

# *The Shepherd*

*Coffee Creek Association, January 2025*

## **CCA Scholarship**

It's that time of the year. It's time to begin thinking about those planning to head off to our colleges and universities in the fall. One of the great ministries of the CCA is to provide scholarship(s) to the qualifying children of our membership churches. Attached to this newsletter, is the scholarship form and the rules for application. For those applicants, please read the directions carefully and thoroughly. Complete the form and send it to Rev. David Schill, Pastor of Underwood Baptist. (Contact information included). The association looks forward to awarding several scholarships to qualifying and deserving members.

## **From Patty Short**

### **Coffee Creek Association ABWM**

The officers met and have started planning our Spring Conference. It will be on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at First Marion Baptist Church. Look for more information in the coming weeks. We also need 2 more officers, Secretary and Love Gift/Literature/Scholarship. If you would like to be an officer, please contact Patty Short.

Sewing Seeds of Love for January was cancelled due to the extreme cold weather. Our next gathering will be February 18 from 6-8 pm at Coffee Creek Baptist Church. We hope you will join us!

We hope your church is supporting our Edna Martin Christian Center food drive this month. Our association is one of the biggest contributors among ABC churches of Indiana that give to the Edna Martin Christian Center food pantry. We are also fortunate in that we may be the only association in the state of Indiana that makes this a joint project with both AB Men and ABWM! Our men are as passionate about this as the women and that is a wonderful blessing. We will meet on Saturday, February 8, at Aldi's in Seymour at 9 am to load the food that we have ordered. We will also spend any additional funds that have been provided. Once loaded, we will travel to the Edna Martin Christian Center to offload our goods. It is always a fun-filled day for all of our participants! Some of this work is outdoors so dress accordingly. If you have never helped with this project, I encourage you to do so!

## **Mission Trips**

Our team met and has begun planning 2 of this year's mission trips. The first one will be on March 23-26, 2025; we will be going to Winchester/Randolph County in Indiana. This area had an EF-3 tornado on

March 14, 2024, and had numerous structures destroyed or damaged so we will help them with their rebuilding. Registration forms will be available in early February; participants from the age of 10 years and older are invited to join us. There is no cost to participants.

Our second trip will be June 9-13, 2025, and we will be going to Western North Carolina. They had hurricane Helene last fall with widespread destructions of homes, roads, businesses, etc. Many details for this trip have yet to be completed. There is no cost to participants.

### **Funding our Mission Trips**

We are looking into additional ways of funding our mission trips. As you know, there is no cost to any of our participants. This allows all people to attend. We use a small amount of our donations to cover our expenses but mostly we leave monetary gifts or needed items in the communities where we serve. If we have more funds, we can give even more to these communities. Since this is an effort that involves all ABC churches in Indiana/KY, we will continue to ask for donations. This year we will be doing more fund raising as well.

One of the new methods of raising funds is to ask each of the Coffee Creek Baptist Association Churches to collect a special offering once per year. We have chosen the last Sunday in February which is February 23. We presented this idea to the Executive Committee for our Association last year and they approved it. This is not meant to reduce your church's tithes but hopefully one where people will give an offering just for this mission. Please use your typical method of collecting special offerings for this process. We ask that once the money is collected, someone write a check made payable to "CCA ABWM" and mail it to Grace Flynn at 139 N. Sharon Dr., Scottsburg, IN, 47170. She is our treasurer and will deposit your gift into our checking account. (The mission trip team shares a checking account with the Association ABWM—Grace is very meticulous in tracking the funds between the 2 organizations and this has prevented the mission team from having to set up another non-profit checking account.)

Patty Short, CCBA ABWM President. Cell 812-595-1082. Email: ppsshort@frontier.com

### **ABM**

Greetings from the Coffee Creek Association's American Baptist Men's Group

As you know January is the month the American Baptist Men conduct the Food drive for the Edna Martin Center. This year we plan on collecting through Tue, Feb 4th and delivering on Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup>. This will allow us to take up an offering at our Men's meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> at Bethany Baptist Church at 6:30 pm.

