**The Shepherd***Coffee Creek Association, February 2025*

**1**

**You Are Invited**

**to the**

**One-Hundredth and Ninety-Eighth Anniversary**

**and**

**One-Hundredth and Ninety-Ninth Annual Session**

**of the**

**Coffee Creek Baptist Association**

**held with the**

**First Marion Baptist Church**

**7730 W County Road 850 S**

**Commiskey, Indiana 47227**

**on**

**Sunday, 9 March 2025**

**commencing at**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Speaker**

**Rev. Dr. Dan Cash**

**Dean, M28**

**Special Music**

**Bro. Aaron Stainbrook**

**From The Moderator**

**Rev. Timothy Mohon, Moderator**

**Coffee Creek Baptist Association Annual Meeting**

We are looking forward to all of our churches coming together for our annual meeting on Sunday, 9 March, 4 p.m., hosted by the First Marion Baptist Church. We will have the Rev. Dr. Dan Cash as our speaker for the evening, who is the dean for M28, a training program for those interested in pastoral ministry and/or laity who want to be of greater service in their congregations. Bro. Aaron Stainbrook will be bringing special music for our worship gathering. We will have several items of business for discussion and transaction, including the nominating and budget reports. In addition, the Executive Board will be presenting the application of two congregations for membership in our association, Hayden and Tampico Baptist Churches, both formerly members of the Brownstown Baptist Association. Come and enjoy a great evening of worship and fellowship!

**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, 10 March 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.

**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.

***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 continue to meet and plan 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/Scholarship. If you would like to be an officer, please contact Patty Short. I am also in need of a woman to serve as my contact for ABWM for Scottsburg FBC and Vienna BC—if you would be willing to fill this position, please contact Patty Short.

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

We hope your church supported our Edna Martin Christian Center food drive this month. We met Saturday, February 8, at Aldi’s in Seymour at 9 am and loaded the food that we had ordered. Then, we traveled to the Edna Martin Christian Center and offloaded our goods. It was, as always a fun- filled day for all of our participants! We had an anonymous corporate donation this year so our total was $16,274 worth of canned and dry goods! Thank you to all of you who participated and we’ll see you again next year!

**Mission Trips**

Our team is 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 are available—deadline to register is March 16. 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., so we will be helping with their recovery. Registration forms for this trip will be available in April. 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. 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.

**State ABWM**

Summer Conference is June 28 at Franklin College. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Details are upcoming.

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

***Alpha***

Greeting to our sister churches.  My goodness, what a winter; because of snow & illness we have had to close church services to many times.  Looking forward to seeing our church family at Alpha on February 23, 2025 and we are also having a pitch-in dinner after the morning services, yea!

We are looking forward to seeing you at First Marion at 4pm for our annual meeting on March 9, 2025.

Pastor Stan Carroll

***Bethany***

Thankful for the break in the weather! The choir is preparing for Easter. The youth is making plans to go see the new film “King of Kings” in April. Our monthly fellowship meals continue the first Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be, Tuesday, March 4th at 1 PM.

We ask for prayer for Ron Carroll and his wife Sue as he is struggling with some serious health concerns.

***Kimberlin Creek***

This has been a hard year for us so far. The weather has not been good. We have had to cancel two Sunday services and two Wednesday night services. We are praying that with the coming of March that winter will be over. But I do remember having to cancel a Coffee Creek Association Annual Meeting in March several years ago because of snow. Let’s all pray that God will let spring come a few weeks early this year.

Pastor Tim has been preaching a series from Philippians: Rejoice in the Lord Always!. He will finish up this series this Sunday. On Wednesday nights we are studying the book of Psalm. That should take us through the rest of 2025. LOL

Our new Small Group Bible Studies are going great. There is a women’s group, a men’s group and a coed group. We meet every other week. Some on Tuesday, another on Saturday and one on Sunday. And I failed to mention that the youth have had a small group that meets every other week during the school year. They have been doing that for a couple years now.

Our 4:12 Youth Group got to go to Winter Jam in Louisville this month. The following week several of them went to help unload food at the Edna Martin Christian Center in Indianapolis. They were supposed to have their Pulled Pork Fundraising Dinner last Sunday but with services cancelled that event is now scheduled for Sunday, March 16 from 11:30-1 PM. Come and join us that day for lunch. The meal is all for just a freewill donation. Pastor Tyler & Leah are kept really busy with this group of youth. They love to stay active and love their Bible studies too.

