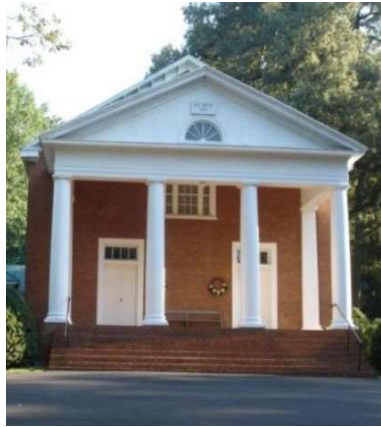




**ELK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
*Serving the Community Since 1813*

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**May 2024**



**IT IS TIME...** time to glorify God in Worship at our lakeside outdoor chapel. From May – September, our Worship will be outside, weather permitting. (In foul weather, or unexpected cold, we will worship in the sanctuary.)

**This Sunday, May 5 at 8:30 am, Elk Creek Baptist begins Worship by the lake, followed by a**



*breakfast fellowship. Sunday School is at 10:00 in the building. Invite your neighbors, friends and family.*

*I am excited to be a part of the growth of Elk Creek Baptist that has come because members and attendees have invited*

*people to come and worship. For five months, I have heard how great it is to be a part of the worship at the lake, some sitting on pews, and some in boats. Now we get to experience it together.*

*Give invitations, and watch what God does. He honors our faithfulness.*

*See you at the lakeside chapel next week... as we glorify God with our worship as believers in Jesus, the Christ, the Resurrected*

*Son of the Living God.*

*Blessings,  
 Pastor Mike*

<b>May Sermons</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup> <i>Time in God's Hands!</i>	Mark 1:14:20
12 <sup>th</sup> <i>Mothers Who Magnify</i>	Prov. 31:26
19 <sup>th</sup> <i>Forgiveness through Friends</i>	Mark 2:1-12
26 <sup>th</sup> <i>Love Laid Down</i>	John 15:9-17

## About our Outdoor Worship –

- Bring a light wrap with you regardless of the temperature.
- Boat attendees can listen on their radios by tuning to **FM 91.5**.
- Travellers can still enjoy the worship (even internationally) by **downloading the MixLR app and selecting ECBC-5916**.
- A copy of the songsheet (with announcements) is available by email. Requests should be sent to Wayne Frazier ([wr.frazier@verizon.net](mailto:wr.frazier@verizon.net)).



The **Quarterly Church Business Meeting** was held on April 14<sup>th</sup> following the 11:00 am Worship.

As voted by our congregation, building repairs on the exterior walls of the sanctuary building begin the week of April 29<sup>th</sup>. Bushes have been removed and scaffolding erected. Following the exterior repairs of repointing and sealing the brick, the interior walls will be repaired, and landscaping will follow.

Please be cautious around the repair sites. Any questions should be directed to Jay Canova, 703-624-9802.

The need to expand the parking lot was discussed, but no motion made at this meeting.

It was voted to discontinue the 11:00 am service as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. As was the tradition, hands were held one last time on April 28<sup>th</sup> as the service ended with the singing of “The Family of God”. Until further notice, there will be one service at 8:30 am followed by a time of fellowship and Sunday School at 10:00 am.



## Comings and Goings –



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.

If you would like to join the prayer chain and be notified of prayer requests, please email Mindy Ward, [dm3ward@gmail.com](mailto:dm3ward@gmail.com)



The monthly **Women's GRACE Fellowship** met at the church on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Alana Frazier shared a devotional about Abigail, a woman of God who was humble, wise and diplomatic. The next gathering will be on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 am, at the church. Following the meeting, a luncheon tea is planned at the Holloday House in Orange. Please RSVP to Mindy Ward, 301-335-8315, by May 10<sup>th</sup>, so reservations can be made. Cost is estimated to be \$25 per person.





The **Woodchuckers** continued their mission this month stocking up on wood for those in need in the community. To find out when there is work to be done, contact Rick Perks, 301-704-2743.



Following the **Movie Night, April 24<sup>th</sup>**, enjoyed by all who attended, the **Wednesday Book Study** will be discussing the movie, **The War Room**. Accompanying study guides are available online. For further details, contact Tony Wilson 540-748-1159, [wilsontony540@gmail.com](mailto:wilsontony540@gmail.com).

