



From the Pastor's Study...

*"Two men," Jesus said, "went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector." When Jesus pairs up people in his parables, he's drawing a distinction between them. The Pharisee prayed, "God, I thank you that I was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people, thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even this tax collector.'"*

He's not praising this Pharisee's willingness to pray, just what he had to say. Jesus puts the focus on this religious figure, a temple official, who compares himself to a man of a universally reviled profession. Rabbis back then often made the same comparison, contrasting the pious (like the Pharisees) with someone that represented sin in the form of a traitor to the whole nation, like tax collectors that worked for Rome.

When in our prayer life, we make comparisons to the circumstances of others, we are doing no less than the Pharisee. A great teacher of preaching, Fred Craddock, told a story about a group that invited him to join them for one of their meetings soon after he took over a new church. He was always wary of such groups, but he decided he would attend the meeting of this "prayer" group. When he got there, he was dumbfounded to see that all they did was offer thanks for the things they were able to buy due to their good fortune—cars, jewelry, clothes—and contrast themselves to others less fortunate. (I've always said, the Pharisees are still with us!)

There is much that is wrong in making such statements in a prayer. We should not draw attention to the things we have that create a distinction between ourselves, and those that are less fortunate.

We should instead draw attention to the rich blessings that are available for us all in the things we can see every day. There is much that is "rich" in those blessings, and they are usually "free." Strive each day, from today forward, to compare the blessings you see each day, to the blessings you already have.

That's right (cue the music) —"e-lim-in-ate, the negative, ac-cen-tuate, the positive...."

Mickey

**The house of my soul is too small for you to enter; make it more spacious by your coming. It lies in ruins; rebuild it. Some things are to be found there which will offend your gaze; I confess this to be so and know it well. But who will clean my house? To whom but yourself can I cry?**

- *The Confessions* by Saint Augustine

### **Young Life of Louisa says Thank You!**

Louisa High School and Middle School Young Life thanks Elk Creek Baptist its support of our programs. Through weekly fun-oriented activities and small group Bible studies the YL leaders develop a trust to open the door for talk about Christ. This picture is the group of young people who went to camp this summer to have fun and learn more about Christ, some of whom have made a first time commitment to follow Christ. Many return from camp saying, "This was the best week of my life."



To learn more about how Young Life is introducing teens and children to the love of Jesus, check out [louisacounty.younglife.org](http://louisacounty.younglife.org). You can also find them on Facebook, or ask Susan and Dane Swenson.

**\*\*Young Life has a Golf Tournament coming up September 13<sup>th</sup>. Read the Volunteer Opportunities for more information and to help out.**



**Fall Clean Up** was scheduled on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> in preparation for Homecoming. Thank you to the team of volunteers who cleaned up the building, grounds and outdoor sanctuary.





**Women's Fellowship** gathered at the home of Katrina Northcraft's house on August 29<sup>th</sup> for lunch and fellowship.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



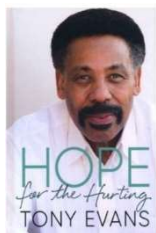
- **Young Life of Louisa** is looking for volunteers to help with their fundraiser on Sep 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact Susan and Dane Swenson, 703-863-9972, [susanswenson466@gmail.com](mailto:susanswenson466@gmail.com).
- Tellers (church members only) are needed after services on Sunday to prepare bank deposits. Teams of two are being assigned. Contact Adam Northcraft, 304-359-6527, [adam777@frontier.com](mailto:adam777@frontier.com).
- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org) – and our Facebook page.
- Check out the Goshen Baptist Association website – [www.goshenassociation.com](http://www.goshenassociation.com)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Sunday School** meets every Sunday morning at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!



The **book study** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:45 in the Fellowship Hall. The current 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, [wilson540@gmail.com](mailto:wilson540@gmail.com)

## **September**

Missions Project: Alma Hunt Offer for State Missions

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> Labor Day

**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> Homecoming (one combined service at 11:00 am**

**Potluck Picnic following the service**

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> Young Life Benefit Golf Tournament

Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> BUNCO! Who wants to play?



## **October**

Missions Project: Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes for Christmas

Greeting card collection for Goochland Women's Correctional Ctr.

