Party December 8 at 3 PM. We will report the particulars to you in the next newsletter, but we are preparing in November!

Santa will be visiting Underwood on Wednesday December 18 at 6 PM. All are welcome to attend and get a family picture made with Santa! Participants get to climb up into a real sleigh and sit with Santa. Background is our brick fireplace with a huge, gorgeous Christmas wreath and Christmas Trees. We are preparing a craft activity for the children and a goodie bag from Santa. There will be snacks of course! You may come and go as you wish.

We will be having a Christmas Eve Service at 6 PM. If your congregation is not planning a service, please come and worship with us. It is the real meaning of Christmas!

May everyone have a Blessed Holiday Season,

Underwood Baptist Church

SBYCamp

Bethlehem Lights: Drive Through Light Display & Live Nativity

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

December 6-7, 2024

AND

December 13-14, 2024

5:00-8:00PM

What you will see while here:

A light display of the cabins, chapel, dean's cabin, and Grace Hall

Live Nativity - Come see the live nativity and share the story of Jesus with your family.

Snacks - There will be several free snack options.

Selfie Stations - These picture stations will be located inside Grace Hall and allow your family a free photo session in front of a Christmas themed background, taken with your cell phone!

Tree House - Our camp store will be open with items to sell for last minute Christmas gifts.

Music and Carols in the Chapel - come experience the beauty and amazing acoustics of the chapel. Enjoy this time with family where you can sit and listen or sing along to some Christmas music.

COFFEE CREEK ASSOC. UPCOMING EVENTS

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

2024 Shepherd Deadlines noon on:

12/21/2024

Please mark your calendars.

Thank You,

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