



ELK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

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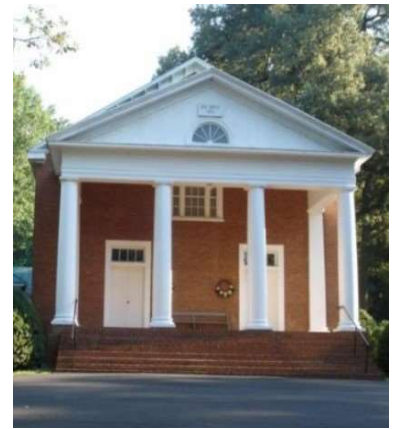
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**** TWO INVITATIONS FOR A GREAT TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD****



KICK-OFF-TO-SUMMER PICNIC

Saturday, June 8TH starting at 4:30pm at the Church Pavilion

Meat, drinks, and condiments will be provided. Please bring complimentary sides and desserts.

Questions? Contact Coral Losinski, 571-366-9500.



FREDNATS BASEBALL

Sunday, June 23rd at 1:35 pm
Virginia Credit Union Stadium, Fredericksburg

Tickets are \$18.00.

Contact Mindy Ward,
301-335-8315, to sign up.



Elk Creek Baptist Church Moving Forward

Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant." Matthew 20:26 NIV)

Several years ago, in one of the church business meetings, it was voted to "move forward" with a re-organization that would encourage more participation in the life of the church. To accommodate the growth of the congregation, a way to connect and share responsibilities was proposed. "Stewardships" were agreed to advance the health, growth and joy of the congregation. People were invited to volunteer, or connect in one or more of the areas.

More recently, it was voted to move forward with the suggested Stewardships with the understanding that there would be reviews that could lead to tweaks or changes in the description and make up of each Stewardship area. It was a matter of trust and faith; any changes were to be brought to the congregation for a vote.

Unlike committees that are designed to maintain a status quo and are limited in participation, Stewardships encourage the use of one's grace gifts and talents for ministry in a particular area. The focus moves from program to people cooperating together in unity to glorify God. A formal nominating process moved to an open invitation to connect by volunteering.

On May 22nd, a first review was held with the leaders of the Stewardships meeting with the Deacons and myself. What a great meeting as the servant hearts and actions of those sitting around the table were celebrated. Testimonies were given of "God moments" in serving that were both encouraging and inspiring.

Strengths and weaknesses within the Stewardship were identified, most of the discussion concerning communication. Six individual Stewardship follow-up meetings were requested: Communication and Publicity, Worship, Audio-Visual, Finance, Buildings and Grounds and Spiritual Education.

When a church changes, not in faith, but in functionality, there is always a need to clarify responsibility in who does what and their authority to act within the church governance structure. Because of the great cooperative spirit of the Elk Creek family, the Stewardships are still moving forward in that learning process.

What are the next steps and what can you do? First, pray for the process. Second, check out the Stewardships and see where you would be a good fit, and connect. A description of the ten Stewardships along with leader of each is posted in Duerson Hall. With summer around the corner and the current Lakeside Worship set up responsibilities, the Audio-Visual Stewardship especially needs volunteers. To be a part of any of the Stewardships, send an email or text to me, or speak to one of the Stewardship leaders listed below. And remember this is a work in progress.

Blessings,
Pastor Mike

June Sermons	
2 nd <i>Every Step a Mission: Living and Sharing the Gospel</i>	
<i>As We Go</i> (Rev. Kris Hutchinson)	Matthew 9:35-38
9 th <i>Setting things Right</i>	Mark 3:1-6
16 th <i>A Day in the Life of Godly Man</i>	1 Tim. 4:6-11
23 rd <i>God in the Stillness</i>	Mark 4:35-41

Elk Creek Baptist Church Stewardship Service Areas

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as **good stewards of the manifold grace of God.** 1 Peter 4:10 (NKJV)

Worship – Mindy Ward – responsible for reviewing and evaluating the church worship services with a view to enhancing and strengthening them; includes services, bulletins/songsheets, music, communion, flowers, decorating sanctuary.

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; includes representation from the Deacons, Trustees, Treasurer, and other active church members to serve in support of the pastor, and staff for the needs of the church.

Spiritual Education – Tony Wilson – responsible for coordinating Sunday School Teachers, Bible Study leaders and Pastor-led studies for the understanding of the Bible and spiritual growth.

Audio-Visual – Gerry Wyckoff - 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 desirable.

Building and Grounds – Jay Canova - responsible for the maintenance and beautification of the church's building and grounds, including the Lakefront Worship area. Periodically inspect the facilities for possible repairs and upgrading as well as scheduling work days for the purpose of maintaining the building and grounds. Ensures that the facilities are properly secured when not in use, are clean and neat for services, and thermostats are set appropriately when not in use. Major areas of focus are: Electricity, HVAC, Building and Grounds Maintenance, Facility Protection, and Cleaning Teams.

