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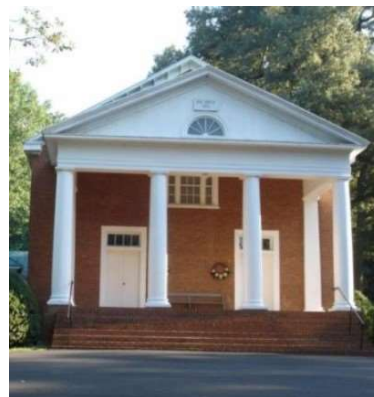
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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

210th

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SEPTEMBER 10TH, 11:00 AM

ONE COMBINED SERVICE



Sunday School Cancelled

PICNIC FOLLOWING
THE SERVICE

<Bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share>



Our supply pastors continue to bless us with meaningful lessons from the Bible. This past month we heard from Rev. Joe Paluczak, Rev. Jeff Cranford and Rev. Roger Collier.



Worth mentioning again.

Pastor Joe Paluczak shared in one of his sermons a statement he found on Facebook.

“There are few if any forces on earth more liberating than forgiveness, and few, if any, more devastating than unforgiveness.”

- Author unknown

Comings and Goings –

The rescheduled **3rd Quarter Business Meeting** was held August 20th. A few highlights from the meeting included:

- The announcement that Rev. Jeff Cranford will be our interim pastor beginning September 3rd.
- The Homecoming service will include the presentation of a plaque designating the Fellowship Hall as the James Duerson Fellowship Hall.
- Some landscaping at the lakefront worship area and around the church is being scheduled in the near future.
- The church is getting a defibrillator installed for emergencies. (Training is scheduled September 28th to familiarize with how to operate it; more information below.)
- Two air conditioning units - the back office and sanctuary – have been replaced.
- New handles and locks will soon be in place around the building.



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Monthly Women's Fellowship met on Saturday, August 19th at the church and enjoyed true feeling of friendship and good food. The next gathering will be September 5th at noon at the home of Katrina Northcraft, 61 Alexandra Court, Bumpass.

