



ELK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Present Tense

*It was spring, but it was summer I wanted,
The warm days, and the great outdoors.
It was summer, but it was fall I wanted,
The colorful leaves, and the cool, dry air.
It was fall, but it was winter I wanted,
The beautiful snow, and the joy of the
holiday season.*

*It was winter, but it was spring I
wanted,
The warmth and the blossoming of
nature.*

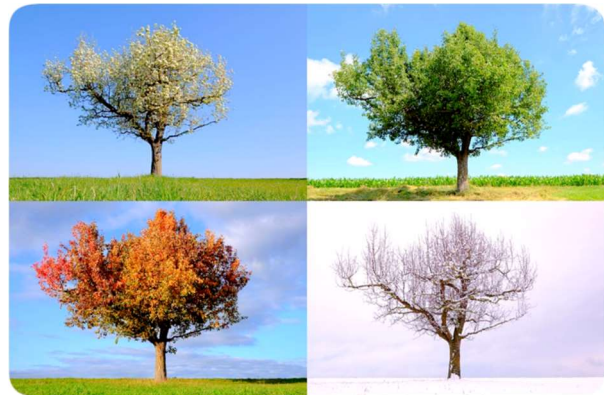
*I was a child, but it was adulthood I
wanted,
The freedom and respect.*

*I was 20, but it was 30 I wanted,
To be mature, and sophisticated.*

*I was middle-aged, but it was 20 I wanted,
The youth and the free spirit.*

*I was retired, but it was middle-age I wanted,
The presence of mind without limitations.*

My life was over, and I never got what I wanted.



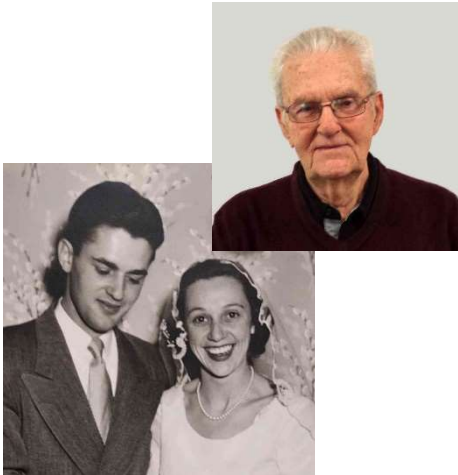
So, what do you want? This poem, written by 14-year-old Jason Lehman, was sent to Abigail Van Buren who verified that the poem was indeed written by “a teenager wise beyond his years”. It was published in her newspaper column, *Dear Abby*, February 14, 1989.

Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift; that is why it is called the present.

- Eleanor Roosevelt

Celebrations of Life

Remembering Alvin (Popeye) Roberts June 4, 1929 - May 11, 2023



God Saw You Getting Tired

God saw that he was getting tired,
A cure was not to be.
So he put His arms around him
And whispered, "Come with Me."
With tearful eyes, we watched him suffer.
And saw him fade away.
Although we loved him dearly,
We could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating.
Hard working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes "the best".

By Frances and Kathleen Coelho

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the church in memory of Popeye.



Congratulations & Best Wishes to Sarah Tyler

who recently received her Bachelor of Education degree from Regent. She majored in elementary education with a concentration in K-6. Sarah was presented with the gift of a book from the church on May 28th during the 8:30 am service.

So be sure when you step,
Step with care and great tact.
And remember that life's
A Great Balancing Act.
And will you succeed?
Yes! You will, indeed!
<98 and $\frac{3}{4}$ percent guaranteed>
Kid, you'll move mountains.

— Dr. Seuss, Oh, the Places You'll Go!



Outdoor Worship has begun. After being delayed two Sundays due to weather, we held our first service of the summer outdoors on May 21st with Rev. Doug Gibson officiating.



Time for Fellowship



The **Men's Quarterly Breakfast** will be held at the church on June 1st beginning at 8:00 am. Waffles are being served up by Grayson and Rocco Hoffman.

The **Annual Kick-off to Summer Church Picnic** is on **Saturday, June 10 at 4:30 pm** at the Church pavillion. Those attending are asked to bring a favorite side dish or desert (and the recipe). Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, and drinks will be provided.

Please contact Coral Losinski on 571-366-9500 with any questions you may have.



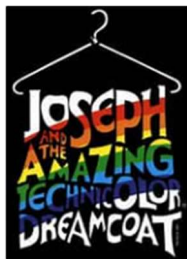
The **Monthly Women's Fellowship** met at the church on Saturday, May 20th to socialize and watch a video of a talk by Luci Swindoll from Women of Faith. The next gathering will be on Thursday, June 15th at 9:00 am at Jo Canova's home, 138 Wolftrap Ct, Bumpass.