We will be having election of officers and completing our meeting agenda for the year as well as any last-minute items for the food drive so I encourage you to attend. In the past we have requested that those Churches who wish for us to do the shopping for them to send \$250 and several have sent that or more or

whatever they can. We plan to be Shopping in Seymour at Aldi's at 9am on the 8<sup>th</sup> and then heading to Edna Martin Christian Center.

If you send a check, please make it out to the Coffee Creek American Baptist Association and mail to Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church 4756 E. State Road 356 Scottsburg Indiana 47170 so that it is received by Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. Please Mark Edna Martin on the Memo line.

You can deliver your items to Kimberlin Creek Friday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. If your Church has items to be picked up, please contact [email-deputyandg@msn.com](mailto:email-deputyandg@msn.com) or call 812-701-6460. Hope to see you Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> at Bethany, Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> or both days if possible.

Thanks- Coffee Creek Association American Baptist Men

### **Alpha**

Though the snow looks beautiful, we are so ready for warmer weather and green grass! Praying all is going well for our Coffee Creek Churches. We were finally able to take down our Christmas decorations.

We had a great time this past Wednesday night having our ABW and ABM get together. This Sunday, 1/26/25 we will be having a pitch-in soup and sandwiches following our morning worship service at 10 am.

Our men are looking forward to getting together for the Association ABM's meeting February 4, 2025 at Bethany Baptist Church at 6:30pm. Hope to see many of you men there.

It is also great getting back together for our Sunday and Wednesday services as we had to close a few times because of bad weather conditions. It always goes better when we can worship our Lord and Saviour together.

Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming Association meetings.

Stan Carroll, Pastor

### **Austin**

Greetings and Happy New Year from Austin 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church. Happy Cold January. This month started cold, snowy, slippery and nothing has changed.

In December, we had our Christmas program with the children portraying the Christmas story. To the delight of our audience, one of the 3 year old sheep left the scene to join the choir. Also in December, we had our Christmas luncheon.

We lost a long-standing member, Patsy Smith on January 10<sup>th</sup>. A funeral dinner was held for the family and friends.

Debbie Kilburn lost a sister, Michelle Gambill. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Our pulpit committee is diligently seeking a pastor for our church, but in the meantime, we are blessed with Pastor Phillip Meredith.

### **Bethany**

HAPPY NEW YEAR BLESSINGS!! Winter has finally arrived and we are ready for Spring! We have been busy at Bethany since our last writing.

We rang in the New Year early at our annual New Years Eve party. Several came out for games and fellowship.

The ladies of the church are planning a baby shower for Jessica Feeler on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. She had the pleasure of adopting a sweet little girl and we are anxious to get together with them and welcome her to the family.

Our monthly fellowship starts again on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM in the Sunday School room. This month, Dan and Sue Albert will be our hosts and provide Dan's Famous Meatloaf. Everyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert and join us in fellowship and prayer. That evening we will welcome the ABM at 6:30.

### **Coffee Creek**

Coffee Creek Baptist

Happy New Years, May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door! I want to wish each and everyone of you 12 months of success, 52 weeks of laughter, 365 days of spiritual growth, 8760 hours of Joy, 525600 minutes of God's blessings up on you and your church, and 31536000 seconds of God's love and happiness for each of you and your family members.

On Sunday Night 6pm February 2<sup>nd</sup> we will start an in-depth study in the Hebrews, February 12<sup>th</sup> Pastor Keith will be hosting his Valentine's Day dinner, everyone must RSVP by February 9<sup>th</sup> 502-836-2020. We will also be having our Spring Revival March 24<sup>th</sup> through March 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm each night, the theme for this year's Spring Revival is ***"Embracing God's Call" The scripture for the Revival will be Isaiah 6:8 "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, here am I; send me."***

I am praying for each of you!