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deacon's Meeting

Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Business Meeting

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> Deadline for Nov/Dec Newsletter items

30<sup>th</sup> Deadline for greeting card collection

TBD Women's Social Gathering

TBD Goshen Association Annual Meeting

Louisa Baptist Church

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **September**

Frazier, Alana	1
Paine, Gerald	1
Barmoy, Kristin & Doug	3
Frazier, Alana & Wayne	7
Vancampen, Wanda & Marc	7
Kabari, Raheleh	7
DeZorzi, Tom and Carol	8
Lovette, Debbie	14
Ward, Doug	15
Koenig, Martin	15
Teller, Cheryl	15
DiFrancos. Mike	16
Myers, Joyce	17
Brewer, Alvin and Paula	17
Robertson, Katie	20
Stahl, Lee	21
Powers, Bill	21
Weakley, Blakely	24
Burt, Chip	25
Smith, Macy	25
Koslow, Jim	26
Powers, Janice	28
Croce, Susan	30
Koslow, Jim & Lori	30

## **October**

Vaughan, Miranda	2
Ward, Mindy	4
Ashwood, Chris & Connie	5
Liebold, Missy & Jeff	5
Ward, Albury	6
Losinski, Jack & Coral	6
Koenig, Jackson	7
Hale, Scott & Pamela	8
Naugle, Scott & Troy, Cheryl	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
Martin, Jeff	19
Morrell, Cindy	19
Barmoy, Doug	21
Dick, Jeff & Katie	22
Beal, Debbie	23
Teller, Rick	23
Vaughan, Clorese	23
Ashwood, Chris	25
Vaughan, Joey	25
Lovette, Tony	28
Duerson, Dorothy	29
Perks, Rick	29
Wood, Rodney & Karen	29



Families in crisis, The people of Ukraine, John Pixley, John Pope, Daniel Bass and family, Pastor Chuck Craddock, Jessica Huwa, Bobbie Turner, Ray Hart, Leon Smith, Ray Hart, Family of James Freeman, Family of Joella Griffith, Maureen O'Hara, Ludlow Gaines, Bunnie Wyckoff, Ra Kabiri, Kay Arnold, Doug Hewitt, Daniel Roberson, Hilda Jarvis, Hudson Anderson, Judy Anderson, Matt Smith, Keith Jones & family, Rick Clore,

Joyce Myers, Krista Seltzer, Cheyenne Bungay, 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 Hunter, Alfred Sletton, Catherine Proffitt, Opal Holshauser.



Our condolences to the Bridges family in the loss of Mike's brother Dan

Our condolences to Dottie & Brad Brown and family in the loss of Dottie's sister

Our prayers for the continuing improvement of health for Rodney Wood.



### Did I forget to mention?

We were blest on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> by the return of Rev. Doug Gibson who led our worship service in Pastor Mickey's absence. We had a usual good turn; our attendance at the 8:30 service has been averaging about 50 folks each Sunday.





## Potluck!

This was light and yummy pie was served at the last women's get together.

### Butterfinger Pie

This cool and creamy Butterfinger Pie is the stuff dreams are made of. It's a no-bake dessert that's so easy to make.

 <b>Course</b>	Dessert
 <b>Prep Time</b>	15 minutes
 <b>Total Time</b>	15 minutes
 <b>Servings</b>	8
 <b>Author</b>	Christin Mahrlig



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### Ingredients

- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, room temperature
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 (12.5-ounce) bag fun-sized butterfinger bars, crushed (reserve 2 bars to sprinkle on top)
- 1 (8-ounce) container Cool Whip, thawed
- 1 store-bought oreo or chocolate graham cracker crust

### Instructions

1. Beat cream cheese and peanut butter with an electric mixer until smooth.
2. Mix in vanilla.
3. Beat in powdered sugar until smooth.
4. Fold in crushed butterfingers.
5. Fold in Cool Whip.
6. Spread filling in crust. Sprinkle reserved butterfingers on top.
7. Refrigerate at least 4 hours before serving.

This recipe originally appeared on [spicysouthernkitchen.com](http://spicysouthernkitchen.com)

Have you been asked for the recipe of the dish you brought to a picnic or served at an event you hosted. Now is the time to share. Send it to me and I will post it in a future newsletter.



### Stay in Touch...

If your contact information changes, please remember to notify the church. Send changes to your address, phone number and/or email address to Mindy Ward, [dm3ward@gmail.com](mailto:dm3ward@gmail.com), 301-335-8315, so we can update our directory.

To see what information we have for you, visit our website, [elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org](http://elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org). Email the webmaster, [web@elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org](mailto:web@elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org), for access to the secure directory.



### *And Last, but not Least...*

A Sunday School teacher told her class how Lott's wife did not obey God's instructions, and when she looked over her shoulder she turned into a pillar of salt. That's nothing retorted one little boy, "My mother looked over her shoulder and turned into a telephone pole!"

*Together in Christ,*

*Mindy Ward*

*Beth Larson*

P.S.

Please send items for the newsletter to Mindy Ward, [dm3ward@gmail.com](mailto:dm3ward@gmail.com).