Bunco! If you missed the first one, it was so much fun we are doing it again! Wednesday, June 21st starting at 6:45 pm at the church. Everyone welcome – guys, too!



Theatre Enthusiasts: **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** is playing at the Riverside Dinner Theatre in Fredericksburg. Dinner starts at 5:30 pm and the show is from 7:30 pm – 10 pm. Many of us from the Elk Creek family are going on **Thursday, June 29, 2023.**



Anyone not already signed up is welcome to come. The group rate is **\$71.30 pp** which includes dinner/dessert, gratuity, show and orchestra. **Please contact Anna Jones, 540-207-6592, annajones1122@gmail.com, right away.** Send check to Anna at 39 Deep Creek Circle Bumpass, VA or **Venmo@stevej840.**

This link provides more info - <https://www.riversidedt.com/josephdreamcoat-2023>

Other Comings and Goings

We continue to be blessed in worship by our supply pastors. This past month our services were led by pastors Tom Lambelet, Doug Gibson, and Joe Paluszak (shown at right).



The latest addition to the “sprucing up the church” project is the painting of the shelves in the regenerated children’s classroom.

The old upright piano was removed from the Fellowship Hall, and a digital piano is on loan to the church for use when the band plays in the Fellowship Hall.

There are two console pianos, a Grand and a Baldwin, each with built-in humidity control device to help keep the pianos in tune. Disposition of these pianos is currently being discussed. If you would like to make a suggestion, please contact Mindy Ward, 301-335-8315, elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com.



The Pastor Search Committee continues to meet weekly to work through the pastor search process. Since the last update, we have completed the church profile and met again with Dee Whitten, Director of Missions for the Goshen Baptist Association, to discuss next steps. Dee provided several contacts throughout the state in order to identify potential pastor candidates and members of the committee are in the process of reaching out to these contacts in order to seek candidates for consideration. Please continue to pray for the church, for the committee and for our future pastor as we continue the search process.

-Submitted by Kathy Tyler, Chairperson



Are You Listening?

We broadcast the 8:30 am service locally on FM 91.5. This was set up so those attending by boat can hear, but it can also be used with bluetooth devices for the hard of hearing.

If you are travelling, take us with you. The 11:00 service (and 8:30 am service when we are indoors) is broadcast on the MixLR app, and has been heard as far away as Germany and the Philipians! Download the app on your mobile phone or computer, select "Listen" and search for ECBC-5916. Call the church and someone will assist you – 540-967-8004.



In case you are still thinking about it, here are the directions for making a donation to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in memory of Amy Monahan, Stan and Mary Virginia Polonsky's daughter, and/or Liz Keller, Linda Mason's aunt, both whom had Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

To make a donation, copy this link into your browser - <https://www.lls.org>

Choose DONATE in the upper right corner of the screen.

Choose One Time Gift, unless you would like to make a recurring monthly donation.

Choose your amount with from those listed or fill in the amount in the USD Box.

Click ADD next to "Dedicate My Donation" and fill in the following information.

In Memory of LIZ KELLER and/or AMY MONAHAN

Recipient's email: lmason4732@gmail.com

Recipient's Name: Phillip and Linda Mason

Your message: add a personal message, if you wish

Select your form of payment

Complete the donation

3rd Elk Creek Blood Drive: 14 Sep 12:00 to 6:00 PM

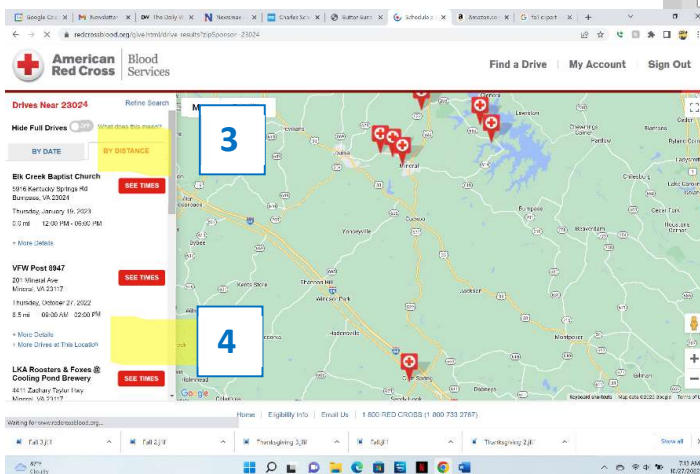
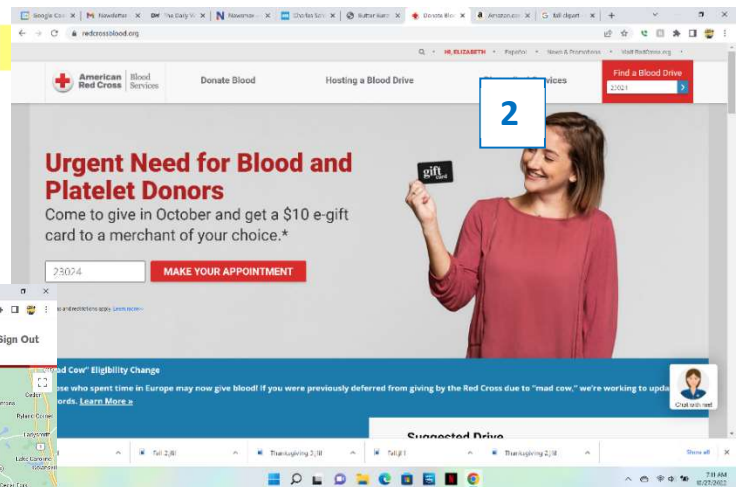
Our third drive is on the calendar. If you are a regular donor, there is a 60 day wait time between donations so please plan accordingly.

