



ELK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

July-August 2022

From the Pastor's Study...

One of the great urges of Europeans before Columbus was to cross the forbidding Atlantic Ocean to find out what lay d see the sun set, but nothing more.

So if there was anything beyond that, they could not know. As usual, theologians and other scholars weighed in on things they didn't know about, claiming that if you reached the edge of the horizon in a boat, you would fall off the edge of the earth. They were so persuasive that it became inscribed on Spain's national coat of arms: *Ne plus ultra*, meaning "There is nothing beyond."

That belief held even as that Italian adventurer sailed toward that same horizon and for many months after, as nobody saw any further sign of him or his ships. In fact, it held until one day when one of those ships reappeared on that horizon. His reports to the king of Spain were glowing, speaking of the land beyond—for indeed there was land—of immense riches, just waiting to plucked. It was a new Eden. The coat of arms? It was changed. After Columbus returned, for a time, it read *Plus ultra*, "There is more beyond."

Since the beginning of time, and still to this very day, people gather as their loved one, friend, or respected acquaintance is lowered into a hole in the earth, and shared the same question: Beyond this lonely hole in the ground, is there anything else?

There came a time when a young holy man, a rabbi, set off into the setting sun, went beyond the horizon, and disappeared. But three days later, as the sun rose over the other horizon, there was only an empty grave. Finally, his earlier words made sense, that "*in my Father's house there are many dwelling places*," and "*I go to prepare a place for you*," signified there was indeed something more.

Makes that coat of arms take on new significance, doesn't it? "*There is more beyond....*"

Mickey

What's Happening

- A Red Cross Blood Drive was held on June 22nd; 31 pints were collected. Due to the success, a January blood drive is currently being coordinated. More information to follow at a later date.



- Additional deacons were elected at special meetings held recently. The new deacons are (from left to right) Mary Virginia Polonsky, Kathy Tyler and Peter Hoffman.



They join the current deacons James Duerson, Larry Edmonds, Tom Pitcher, and Linda Mason.

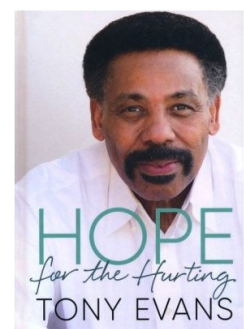
- Our thanks to Rev. Kevin James who graciously stepped in at (literally) the last minute to lead worship July 3rd when Pastor Mickey was delayed returning from a conference in Texas.



- Randy and Cindy Boch were baptized during the 8:30 service on July 17th. We rejoice in their faith and welcome them into our church family.



- The book study continues through the summer on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:45 in the Fellowship Hall. The current selection, **Overcomer**, by David Jeremiah will conclude on July 27th. The next selection, **Hope for the Hurting** by Tony Evans can be ordered online. For questions about the book study, please contact Tony Wilson, 540-748-1159, wilsonTony540@gmail.com.



KICK OFF TO SUMMER PICNIC





VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Food providers for Sunday morning fellowship after the 8:30 service. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall, or call Coral Losinski, 571-366-9500, or Bunnie Wyckoff, 202-286-8954, for more information.
- Snack and study leader(s) to facilitate discussion of current book on specific Wednesdays. Contact Tony Wilson, 540-748-1159, wilson540@gmail.com, for more details.
- Woodchuckers Ministry delivering wood to local families in need. For more information, contact Rick Perks, 301-704-2743, RickPerks98@gmail.com

STAY TUNED

- Boaters can tune in to the 8:30 am service on FM 91.5. (Transmits 100 feet from bandstand)
- Tune into the 11:00 am service on Mixlr app. Download the app on your mobile phone or computer, select “Listen” and search for ECBC-5916.
- Visit our website – elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org – and our Facebook page.
- Check out the Goshen Baptist Association website – www.goshenassociation.com

DATES TO REMEMBER

July

27th Mission Project - CBF Global Missions Offering
Book Study, 6:45 pm, Fellowship Hall