FYI our CoMBaT men are planning a Chili Cookoff for March 30th following the morning service. Everyone is invited to this event too. It is also a fundraiser for their work. They do build a lot of ramps for a lot of people.

God Bless You All!

Judy Peacock, Church Secretary

***Scottsburg***

Greetings from FBC Scottsburg to all our sister churches in the Coffee Creek Association. These past few weeks of winter have not been an easy time, and we are certainly looking forward to Spring. We hosted the Mental Health Fair that was presented by Bethel Baptist Church is Leota. This event brought together fourteen mental health agencies in Scott County, and each gave a presentation relating to how their organization contributes to the mental health of our county. Approximately 120 people attended the event. We are excited to announce that we will be ordaining Bill Swartling as a Deacon in our church. Bill has completed our church’s Deacon Training Program and has exhibited all the qualities found in 1Timothy 3. His ordination will be March 31st @ 10:00am with the Rev. Steve Allen presiding. We would like to invite other deacons from the association to participate in Bill’s ceremony. Please be safe on these cold, snowy days. It is easy to slip and fall. We pray that God will bless each and every one.

Pastor Kevin

***SBYCamp***

Lots of exciting things happening at Camp Right now!!!!

1. Maple Tapping Open House

-       WHAT: Have you ever wanted to tap your own maple trees? Now’s your chance to learn how! Join us for a fun and educational open house where you can discover the sweet secrets of maple tapping.  This event was supposed to happen already but, had to be postponed due to the winter weather we received.

-       WHEN: Sunday, March 2nd, 2-4pm.

-       RSVP: [sbycamp.com/maple](http://sbycamp.com/maple)

 2. Semi-Formal Banquet

-       WHAT: This is an elegant evening with dinner, music, testimonies, and a silent auction. You will also hear about update about what's happening at Camp. Dress your best, find a babysitter, and come enjoy an amazing meal while also supporting an incredible Camp!

-       WHEN: Thursday, March13th, 5:30pm

-       RSVP: [sbycamp.com/banquet](http://sbycamp.com/banquet)

 3. Ladies Retreat

-       WHAT: A Retreat just for Ladies! In our fast-paced, non-stop, burnout society, what does it mean to find real rest in Jesus? This Retreat will focus on finding real rest in God even in the midst of busy and demanding lives.

-       WHEN: March 14-15

-       REGISTER: [sbycamp.com/ladies](http://sbycamp.com/ladies)

 4. Donut Sale

-       WHAT: A Camp Fundraiser where you can order fresh, homemade donuts crafted by Carrie! These are the donuts the campers have been raving about when they come back from summer camp! With 12 flavors, it’s gonna be hard to decide which is your favorite!

-       WHEN: Order by March 21st, Pickup on March 29th from 9-11am

-       ORDER: [sbycamp.com/donut](http://sbycamp.com/donut)

5. The Smore’s Club

-       WHAT: A Club of people who want to be an integral part in the great work that God is doing in our campers’ lives! Club Members help pave the way to changing lives for eternity! This group commits to praying for the camp as well as supporting it financially

-       MORE INFO: [sbycamp.com/smores](http://sbycamp.com/smores)

 6. Search for a New Maintenance Director

-       WHAT: SBYCamp is on the lookout for a Full-Time, Year-Round, Maintenance Director to join our team! If you love working with your hands, enjoy problem-solving, and want to use your talents to serve in a Christ-centered environment, this is the job for you! At Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp, we exist to provide a place that uses God’s creation and awesome adventures to share His truth, with His love, transforming lives for His glory. The Maintenance Director plays a vital role in ensuring our facilities, equipment, and grounds remain in top condition so that campers and guests can fully focus on their faith journey.

-       APPLY: [sbycamp.com/apply](http://sbycamp.com/apply)

7.    Accepting Application for Summer Staff

-       WHAT: Calling All Faith-Filled Adventurers!!!! Ready for an unforgettable summer experience? Camp is hiring for Summer 2025, and we want YOU to be part of our amazing team!

-       APPLY: [sbycamp.com/apply](http://sbycamp.com/apply)

We thank you for your prayers for God’s Camp here in Westport. Come be a part of the amazing things He is doing here!!!!

Christopher Kallal
Executive Director

**If you want to submit articles for The Shepherd, the deadlines Noon on the following dates:**

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,

Missy Payne
(C) 812-794-3274
Email:**2009mmpayne@gmail.com**