If you have questions, need assistance, or want information regarding platelet donation, contact Beth Larson at u2skyhag@gmail.com

STEPS for signing up:

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1. Go to redcrossblood.org
2. Enter 23024 in “find a blood drive”. Click blue arrow

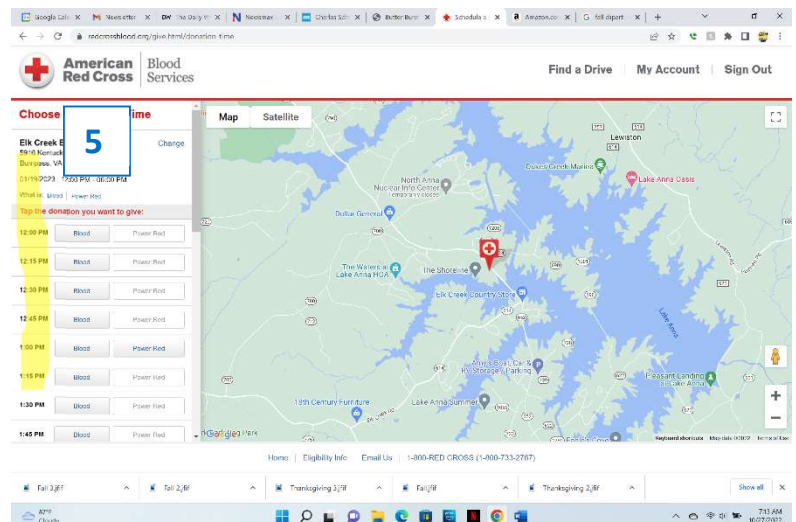


3. Select “By Distance” tab

4. Select “See Times” next to Elk Creek Baptist Church

5. Choose your time. “Blood” is a traditional donation. “Power Red” is similar to a whole blood donation, except a special machine is used to allow you to safely donate two units of red blood cells during one donation while returning your plasma and platelets to you. It takes about 30 minutes longer than a normal donation.

6. Then you either sign in, or create an account if you haven’t done this before. The steps are straight forward.



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.
- **Wednesday Book Study Snack and Study Leader(s)** to facilitate discussion of the current book on specific Wednesdays. Contact Tony Wilson, 540-748-1159, wilsontony540@gmail.com, for more details.
- **The ECBC Woodchuckers** who provide firewood to families in need can always use an extra pair of hands. If you have any questions about this ministry or would like to get involved, contact Rick Perks, 301-704-2743.
- **RuraLove Ministry**, an outreach of Goshen Association, welcomes volunteers. Contact the Ministry Center for more information, 540-894-8440. (Or Coral Losinski, 571-366-9500)
- **Young Life of Louisa can always use your help.** Contact Susan and Dane Swenson, 703-863-9972, susanswenson466@gmail.com.
- **LouisaClean** – Contact Jody Korman, 804-502-1128, Jody@Jodyshomes.com, to be notified when a road cleanup is scheduled.



Pentecost Trivia

Pentecost means '50'. Pentecost is the 50th day after the Sabbath of Passover week and in Judaism is called the Feast of Weeks ([Leviticus 23:16](#)).

It's traditionally celebrated as Whitsun. The word Pentecost has become more common, but traditionally the Church celebrated it as Whitsun – 'White Sunday'. Some believe that this is because it was a day for baptisms and those being baptized would wear white.

