



ELK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

September - October 2021

From the Pastor's Study...

With the Field of Dreams so much in the news lately, we couldn't avoid being reminded of the speech by James Earl Jones where, even more than baseball, churches have "marked the time." Churches have done that in different ways. Most obvious has been the services—not even the special ones, but just the ones that happen every week—that we have attended where we gather with our friends and others "of kindred mind." We may not remember even one service clearly. But, like whatever you ate at any meal recently that you can't remember, they still fed you. Church records are meant to record the times in our lives, and they even serve a public function as historical documents. Well-done histories give us a glimpse of where we've been. If you've been around for 208 years, as Elk Creek has, that's a mountain of memory.

Even more than the past, churches mark the present, too. We administer the sacraments like baptism and the Lord's Supper, or take part in weddings and funerals, that place us in the present activity of God working in the world. Church fellowship reminds us we are not alone and counter the loneliness that's so common in the world. Mission efforts, whether they are local, national, or global (which today are harder and harder to distinguish between), alleviate the suffering and fulfill Jesus' demands to become sheep instead of goats.

And the future is also the prerogative of the church. Maybe not like you think; prophecy is rarely in the Bible, if ever, about mere prediction. That's what soothsayers and TV preachers do. The prophets would have cringed at descriptions of their work as mere prediction. The prophetic witness of the church should model the insights of the biblical prophets and hold our world up to their words, and remarking, sometimes forcefully, on where we have fallen short and not pursued God's justice and care for the world and its people. Preaching is the other part of the future function of the church that proclaims the word, and helps us to find our place in its kingdom—the church's, and yours.

Commemoration of all this and more is *usually* an annual event, just not in 2020. But this September 12, you are invited to Homecoming to commemorate our 208th (and 207th!), anniversary. We'll have no early service that day, just an 11am service in the sanctuary, followed by food in the picnic shelter afterwards. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mickey

DATES TO REMEMBER

September

Mission Project	Alma Hunt Offering for State Missions
06th	Labor Day
12th	Homecoming (Combined Service) 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary followed by pot luck lunch in the pavilion. Meat and drink provided, bring a side dish or dessert. Join us as we celebrate 208 years of Elk Creek Baptist Church serving our community.

October

	Samaritan's Purse (Shoeboxes)
03rd	Early Worship moves inside
10th	Deacon's Meeting
17th	Quarterly Business Meeting - 4th quarter
TBD	Goshen Fall Annual Meeting - Louisa Baptist Church
31st	Goochland Women's Correctional Center Cards and Stamps due - Christmas, Birthday, Blank, All Occasion.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

September

Frazier, Alana	1
Paine, Gerald	1
Frazier, Alana & Wayne	7
Vancampen, Wanda & Marc	7
Kabari, Raheleh	7
DeZorzi, Tom and Carol	8
Harlow, Margaret	10
Ward, Doug	15
Koenig, Martin	15
Teller, Cheryl	15
DiFrancos Mike	16
Myers, Joyce	17
Robertson, Katie	20
Stahl, Lee	21
Powers, Bill	21
Burt, Chip	25
Schultz, Myrna	25
Smith, Macy	25
Koslow, Jim	26
Powers, Janice	28
Croce, Susan	30
Koslow, Jim & Lori	30

October

Vitolo, Gloria	3
Ward, Mindy	4
Ashwood, Chris & Connie	5
Missy and Jeff Liebold	5
Ward, Albury	6
Losinski, Jack & Coral	6
Hale, Scott & Pamela	8
Naugle, Scott & Troy, Cheryl	8
Smith, Julie & Gomer	8
Polonsky, Mary Virginia & Stan	9
Ward, Michael	9
Robertson, Mickey	11
Pittman, Karilyn & Mark	11
Brown, Brad	14
Burt, Debby	14
Jones, Steve	14
Smith, Gomer	14
Schultz, Darrell & Myrna	17
Martin, Jeff	19
Morrell, Cindy	19
Michalski, Bret	20
Beal, Debbie	23
Teller, Rick	23
Vaughan, Clorese	23

October - continued

Ashwood, Chris	25
Vaughan, Joey	25
Duerson, Dorothy	29
Perks, Rick	29
Raabe, Bill	29
Wood, Rodney & Karen	29

Elk Creek Book Study: Fellowship Hall the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All are welcome. We currently have two more sessions of "The Case For Christ" until we decide on a new book study. For details contact Tony Wilson 540-748-1159. Wilsontony540@gmail.com

Ladies, you are invited to a social gathering at the home of Jo Canova, 138 Wolftrap Ct., Lighthouse Point, Bumpass, VA on Thursday, September 16th at 9:00 a.m. Please consider joining us for a light breakfast and devotional. Hope to see many new faces!!!

We are the only church at LKA where you can worship in your boat!!



A few new faces added to our band. Thank you Tony and Jody for helping out.



One of our oldest and youngest - Popeye and Jackson Koenig enjoying time together at church.



Book Study Group on Wednesday night.





Ladies social at the home of Jody Korman in July.



Ladies social at the home of Debby Burt in August.







You may not recognize this couple but certainly many of you know Hannah's parents, Scott and Pam Hale, who attended ECBC for several years. Congrats to Hannah and Joel Wasserstein and Scott and Pam Hale. The couple was married on Saturday July 24th in Ohio.



Communion in the sanctuary led by our pastor, Dr. Mickey Robertson.



Newest members, Bobby and Rita Jones who joined ECBC Sep. 5th



Ships don't sink because of the water around them. Ships sink because of the water in them!

Don't let what's happening around you get inside of you and weigh you down. Unknown

Together in Christ,

Alana Frazier