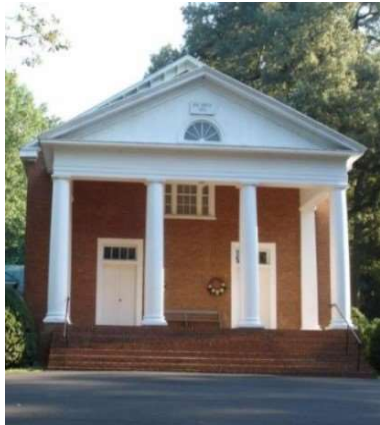




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April 2024



“Living A Life Worth Living”

April brings us fully into Spring and Baseball season; two things I like a lot. It is a month of transition with cool nights and warming days. The tree’s leaf out and the fish in the lake are on the bed. As cool winds sometime still blow through and warmth from the South creeps up, storms arise, and the earth goes on. The sun still rises and sets, and the clouds and the rains come and go. It is all a part of life in April in Virginia’s Lake Anna region.



Life is an important word to all of us. God created you and gave you life. Jesus died on the cross to provide the forgiveness for your sin, His gift of eternal life. What will you do with this gift called life?

Living as a Christian is a life worth living. I look forward to sharing messages out of God’s Word on “Living In Christ.” Being “In Christ,” changes everything: values, perspectives, priorities, goals, relationships, finances, location for living, eternity, and even everyday actions. A relationship with God transforms you. May you, like the plants of Spring, keep growing up into maturity “in Christ”.

In Christ,
Pastor Mike Gray

April Sermons -

Living In Christ

07 <i>New Life in Christ</i>	Romans 6:1-11
14 <i>Conquerors in Christ</i>	Romans 8:35-39
21 <i>One Church in Christ</i>	Gal. 3:28
28 <i>Glorifying God in Christ</i>	Romans 15:31

Outdoor worship resumes May 5th!! Clean up is done, mulch spread and benches power-washed. The Lakefront is ready. Come join us at 8:30 am across the street from the church. Remember to bring a light wrap regardless of the temperature; it can get chilly under the trees. For those coming by boat, the service will be broadcast on FM 91.5



Welcome to New Members



Rodd & Karen Andrews

Arthur & Barbara McKinney




Rodney & Karen Wood


Annie Armstrong Easter Offering 2024

Baptists giving to support missions in North America

Your gifts to NAMB provide for missionaries to Go, Plant Churches & Make Jesus Known!



MAKE JESUS KNOWN



AnnieArmstrong.com
North American Mission Board

100% of your gifts support North American missionaries



Your Gifts at Work

NAMB and Southern Baptists came together to add

917 new congregations in 2022

Since 2010, Southern Baptists have planted more than

10,000 churches across North America

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Reflections of Holy Week









Comings and Goings –

Church Business Meeting April 14 Following 11:00 am Worship

Key Business Items:

1. Motions from Building & Grounds and Deacons - Two Phase Plan for Improvement of Church Campus
Phase 1: Motion to Repair Sanctuary Exterior Brick & Wall (To be voted on)
Phase 2: Motion to Expand the Parking Lot (Information & Review Only)
Details to be presented with anticipated costs.
2. Motion from the Deacons to Discontinue the 11:00 am Worship Plan for Summer and Fall Worship Schedule to be Presented (With the blessings of James & Dorothy Duerson)

Agenda items should be submitted to Donna Duerson, buglady8@yahoo.com, no later than Tuesday, April 9th.



The **Caring Community Prayer and Card Ministry** meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:45 pm at the church. The meeting is open to anyone; come join in praying for those on our prayer list. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7th. Questions? Call Alana Frazier, 703-282-2393.



Bunco is for everyone as it was proved this month with the men taking home all of the “trophies”; even the “ghost” was a winner. Come join in the fun Monday, April 15th at 6:30 pm at the church. (If you want to bring a snack to share, please keep it light.)



The monthly **Women's GRACE Fellowship** provided lunch at the church for everyone following the Spring cleanup. Alana Frazier offered a devotional and prayer. The next gathering will be Thursday, April 18th at 9:00 at the church.