Pentecost is the fulfilment of two promises. In the Old Testament, [Joel 2:28](#), "I will pour out my Spirit on all people", and in the New, John 16: 5-15 Jesus says he will send another Counsellor, the Spirit of truth.

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. It marks the beginning of Christianity as a purposeful movement and a new community. When Peter preached immediately afterwards, around 3,000 people believed and were baptized.



Mission Opportunities through Baptist Goshen Association (BGAV)

Are you getting the BGAV newsletter each month?

If not, email Larry Edmonds, lynnandlarrye@aol.com.

There's lots of information and opportunities to put your talents to work locally, around the country and the world.

Besides RuraLove which our church is heavily involved with, here are a few others.

- **Mission Stitchers** – Meet the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 am-2:00 pm at the Goshen Ministry Center, 587 Mica Rd, Mineral. Bring a lunch or about \$10 for lunch. Bring your machine and tools or fabric scissors to cut out the patterns. For more information on this ministry contact Terry Graham, 540-661-6268 or email mrsjrg@aol.com.
- ***Old prescription eye glasses and men's neckties** being collected for a missionary in Guatemala.
- ***Old prescription bottles and non-prescription bottles (aspirin, vitamins, etc.) for Doctor's Without Borders.** Note: Bottles should be rinsed and labels removed.

*Note: Donations may be left in the baskets in the Fellowship Hall.

- **Southwest Virginia Partnership Inc.** based in Nickelsville, VA and ministering in Clinch Valley, Powell River and Wise Counties. Register a team of volunteers or get info at www.swvpartnership.org
- **Little Dresses for Africa:** littledressesforafrica.org
- **Romania: Ministry to Roma People** at Ruth School Brittany Garton: Brittany.garton@project-ruth.org or see: www.project-ruth.org



A representation of Pentecost by Soichi Watanabe

Get Involved in Stewardship. Contact Donna Duerson Evans (buglady8@yahoo.com) and let her know you want to get involved in the life of the church.

Worship – Mindy Ward, chair - reviews and evaluates the worship services with a view to enhancing and strengthening them; includes - services, bulletins, music, communion, and decorations/flowers.

Pastor-Staff-Church Relations – works with the pastor in keeping the covenant between the pastor and church up-to-date and abiding by the guidelines adopted for the relationship as noted in the covenant agreement. Serves in support of the pastor, and staff for the needs of the church.

Spiritual Education – coordinates Sunday School teachers, Bible Study leaders and Pastor-led studies, for the understanding of the Bible and spiritual growth.

Audio-Visual – Responsible for seeing to the maintenance, security and use of any audio/visual equipment owned by the church for the enhancement and broadcasting of services as appropriate. Volunteers with the knowledge and assistance of the audio/visual equipment.

Building and Grounds – Jay Canova, chair - Responsible for the cleanliness, maintenance, security and beautification of the church's building and grounds including the Lakefront Worship area. Periodically, inspects the facilities for possible repairs and upgrading as well as scheduling work days for the purpose of maintaining the building and grounds. Major areas of focus are: Electricity, HVAC, General Maintenance, Facility Protection, and Cleaning Teams.

Communications and Publicity – Donna Duerson Evans, chair - Liaison between the church and the media to include: Website, Facebook, Twitter, newsletter, directory, newspapers, television, radio, etc. Updates posted information to include planned special events, services and ministries. Maintains the email distribution list of active attendees used by the pastor and those who provide information to the congregation on behalf of church leadership.

Missions and Community Outreach – Plans and promotes mission ministries with Goshen Baptist Association, Baptist General Association of Virginia, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and other agencies as appropriate through special emphases or direct hands-on involvement; includes coordinating and promoting the annual mission offerings, and promoting a ministry to contact and share the message of Christ and our church with the Lake Anna Community.

Hospitality– Coral Losinski, chair – Ensures kitchen has adequate supplies. Plans and coordinates church dinners and special events such as church's Anniversary/Homecoming, Valentine Fellowship, special concerts, and programs.

Caring Community – Alana Frazier, chair – Coordinates Prayer Ministry, Card Ministry, and meal coordination, when needed. Provides assistance with the selection of gifts as needed for special occasions. I.e, graduation, recognition of special accomplishments.