Love

Pastor Keith

### **Kimberlin Creek**

Newest goings on at KCBC is we have started 3 small groups. The women's group is being led by Dana Stephens in her home on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights each month. The men's group is meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings at the church and led by Pastor Tim Mohon. The third group is a coed group that meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays and led by Stephen Spicer. They are just getting started with the bad weather at the beginning of the month.

Our youth have been pretty active too. They have their own small group every other Wednesday that meets after school at Pastor Tyler Griffin's home. They took part in FUSE this month at Columbus 1st Baptist and tonight as I am writing this they are participating in the Trivia night at the camp. We are so proud of our youth and how committed both Pastor Tyler and his wife, Leah are to them.

Pray everyone is staying safe and warm during this really cold winter season.

Judy Peacock

### **Underwood**

Christmas time was a wonderful season for Underwood BC. The Underwood Singers led worship each week of Advent which was a blessing. Christmas Eve saw folks joining together in voice and spirit to worship the new born king. The evening ended with Holy Communion and a reminder just a few years later, the tiny child born in that manger hung on an old, rugged cross and his blood was shed to cover humanities sin.

As UBC rolled into the New Year, snow became a nemesis. Thanks to a couple of faithful members, the parking areas and walkways were eventually cleaned. However, the inclement weather necessitated the cancellation of services a couple of weeks. Finally, joining back together, Pastor David asked all what 2025 had in store for them and for UBC. His challenge was to take time and focus on Christ by spending more time in His Word with the emphasis on Psalm 46:10, "*Be still and know that I am God.*"

UBC looks forward to 2025 as new opportunities for ministries will be sought, with a focus of closely following the Lord's lead. May God richly bless our sister CCA churches throughout 2025!!

### **SBYCamp**

We are currently snowed in here at Camp, so that means I've been working hard on all the upcoming events we have here! Be sure to check them out and come out and join us!!!! Also, Camper Registration is already open for summer. Be sure to get your campers signed up ASAP!

### **Trivia Night**

Get your team together for a night of fun and friendly competition on **Friday, January 24th!** This

family-friendly trivia event will feature a wide variety of topics, including Pop Culture, Name That Tune, and Guess the Celebrity. Teams of six can participate for just \$25, with doors opening at 5 PM and trivia starting at 6 PM. Bring extra cash for snacks and souvenirs. Register at [sbycamp.com/trivia](http://sbycamp.com/trivia).

### Teen Craft Day

Teens in grades 6–12, escape the winter blues and unleash your creativity on **Sunday, January 26th**, from 2–5 PM! Each participant will take home three unique crafts. The cost is \$35 per person, which includes all materials. Don't forget extra money for snacks and souvenirs! Sign up today at [sbycamp.com/teencraft](http://sbycamp.com/teencraft).

### Raising Arrows: A Parent's Retreat

Parents, this one's just for you! Join us on **February 14–15** for a refreshing overnight retreat filled with inspiring speakers and workshops to help you “raise your arrows” at home. The cost is \$150 per room, and space is limited. Register now at [sbycamp.com/arrows](http://sbycamp.com/arrows).

### Maple Tapping Open House

Join us on **Sunday, February 16th**, from 2–4 PM for a sweet adventure! Learn about the maple tapping process during this free open house event. Maple tapping equipment will be available for purchase in The Treehouse Camp Store. Donations are welcome. RSVP at [sbycamp.com/maple](http://sbycamp.com/maple).

We will keep digging out of the snow here and we hope to see you soon at one or more of these exciting events!

Christopher Kallal  
Executive Director

### COFFEE CREEK ASSOC. UPCOMING EVENTS

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

2025 Shepherd Deadlines noon on:

02/22/25	03/22/25	04/26/25	05/24/25	06/21/25	07/26/25
08/23/25	09/20/25	10/25/25	11/22/25	12/20/25	

Please mark your calendars.

Thank You,

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