Looking ahead: The May get together is tentatively planned as a lunchtime tea on Thursday, May 23rd at the Holloday House in Orange. Please RSVP to Mindy Ward, 301-335-8315, by May 10th, so reservations can be made. Cost is estimated to be \$35 per person.



You are Invited to the Louisa Young Life Banquet. Everyone is invited to dinner at **5:00 pm on April 28th at the Betty Queen Center, 522 Industrial Drive, Louisa.**



Our church is a strong supporter of Louisa Young Life and has been designated as the sponsor for this year's dinner. This is a perfect opportunity to learn what Young Life is and what it is doing to bring the students in the middle and high schools to Christ. There is no cost to attend; RSVP by April 25th to Susan Swenson, susanswenson466@gmail.com, 703-863-9972.

LouisaClean is now a non-profit thanks to the diligent effort of Jody Korman and Carol and Tom DeZorzi. It is a never-ending effort to keep our county roads clean. In the last three months, volunteers have already put in 186 hours to collecting 220 bags of trash from roadsides in the vicinity of church.



A **Big Clean Event** is scheduled in conjunction with Earth Day. Please consider joining others on Saturday, April 13th, or (after worship) Sunday, April 14th. Email LouisaClean2022@gmail.com to volunteer and be assigned a location. Trash bags, safety vests, and pickers will be supplied.

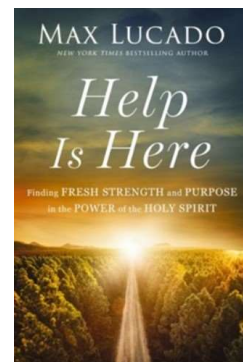


The **Woodchuckers** continued their mission this month stocking up on wood for those in need in the community.



Wednesday Book Study began a new book the end of January. *Help Is Here*, a study on the Holy Spirit by Max Lucado, is available on Amazon and Christian Bookstore. For further details, contact Tony Wilson 540-748-1159, wilsontony540@gmail.com.

The study meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.



From the Buildings and Grounds Team

Should you see something that needs to be repaired, or would like to lend a hand, please contact Jay Canova, 703-624-9802.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Church Cleaning Teams.** Contact Linda Bridges, lindasbridges@gmail.com, for more information.
- **Food providers for Sunday morning fellowship** after the 8:30 am service. Sign up in Duerson Hall, or call Coral Losinski, 571-366-9500, or Bunnie Wyckoff, 202-286-8954.
- **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** provide firewood to families in need and can always use an extra pair of hands. No set schedule; contact Rick Perks, 301-704-2743, to get involved.
- **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** introduces middle and high school students to the love of Christ. 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. Remember to bring gloves, wear long pants, and boots, if available. Grabbers, security vests, and hats will be given out while supply lasts. Group photos are requested to share with Keep Virginia Green.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April

Mission Project: Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

- Tue 2nd Caring Community Prayer and Card Ministry, 6:45 pm at the church
Thu 4th Deacon's Meeting, 7 pm at the church
Sun 7th Communion
Tue 9th Deadline for new business items for business meeting, email Donna Duerson, buglady8@yahoo.com
Wed 10th Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church
Thu 18th Women's GRACE Fellowship, 9:00 am at the church

Sun 14th 2nd Quarter Business Meeting following the 11:00 am service
Mon 15th Bunco, 6:30 pm at the church
Sat 20th Deadline for newsletter articles and photos, email elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com
Wed 24th Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church

May

Mission Project: Goshen Missions Offering (GMO)

- Sun. 5th 8:30 am Lake Front Services Begins / Communion
Thu 2nd Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 pm at the church
Tue 7th Caring Community Prayer and Card Ministry, 6:45 pm at the church
Wed 8th Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church
Thu 9th Stewardships Review with Chairpersons, 7:00 pm at the church
Sun. 12th Mother's Day
Tue 14th Bimonthly Men's Breakfast, 8:00 am at the church
Mon 20th Bunco, 6:30 pm at the church
Mon 20th Deadline for newsletter articles and photos, email elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com
Wed 22nd Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church
May 23rd Women's GRACE Fellowship, tea at Holloday House Time: TBD
Sun. 26th Memorial Day Service