Finance– Mike Bridges, chair - Responsible for church finances and other related duties. Chaired by the Treasurer, elected by the church members, includes an assistant and others can assist as approved by the deacons under the direction of the Treasurer.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June

Missions Project: Louisa Food Bank Offering

Sat. 1st Quarterly Men's Breakfast, 8:00 am at the church

Sat. 10th Kick-off to Summer Church Picnic, 4:30 pm at the church pavillion

Wed. 14th Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church

Thu. 15th Women's Fellowship, 9:00 am at Jo Canova's home, 138 Wolftrap Ct

Sun. 18th Father's Day

Wed. 21st Bunco Night, 6:45 pm at the church

Wed. 28th Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church

Thu. 29th Riverside Dinner Theater, 5:30 pm, 95 Riverside Pkwy, Fredericksburg

July

Missions Project: CBF Global Missions Offering

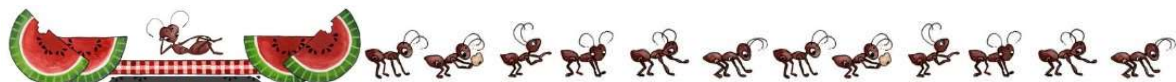
Sun. 2th: Independence Day Sunday Celebration

Tues 4th Independence Day

Sun. 9th Deacon's Meeting

Sun. 16th Quarterly Business Meeting 3rd Quarter

Thurs. 20th Women's Fellowship, 9:00 am at Alana Frazier's home, 133 Boxwood Dr



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSERIES

June

Rick & Eileen Perks	1
Kevin Eble	1
Kevin & Yvonne Eble	3
Steve & Anna Jones	7
Emma Kay Talley	12
Kevin Norwood	13
Jennifer Byers	13
Jean Martin	14
Phoebe Koenig	16
Mike & Linda Bridges	16
Kevin & Robin Bass	17
Debby & Chip Burt	18
John Larsen	24
Nancy Moser	18
Yvonne Eble	27
Lee & Cindy Morrell	27

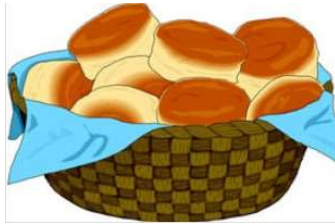
July

Sonny Hill	2
Jerry Weeks	5
Frances Woods	7
Tom DeZorzi	14
James & Dorothy Duerson	16
Jerry Talley	18
Kevin & Lesia Norwood	18
Gerry Wyckoff	19
Judy Davis	23
Carol Ashwood	26

POTLUCK! – Who doesn't love fresh warm, sweet biscuits. This is an easy recipe that can be made ahead and used as needed for a couple of weeks.

Angel Biscuits

1 pkg dry yeast
2 Tbs warm water
2 cups buttermilk
5 cups unsifted flour
1/4 cup sugar
1Tbs baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
1 cup butter, shortening, or lard



Dissolve dry yeast in warm water. Cut butter into dry ingredients. Add yeast to buttermilk. Add to flour/butter. Roll and cut like biscuits.

Bake 425 for 15-20 minutes.

Dough may be refrigerated for up to 2 weeks.

Do you have a favorite recipe or one that people ask for each time you make it? Share it through the newsletter; email it to elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com.



Bulletin Bloopers

- The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement Friday.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want to be remembered.
- Newsletters are not being sent to absentees because of their weight.



Families in crisis, Pastor Search Committee, The people of Ukraine, Syria and Turkey, Coy Bailey, Annette Padron & son, Rodney Wood, Bill Fiore, Doug Chewning, Eileen Perks, Chip Burt, Zayn Calderon, Rev. Chet Smith, Andy Seelinger, Ryan Pack, Eileen Smith, Peter Holden, Dee Bailey, Carol Cipura, Michael Wright, B.M. Seal, Grace Grecco, Teri Kulakowski, Shirley Griffith, Lori Gunter, Kelly Pitcher, Kelsey Cullen, Sandy Roberts, Linda & Phil Mason, Frank Hammond, John Murphy, Cindy & Lee Morrell, Betty Jean Jones, Greg Laurent, Doug & Ellen Hewitt, Joyce Myers, John Pescatori, Rosalyn Cook, Jerry & Emma Kay Talley, Mike Fleck, Lyla Christie, Dennis McFarlane, Doug McFarlane, Alfred Sletton, Catherine Proffitt.



Do you know someone who needs counseling?

BGAV offers Christian Counseling Daystar Pastoral Counseling, Samantha J. Reynolds, BS, MSW, PAC, LCSW. Reasonable fees. For appointment availability call 540.308.7500 or Email: DaystarPastoralCounseling@gmail.com



STAY TUNED (IN)....

- **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, 301-335-8315, so we can update our directory.
- **If you cannot come in person**, tune into the 11:00 am service (and 8:30 am when indoors) 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 like us on our Facebook page.
- **Need access to our secure online directory?** Email the webmaster, web@elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org, for access to the secure directory.
- **Check out the Goshen Baptist Association website** – www.goshenassociation.com

Together in Christ,

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