August

6th Mission Project – color (not black) marble comp. books and 5x7 inch
10th puzzle/word search books for Goochland Women’s Correctional
19th RuraLove Yard Sale, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm
27th Book Study, 6:45 pm, Fellowship Hall
29th Deadline for submissions to Sep/Oct Newsletter
Fall Cleanup, 9:00 a.m.
Ladies Social, 12:00 p.m. at the home of Katrina
Northcraft, 61 Alexandra Circle, Bumpass

September

11th Homecoming (one combined service and picnic)

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

July

Hill, Sonny	02
Brown, Brad & Doty	02
Long, Bill	04
Weeks, Jerry	05
Woods, Frances	07
Bass, Kevin	13
Duerson, James & Dorothy	16
Talley, Jerry	18
Norwood, Lesia and Kevin	18
Wyckoff, Gerry	19
Davis, Judy	23
DeZorzi, Carol	24
Ashwood, Connie	26

August

Jenkins, Penny	09
Muller, Peggy	09
Dick, Jeff	13
Edmonds, Lynn	14
Wyckoff, Gerry & Bunnie	14
Teller, Rick and Cheryl	15
Canova, Jay and Jo	16
Bridges, Linda	16
Hoffman, Peter	18
Bridges, Mike	19
Vancampen, Wanda	25
Croce, Larry & Susan	27
Rapp, Caitlin	28
Edmonds, Lynn & Larry	29



The people of Buchanan County, the people of Ukraine, families in crisis, Ludlow Gaines, Rudy DeZorzi, Bunnie Wyckoff, Ra Kabiri, Kay Arnold, Doug Hewitt, Vera Graham, Daniel Roberson, Junior Anthony, Hilda Jarvis, Tim DeZorzi, Homer Weiss, Hudson Anderson, Judy Anderson, Matt Smith, Keith Jones & family, Rick Clore, George Wohlfart, Joyce Myers, Krista Seltzer, Dan Bridges, Cheyenne Bungay, Anna Jones, Linda & Phil Mason, Robert Rodecap, Laurie Gunthe, John Pescatori, John Fuggett, Ellen Hewett, Rosalyn Cooke, Christiana Lewis, Greg Laurent, Cindy Morrell,

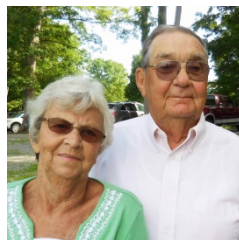
Diane (Veronica Schnippel), Carl Peterson, David & Carol Dommissie, Brenda Proffitt, Debby Burt, Jacob Reeves, Betty Jean Jones, Windsor Lovette, Jeff Frayser, Della Wynn, Andrew Phoebus, Herb Bauer, Robin Klingenberg, John Donahue, Barkley Seal, Jerry & Emma Kay Talley, Mark Robertson, Caroline Barmoy, Marcia Perks, Gary M., Sandy Spickler, Rodney Wood, Ruth Cramer, Mike Fleck, Tim McIlhaney, Paula & Danny Grant, Butch Weaver, Brian Rapp, Erin Robertson Weekley, Bobby Phatt, Mya Thompson, Lyla Christie, Dennis McFarlane, Doug McFarlane, Michael Ward, Bruce Hunte, Alfred Sletton, Catherine Proffitt, Opal Holshauser.

Best wishes to....

- Alvin (Popeye) Roberts who celebrated his 93rd birthday.



- Dorothy and James Duerson who celebrated their 62nd anniversary.



A huge thanks to Alana Frazier for editing and publishing this newsletter for several years, and providing a pictorial record of our church events. Alana is stepping back from this responsibility which will for the foreseeable future be organized by Beth Larson and myself. We welcome anyone who would like to help with submission and layout six times a year. Please feel free to contact me, 301-335-8315, dm3ward@gmail.com.

Together in Christ,

Mindy Ward