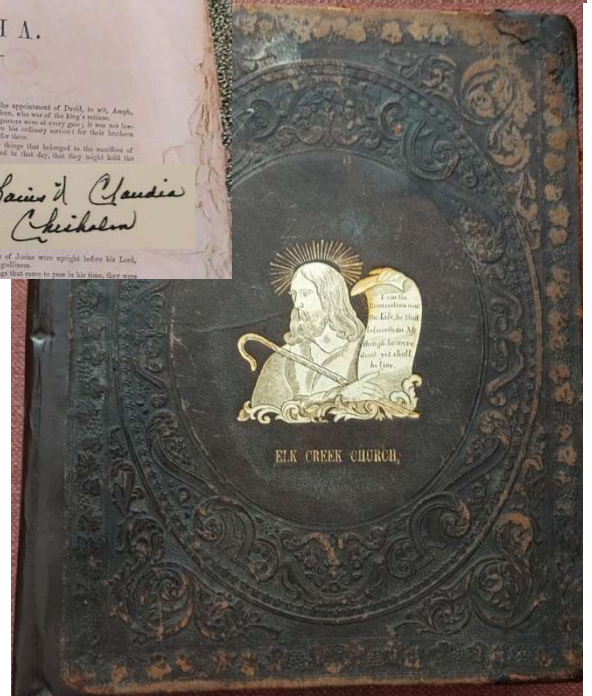
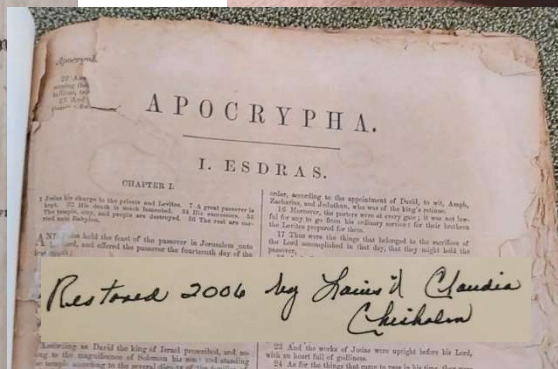
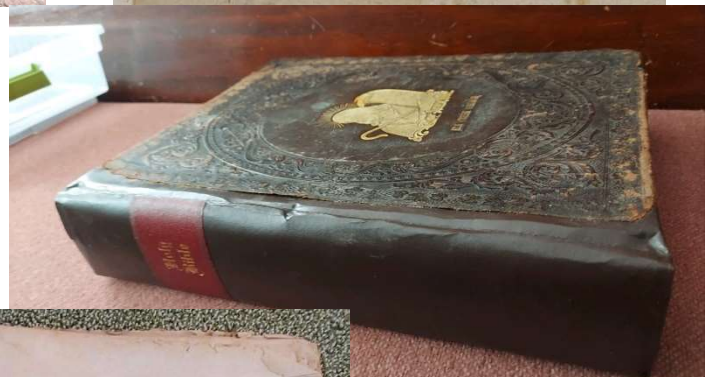
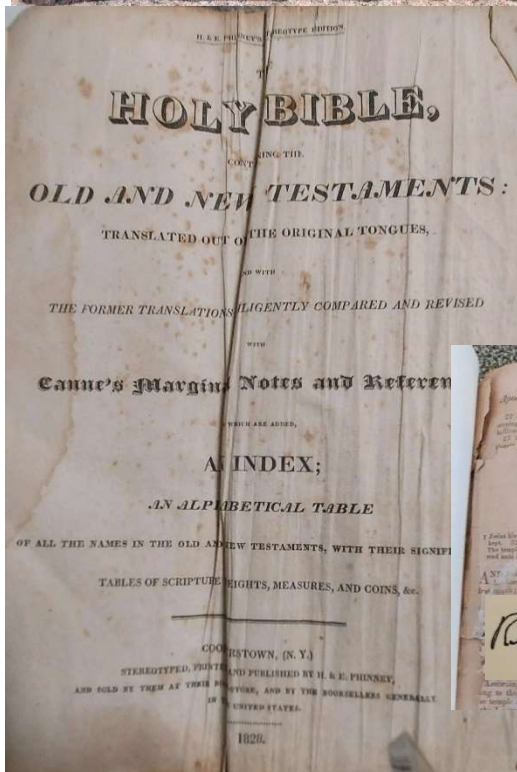
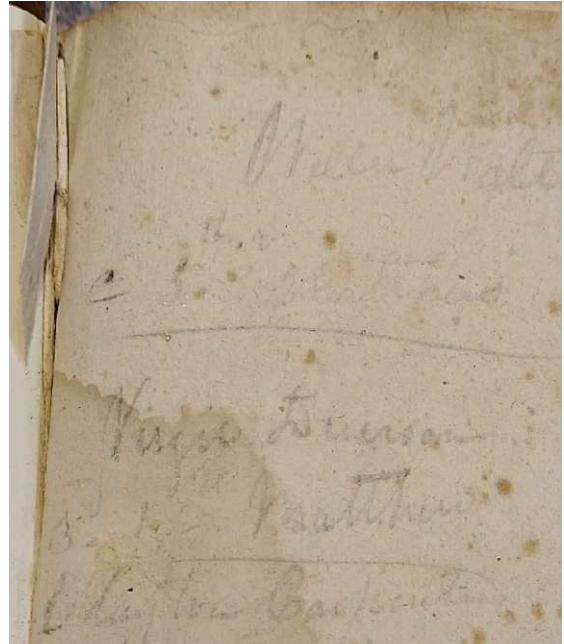


Following the women's fellowship, several folks from our church attended the **Family Fun Day at Laurel Hill Baptist Church**, and got into the action of volleyball and bingo.



Just in time for Homecoming!

Two Bibles were recently discovered that are part of the history of our church – one is copyrighted 1828, the other records an 1815 marriage and contains the Aprocrypha.





