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SEKBA ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2021

14 Pastors’ Fellowship @ BAO

OCTOBER 2021

2 Annual Meeting @ Trinity BC,  
Pittsburg  
10 Pastor’s Appreciation Day  
19 Pastors’ Fellowship @ BAO

NOVEMBER 2021

7 Daylight Savings Time Ends  
9 Pastors’ Fellowship @ BAO,  
followed by SEKBA Admin.  
Team Meeting  
11 WBC Admin. Team Meeting  
@ BAO  
25 Thanksgiving (BAO Closed)

Hello,

My name is Cindy Powell and I am a gospel music artist and Christian comedienne. I have been witnessing through music and comedy for over 40 years and God has blessed me to experience His Holy Spirit in a mighty way many times over. After retiring from 30 years of working as a children's librarian, I have more time to spend being used as His vessel to spread His message using the gifts He has given me. I would love to come and share with your church or group. I have no fee but come trusting God will supply for all my needs through donation or love offerings.

Check out my music and comedy on Facebook at [fb.me/coffeygal57](https://fb.me/coffeygal57).

I hope you will pray about the possibility of me coming to share with you in the near future.

May God bless you!

In His Service,  
Cindy Powell



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2021 WEIR BAPTIST CAMP REGISTRATIONS

Results	Senior/ Junior High	Children's Camp	Kingdom Kids' Camp	Day Camp	TOTAL
PERSONS PRESENT					
Campers	45	64	23	27	159
Sponsors	10	18	10	17	55
Staff (Directors/Worship Pastor)	21	2	7	7	37
WBC Staff (Cooks,Nurses,Camp Mgr)	8	4	6	6	24
Youth Team				12	12
Mission Team		23			23
Others (Family)			2		2
TOTAL	84	111	48	69	312
OFFERING TOTALS					
		\$327.92			\$327.92
DECISIONS MADE					
Salvation		2	1		3
Re-Dedications		4			4
Assurance of Salvation		1			1
Christian Ministry		1			1
Follow in Baptism			1		1
Specific Prayer		7			7
Seeking Guidance		3			3
TOTAL	0	18	2	0	20
Decisions by Scholarship Recipients					
					0
Scholarships Given to Campers	\$390.00	\$650.00			\$1,040.00
Number of Scholarships	6	10			16



Each issue of our newsletter will include information from the pastors and churches in our association. This issue focuses on Steve Adel, pastor of Emmanuel Southern Baptist Church in Coffeyville. Please keep the church, Steve, and his family in your prayers.

### Lost in the World, But was Found By Christ

#### ***A True life Story of a Man who was seeking worldly Happiness until he met Jesus Christ***

Steve (Kamal) Adel is the new Senior Pastor at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Coffeyville, Kansas. Steve is an immigrant from Iran who was raised in a God-fearing Muslin family. He came to the US to earn higher education in 1975 after an unsuccessful marriage. Two years later Steve met his current wife, Evonne, and they married a year later.

Evonne was 20 years old when she was married and she became the mother of Steve's 8 year-old twin girls. Today, Steve and Evonne have 5 daughters, 1 son and 15 grand-kids.

"After my graduation in 1980, we moved to Southern California pursuing a career in engineering.

"After 18 years in our marriage and I could admit there were good days and bad days. At this point my perspective of a successful life and happiness was put under question. Ten years earlier in 1987, after a Christmas party in my house at 4 in the morning I grabbed a pen and a piece of paper and wrote all that was missing from my life and I was asking God for His help.

"At this point in my life I had acquired all that a man's heart could desire. I had a beautiful wife, healthy children, multiple cars and toys, and a nice house in a rich neighborhood. But these were not enough. There was still a void in my heart that nothing could fill and I could not think of anything which could. And the story starts here:

"As a Muslim I believed in a god who was transcendent (out of the reach of man) and impersonal. Islam teaches that to reach god man must perform good deeds and religious practices to please this god, and I had done my share, but received no response. Now after the 18 years of marriage, I found myself in great despair and confusion. I had unanswered questions like — where did I come from and where am I going? What is the purpose of life? If there is a judgment day by god, will I escape his wrath? Is there a heaven and hell? Have I done enough good works to earn his favor at the end of my life?

"All these questions and many more were constantly challenging me and I had no answers for them, and meanwhile my conscience was blaming me for many wrong doings.

"I remember after my pleading with god for help on that Christmas Eve I was approached by a few friends who asked me to go to church with them. I cannot remember a good reason why I did not go. Now that I look back I realize how patient the true living God was with me to bring me to the point of a full submission.

"It was the summer of 1996, I found myself with no hope for a fulfilled life as I dreamed for. My days were very dark and I lived for weekends to receive some relief. It was then that I was invited to go to a church and I heard the Good News about the Lord Jesus Christ. The message was so clear and intense that I could not withhold my tears. In an instant, I knew that Jesus was the answer to all of my questions and the relief to my anguished soul.

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### **PASTOR NEWS (CONTINUED)**

"It has been 24 years since that day and I have not looked back for a second. The Lord Jesus has been my Shepherd and His Word is my guide and light. I am compelled to teach and preach the message of God's salvation to the lost and I believe that God has chosen me for a time like this to be His voice of encouragement to those with broken hearts and for strength to the weak.

"The God of the Bible is a personal God who desires an everlasting fellowship with mankind. He had initiated this sacred relationship through His Son Jesus Christ and will bring it to its completion at the end of the age for His glory and pleasure."

Therefore, God is calling out to man with these words:

***(Matthew 11:28-30) 28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."***

***(John 14:6) 6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."***

Here is the message of God's Salvation for mankind (the Gospel):

***(John 3:16-21) 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. 18 Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only son. 19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20 Everyone who does evil hates the light and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. 21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.***

If you have news that you wish us to include in a future newsletter, please call, mail or email the information to the Baptist Area Office. It is not saying "look at us" but to show how we can reach others for Jesus and minister to them—all for God's glory, and share God's blessings. If you know anyone who would like to receive a newsletter (either mailed or emailed), please contact us.

The next newsletter will be in December 2021