The study meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month.



What did the Calvinist say when he fell down the stairs?

*He cried out for help, because fallen people can't save themselves.*



Our church was the sponsor of the annual Louisa Young Life Banquet held April 28<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Mike opened the evening with prayer. Several members from the church attended and were updated on the work being done to bring youth in Louisa to Christ.

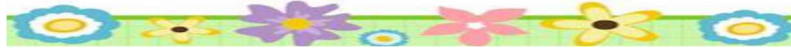
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## From the Buildings and Grounds Team

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



## Get Involved in the Life of the Church

- **Church Cleaning Teams.** Contact Linda Bridges, [lindasbridges@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:susanswenson466@gmail.com).
- **LouisaClean** – Contact Jody Korman, 804-502-1128, [Jody@Jodyshomes.com](mailto: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

### May

**Mission Project:** Goshen Missions Offering (GMO)

Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am Lake Front Services Begins / Communion

Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 pm at the church

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Caring Community Prayer and Card Ministry, 6:45 pm at the church

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church

Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Bunco, 6:30 pm at the church

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Deadline for newsletter articles and photos, email [elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com)

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Stewardships Review with Chairpersons, 7:00 pm at the church

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> No Book Study

May 23<sup>rd</sup> Women's GRACE Fellowship, 9:00 am at the church, followed by tea at Holloday House, Orange, VA

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Service

### This month

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

### June

**Mission Project:** Louisa Food Bank Offering

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Communion

Thu 6<sup>th</sup> Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 pm at the church

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Kick-off to Summer Church Picnic, 4:00-6:00 pm

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Father's Day

Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Caring Community Prayer and Card Ministry, 6:45 pm at the church

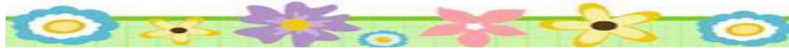
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Bunco, 6:30 pm at the church

Thu 20<sup>th</sup> Deadline for newsletter articles and photos, email [elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com)

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church

Thu 20<sup>th</sup> Women's GRACE Fellowship, 9:00 am at the church



Our movie goes recently saw two inspiring movies about overcoming tragedy with faith. *Unsung Hero* is a true story.

More Tuesday trips to the movies being planned. Contact Mindy Ward, [dm3ward@gmail.com](mailto:dm3ward@gmail.com), if you want to join the fun.



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

### May

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

### June

Eileen & Rick Perks	1	Linda & Mike Bridges	16
Kevin Eble	1	Debby & Chip Burt	18
Yvonne & Kevin Eble	3	Maria & Daniel Kimball	20
Anna & Steve Jones	7	Amity & Brian Burghardt	21
Emma Kay Talley	12	Katrina Northcraft	24
Kevin Norwood	13	John Larson	24
Jennifer Byers	13	Yvonne Eble	27
Jean Martin	14	Cindy & Lee Morrell	27
Phoebe Koenig	16		



Our country, our leaders, people affected by the severe weather across the US, military conflicts, missionaries at home and abroad, Phoebe Koenig, Sara Hillery, John Fugett, Brenda Sizer, Mikayla, Kendall Malone, Kelly Pitcher, Scott McAlexander, Mya Thompson, Doug McFarlane, Pat Welty, Sue Kelly Graham, Luke Martin, Jonelle Borseth, Vicky Spence, Wendy Thurman, Carol Vealey-Ellis, Patsy Bailey, Maureen O'Hara, Eric Morgan, Barbara Henney, Jerry Hopkins, Andrew Taylor, Harlan Mullins, Sherri Martin, Alvin Wood



Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my innermost being, praise His holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all His benefits who forgives all my sins and heals my diseases, who redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion, who satisfies my desires with good things. Amen.

- From Psalm 103: 1-5



## 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](mailto:dm3ward@gmail.com), 301-335-8315, so we can update our directories.
- **If you cannot attend in person**, tune at 8:30 am 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](http://elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org) –
  - Check out the archived church newsletters.
  - Make an online donation.
  - Email the webmaster, [web@elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org](mailto: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 your talents to work locally, around the country and the world.
- **Like us on Facebook.**



*Together in Christ,*

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