The **Caring Community Team** will gather on Tuesday, September 5th, 6:45 pm, at the church to coordinate the needs of our church family and pray over those on our prayer list. If interested, call Alana Frazier, 703.217.3564.

Last Call for 42nd Street! Thursday, September 7th, 5:30 p.m. at the Riverside Center for the Performing Arts in Fredericksburg. We do get a group rate of \$71.30pp. Your ticket includes: show, dinner, tax and gratuity. You are welcome to bring guests as this is a show for the whole family to enjoy. Contact Anna and Steve Jones, 540.207.6592 or Venmo@stevej840. Please feel free to forward to any friends.



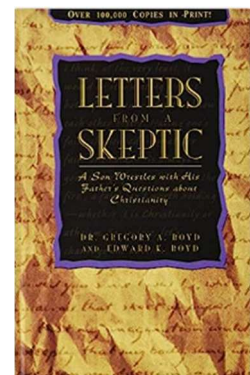
The 3rd ECBC Blood Drive is now! Thursday, September 14th, 12:00 – 6:00 pm at the church. Donors and volunteers are still needed. Contact Beth Larson, u2skyhag@gmail.com for questions or to volunteer. (Directions for registering are at the end of the newsletter.)



And it's time for the **Quarterly Men's Breakfast**, Tuesday, September 12th, 8:00 am, at the church. Contact Mike Bridges, 540-748-2546, mikeylbridges@gmail.com.

Book Study continues the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6:45 pm, at the church. The current book is ***Letters from a Skeptic: A Son Wrestles with his Father's Questions about Christianity***, by Dr. Gregory and Edward Boyd. Everyone is welcome to attend at any time. Each person is responsible for buying their own book.

Note: The hard back edition does not include study questions in the back of the book.





The Bunco group had a few new attendees this month. The next party will be Wednesday, September 20th, 6:45 pm, at the church. Boys and girls of all ages are welcome to play.



Free Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillators Training - Thursday September 28th 9:30 am – 10:30 am at the church sponsored by Gwyneth's Gift Foundation. (This is not a certification class but hands on class lasting about 1 hour.) All materials are provided. The class is free of charge, however donations are encouraged to support the mission of Gwyneth's Gift to provide life-saving training. Registration required; contact Judy

Belluomini judybell13@yahoo.com or Anna Jones annajones1122@gmail.com by Thursday, September 21st!



Looking ahead –

Fall Clean Up has been rescheduled from September 26th. A new date has not been set yet.

The **October Women's GRACE Fellowship** gathering will be a coed event. Women are invited to bring their spouse (or a friend) Tuesday, October 12th, 6:00 pm, to Kristin and Doug Barmoy's house, 574 Burrus Mill Road, Bumpass, for a potluck dinner.

Five women from our church will be attending the **Extraordinary Women** retreat in Lynchburg, VA, the October 13th & 14th. We ask for prayers that this will be a spiritually uplifting event for the over 2000 women attending.



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.
Goal is every Friday between September 1st and October 27th. Meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. Wear long pants, boots if available. Grabbers, security vests, and hats will be given out while supply lasts. PLEASE bring gloves.
Group photos are requested to share with Keep Virginia Green.



Mission Opportunities through Baptist Goshen Association (BGAV) - The Hands of Christ: Serving, Growing, and Cooperating

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.

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

September

Mission Project: Alma Hunt Offering for State Missions

- Mon. 4th Labor Day
- Tue. 5th Women's GRACE Fellowship, noon at Katrina Northcraft's house,
- Tue. 5th Caring Community Coordination & Prayer Vigil, 6:45 pm at the church
- Tue. 12th Men's Quarterly Breakfast, 8:00 am at the church
- Sun. 10th Homecoming worship (Combined Service 11am) and picnic**
- Wed. 13th Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church
- Wed. 20th Deadline for newsletter postings and pictures
- Wed. 20th Bunco, 6:45 pm at the church
- Wed. 27th Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church

October

Mission Project: Goochland Women's Correctional Center(GWCC) Cards and Stamps
Due TBD. Christmas, Birthday, Blank, All Occasion.

