



ELK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

May -June 2019

From the Pastor's Study...

On the first Saturday of May I was given the privilege to open the Extravaganza at the Betty Queen Center, Louisa, with prayer. There was little noteworthy in my prayer; but in some preliminary remarks I used a few words given to us in one of John's letters that I thought were appropriate. To a church that was living in the midst of conflict, he wrote that only when we walk in God's light do we have fellowship with him. "*Light*" in this letter refers to people that lived the truth of God's love. Those that don't "live," you might say, that love, live in darkness and falsehood. But if we choose to walk in that light, "*we have fellowship with one another*" as well as with God.

There was a lot of 'fellowship' that day. By now you may have heard of the vendors invited to offer their services to the physical health of the entire community, or the car show, or the entertainment, or the giveaways, among other things. I am proud to say that a lot of our fellow "Elk Creekers" participated, and even held responsible positions at the event. Some parked cars and worked the car show, others checked people in and saw they had the things handed out to adults and to children, some played music, and don't overlook the fact that some of the very patient among you stuffed a thousand bags even before that day. A very special thank you to Bunnie Wyckoff and Tony Wilson for attending all the planning meetings that went on months before that day.

Going over this again is not meant to impress anybody with the size of the undertaking, or even to brag about anybody's participation. The purpose, instead, is to remind us of the main message of the Bible: That God desires a relationship with each of us, and that we prove the existence of that relationship through our relationships with each other. From Genesis (Cain and Abel) to John's letter and including Jesus' repeated message to us to "*love your neighbor*," only somebody "*living in darkness*" could miss it. Yet that's often the way our world works.

This message is not meant to exclude anybody. To prove the point, sometime soon I wish to designate a Sunday where we celebrate all the contributions you make to creating a sense of community, whether it's a local effort, or something that you take part in on the other side of the world. I hope a few of you will be willing to offer a few (and I'll hold you to that!) words about what you do and how you think it fits into creating a sense of community. I think a communion Sunday would be appropriate, as that's

where the word comes from to begin with. Acknowledgement of all that you do is not just right, but overdue.

Mickey

DATES TO REMEMBER

May

- Mission Project: Goshen Missions Offering
- 12th - 18th Week of Prayer for Goshen Assoc. Missions
- 19th and 26th Book Study on Revelation continues at 12:00 p.m. with Mickey
- 22nd Wednesday Night Book Study that meets on the 2nd and 4th
Wednesday will meet at the home of Debbie and Chip Burt at 6:30 p.m.
- 26th Memorial Day Sunday Celebration

June

- Mission Project: Louisa Food Bank Offering
- 6th Women's Card Ministry and Fellowship at the home of Alana Frazier at 9:00 a.m. (See note below)
- 12th and 26th Wednesday Night Book Study - Continuation of "I love Growing Older but I'll Never Grow Old" by J. Ellsworth Kalas (meets at the church @ 7:00 p.m.)
- 16th Father's Day
- 22nd Spring Picnic - (Time TBD)
- 23rd Deacon's Meeting
- 30th Quarterly Business Meeting (Time TBD)

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

May

Hawkins, Kathy & Joe	02
Paine, Pam	03
Polonsky, Mary Virginia	07
Brown, Robert	09
Powers, Bill & Janice	11
Eder, Jamie	14
Robertson, Mickey & Pam	19
O'Connor, Steve	19
DiFranco, Matthew	21
Martin, Jeff & Jean	22
Shilling, Debbie	24
Pitcher, Kelly & Tom	25
Sherred, Margaret	27
Vancampen, Marc	31

June

Rose, Jim & Connie	01
Roberts, Al	04
Jones, Anna & Steve	07
Naugle, Scott	09

Robertson, David	11
Talley, Emma Kay	12
Byers, Jennifer	13
Martin, Jean	14
Burt, Debby & Chip	18
Hill, Allen	19
Smith, Julie	20
Burghardt, Brian & Amity	21
Barry, Avis	30

Elk Creek Family,

Please don't forget that we have a Prayer Ministry Team ready and willing to meet with anyone for a time of prayer and sharing when needed. All prayer requests are held in confidence unless otherwise stated. We can meet at the church, your home, lakefront or other place that is comfortable for any individual. For more information, please contact Alana at 703-282-2393.

Ladies,

You are invited for fellowship and devotional time at the home of Alana Frazier (133 Boxwood Rd. Bumpass) on Thursday, June 9th at 9:00 a.m. We will have breakfast together followed by a devotional. We are combining the card ministry (which meets the first Thursday of every month) with ladies devotional time and we welcome all of you to join us. We can discuss what study we would like to begin, which will enrich all of us for God's glory. Hope to see many of you attend. Please RSVP to Alana by June 7.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AND BREAKFAST









2019 COMMUNITY EXTRAVAGANZA





Special thanks to all who helped and attended this great outreach event.

Together in Christ,

Alana Frazier