Coming in May

Pastor Mike will be leading Sunday School - "What It Means to be a Church Member"



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

April

Paula Brewer	1
Larry Edmonds	4
Noah Kimball	6
Rodney Wood	7
Gary Harkins	8
Kathy Tyler	9
Barbara Moore	9
Norman & Lee Stahl	13
Abi Bell	19
Sonny and Cherry Hill	20
Lesia Norwood	22
Brenda & Earl Eck	22
Sharon Anderson	25
Sandra Wilson	30
Rita Jones	30
Andy Seelinger	30

May

Pam Paine	3
Mary Virginia Polonsky	7
Pam & Gerald Paine	7
Robert Brown	9
Randy Bock	9
Phoebe & Martin Koenig	11
Janice & Bill Powers	11
Tammy & Jerry Whitehouse	13
Jamie Eder	14
Steve O'Connor	19
Jean & Jeff Martin	22
Beth & John Larson	22
Kelly & Tom Pitcher	25
Marc Vancampen	31



Those affected by the severe weather of the country and the bridge collapse in Maryland, first responders, Mindy Ward, Karen Andrews, Butch Weaver, Luke Martin, The Koenig Family, Alana Frazier, John Fugett, Maureen O'Hara, Doug McFarlane, Eric Morgan, Barbara

Henney, Jerry Hopkins, June and Robert Seelinger, Dennis McFarlane, Harlan Mullis, Sherri Martin, Alvin Wood, Debra Brown, Alan Harris, Kelsie Cullen Martin, Jonelle Borseth, Linda Lacy, Tommy McGuire, Pat Welty, Lee Stahl, Teri Kulakowski, Brenda Parsons, Barkley Seal, Frida Kim



Father in Heaven, You gave us life, and you also give us the gift of infinite joy. Give us the strength to move forward on the path you've laid out for us. Guide us towards better health, and give us the wisdom to identify those you have placed around us to help along the way. In Jesus' name. Amen

Potluck!! What would April be without an April Fool's joke. Here is a choice one in the form of a cake. (It actually tastes really good once you get past being grossed out.)

KITTY LITTER CAKE



Kitty Litter Cake

Today's Sacramento Union by Margie Weybright. (9/16)

1 pkg spice cake mix
1 pkg white cake mix
1 pkg white sandwich cookies
green food coloring
12 small Tootsie Rolls

1 box vanilla pudding mix (not instant)

Prepare cake mixes and bake according to directions.

Prepare pudding mix and chill until ready to assemble.

Crumble white sandwich cookies in small batches in blender; they tend to stick, so scrape often. Set aside all but about 1/4 c. To the 1/4 c. cookie crumbs, add a few drops green food coloring and mix using a fork.

When cakes are cooled to room temp, crumble into a large bowl. Toss with half of the remaining cookie crumbs and the chilled pudding. Gently combine. Line new, clean kitty litter box. Put mixture into litter box. Put three unwrapped Tootsie Rolls in a microwave safe dish and heat until soft and pliable. Shape ends so they are no longer blunt, curving slightly. Repeat with 3 more Tootsie Rolls and bury in mixture. Sprinkle the other half of cookie crumbs over top. Scatter the green cookie crumbs lightly over the top; this is supposed to look like the chlorophyll in kitty litter. Heat remaining Tootsie Rolls, 3 at a time in a microwave until almost melted. Scrape them on top of cake and sprinkle with cookie crumbs. Serve with a new pooper scooper.

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 attend 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.
- **For those attending the outdoor service by boat**, tune into FM 91.5 to hear the service.
- **Visit our website** – elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org –
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 - Make an online donation.
 - Email the webmaster, web@elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org, for access to the secure directories.
 - Check out the monthly Goshen Baptist Association newsletter for lots of information and opportunities to put talents to work locally, around the country and the world.
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Together in Christ,

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

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