- Sun. 1st 8:30 am Worship Moves Inside
- Sun. 1st Deacon's Meeting
- Sun. 8th Quarterly Business Meeting 4th Quarter
- Tue. 12th Women's GRACE potluck dinner, Kristin Barmoy's house
- Wed. 11th Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church
- Wed. 18th Bunco, 6:45 pm at the church
- Wed. 20th Deadline for newsletter postings and pictures
- Wed. 25th Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church
- Tue. 31st Goshen Fall Annual Meeting-Louisa Baptist Church



Families in crisis, Pastor Search Committee, Victims of Maui Fire; Bryce James, James & Dorothy Duerson, Tony Style, Rene Rouillard, Robert Vernon, Debbie Haggard, Lisa Danik, Herb Vogel, Julie Parker, Lauren Cole, Steve Smith, Dr. Gary Schultz, Rev. Tom Lambelet, Dora McRae, Nancy E., Sandy Moore, Steve Ostrander, Kim Ridley, The family of Ian O'Brien, Kathy

Munro, Andrew Croce, Allen Lewis, June and Bob Seelinger, John Fugett, Don Gartrell, Coy Bailey, Eileen Perks, Rev. Chet Smith, Dee Bailey, Michael Wright, B.M. Seal, Grace Grecco, Teri Kulakowski, Shirley Griffith, Lori Gunter, Kelly Pitcher, Kelsey Cullen, Linda & Phil Mason, John Murphy, Doug & Ellen Hewitt, John Pescatori, Rosalyn Cook, Jerry & Emma Kay Talley, Mike Fleck, Dennis McFarlane, Doug McFarlane, Alfred Sletton, Catherine Proffitt.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSERIES

September

Alana Frazier	1
Gerald Paine	1
Kristin & Doug Barmoy	3
Alana & Wayne Frazier	7
Wanda & Marc Vancampen	7
Raheleh Kabari	7
Carol & Tom DeZorzi	8
Debbie Lovette	14
Martin Koenig	15
Doug Ward	15
Cheryl Teller	15
Mike DiFrancos	16
Joyce Myers	17
Paula & Alvin Brewer	17
Carolyn Brown	18
Lee Stahl	21
Ella Pritchard	22
Bernie Marsh	24
Chip Burt	25
Susan Croce	30

October

Helena & Andy Seelinger	1
Miranda Vaughan	2
Julie Gaumond	3
Mindy Ward	4
Connie & Chris Ashwood	5
Albury Ward	6
Coral & Jack Losinski	6
Jackson Koenig	7
Pamela & Scott Hale	8
Mary Virginia & Stan Polonsky	9
Barbara & Arthur McKenny	9
Helena Seelinger	10
Maria Kimball	11
Debby Burt	14
Steve Jones	14
Jeff Martin	19
Cindy Morrell	19
Doug Barmoy	21
Bill Powers	21
Katie & Jeff Dick	22
Tessie & John Fugett	22
Debbie Beal	23
Rick Teller	23
Clorese Vaughan	23
Joey Vaughan	25
Chris Ashwood	25
Tony Lovette	28
Dorothy Duerson	29
Rick Perks	29
Karen & Rodney Wood	29



A Few Random Thoughts for the Day

Nothing is more embarrassing than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.

"Do not machine wash or tumble dry" means I will never wash this ever?

Map Quest really needs to start their directions on #5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.

POTLUCK! – The fig tree is mentioned over **50 times** in the Bible and was highly valued for its nutritional and economic significance in ancient times . In the New Testament, Jesus used the fig tree as a metaphor to teach his disciples about the importance of recognizing signs of the end times. In Luke 21:29-33, Jesus tells his disciples to “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near”

Fresh Fig and Ricotta Cake

Ingredients:

10 tablespoons (1 1/4 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
1 cup granulated sugar
3 extra-large eggs, at room temperature
1 cup fresh whole milk ricotta, at room temperature
2 tablespoons sour cream
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon kosher salt
8 large (or 12 medium) fresh figs, stems removed, quartered through the stem
1 tablespoon turbinado sugar, such as Sugar in the Raw
Crème fraîche, for serving

1 Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Butter and flour a 9-inch round springform pan, tapping out the excess flour.

2 Place the butter and granulated sugar in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment and beat on medium speed for 3 minutes, until light and fluffy, scraping down the bowl with a rubber spatula. With the mixer on medium low, add the eggs, one at a time, scraping down the bowl and mixing until smooth. Add the ricotta, sour cream, vanilla, and lemon zest and mix until combined. Don't worry; the ricotta will make it look lumpy.

3 In a small bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, and salt. With the mixer on low, slowly add the dry ingredients to the batter, mixing just until combined. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and smooth the top. Arrange the figs on the cake, cut sides up, in snug but not-overlapping concentric circles. Sprinkle with the turbinado sugar and bake for 35 to 45 minutes, until the top is lightly browned and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

4 Allow the cake to cool in the pan on a baking rack for 15 to 20 minutes, transfer to a cake plate, and serve warm with crème fraîche on the side.





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

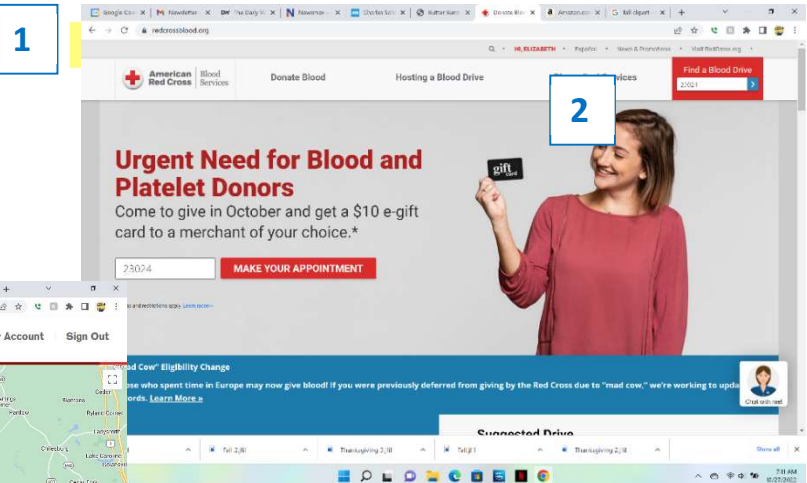
Together in Christ,

Mindy and Doug Ward, Beth Larson, Alana and Wayne Frazier

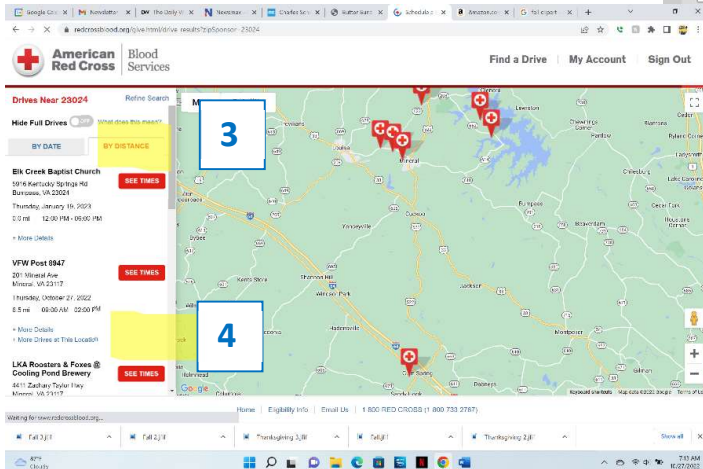
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Red Cross Blood Drive Sign Up Instructions

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.