Communications and Publicity – Donna Duerson – responsible for providing liaison between the church and the media including: Website, Facebook, newsletter, directory, newspapers, television, radio, etc., updating posted information to include planned special events, services and ministries.

Missions and Community Outreach – (leader needed) - responsible for planning and promoting mission ministries through Goshen Baptist Association, Baptist General Association of Virginia, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and other agencies as appropriate through special emphases or direct hands-on involvement. Service responsibilities include 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 – responsible for planning, coordination and promotion of church dinners, and special events, such as, church's Anniversary/Homecoming, Valentine Fellowship, special concerts, and programs. Areas of focus include: Kitchen needs for adequate supplies.

Caring Community – Alana Frazier - responsible for addressing the concerns of the church community. Areas of focus include: Prayer Ministry, Card Ministry, meal coordination, and selection of gifts for special occasions such as graduation, recognition of special accomplishments.

Finance– Mike Bridges - responsible for church finances and other related duties.

Security – Stan Polonsky – responsible for security of facilities and safety of worshippers.

More opportunities to get involved in the life of our church.....

- **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.



Welcome to our new members!! We are so happy they are a part of our church family.



Tom and Carol DeZorzi



Alvin and Paula Brewer

From Building and Grounds – The restoration of the brickwork on the east side of the church to correct the water problem is right on schedule. All of the bushes that may have contributed to the water issue were removed. New mortar has been applied that had to cure for three weeks. After a final cleaning, and a few consecutive days of sunshine, a sealer will be applied to the brick. Once this is completed, the process will be continued on the other side of the church, then the repair of the sanctuary can be addressed.



A look behind the drapes covering the walls in the sanctuary revealed the bricks that were baked on the grounds of the church as it was being built. The sanctuary was painted green at one time.



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 sending cards and praying for those on our prayer list. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 4th. 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.



The **Men's Bi-monthly Breakfast** met at the church on Tuesday, May 21st. After a hearty breakfast of peppery SOS, several people shared their testimonies with the group. The next gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16th.



The monthly **Women's GRACE Fellowship** met at the church on May 23rd. Linda Bridges shared a devotional about challenging relationships and setting boundaries from *Proverbs 31*, a site that offers daily devotionals; a lively discussion followed. The fellowship time continued with high tea at the Holladay House in Orange, VA for several in the group. It was decided to continue meeting on the third Thursday of the month through the summer. The next fellowship is scheduled for Thursday, June 20th at the church.





The **Wednesday Book Study** continues discussing the movie, *The War Room* on June 12th and 26th at the church. The accompanying study guide is available online. For further details, contact Tony Wilson, 540-748-1159, wilsontony540@gmail.com.

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



BUNCO – Being short two players wasn't a show-stopper on May 20th, rather the "ghosts" were among the winners (and losers) recognized at the end of the evening. The next game night is rescheduled to the second Monday, June 10th at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to join in the fun; contact Mindy Ward, 301-335-8315.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Worship each Sunday, 8:30 am
Sunday School each Sunday, 10:00 am

June

Mission Project: Louisa Food Bank Offering

Tue 4th Caring Community Prayer and Card Ministry, 6:45 pm at the church
Thu 6th Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 pm at the church
Sat 8th Kick-off to Summer Church Picnic, 4:30 pm at the church pavilion
Sun 9th Communion
Sun 16th Father's Day
Mon 10th Bunco, 6:30 pm at the church
Wed 12th Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church
Thu 20th Deadline for newsletter articles and photos, email elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com
Thu 20th Women's GRACE Fellowship, 9:00 am at the church
Wed 26th Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church

July

Mission Project: CBF Global Missions Offering

Tue 2nd Caring Community Prayer and Card Ministry, 6:45 pm at the church
Thu 4th Independence Day
Thu 4th Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 pm at the church
Sun 7th Communion
Wed 10th Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church
Tue 16th Men's Bi-monthly Breakfast, 8:00 am at the church
Mon 17th Bunco, 6:30 pm at the church
Thu 20th Deadline for newsletter articles and photos, email elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com
Thu 20th Women's GRACE Fellowship, 9:00 am at the church
Wed 24th Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church



About our Outdoor Worship –

- Bring a light wrap with you regardless of the temperature. The breeze can feel chilly sitting under the trees.
- Boat attendees can listen on their radios by tuning to **FM 91.5**.
- Travelers 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).

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

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	Rebecca & Chris Sullivan	23
Kevin Norwood	13	Katrina Northcraft	24
Jennifer Byers	13	John Larson	24
Jean Martin	14	Yvonne Eble	27
Phoebe Koenig	16	Cindy & Lee Morrell	27

July

Sonny Hill	2	James & Dorothy Duerson	16
Joe Mahoney	3	Kevin & Lesia Norwood	18
Jerry Weeks	5	Jerry Talley	18
Frances Woods	7	Gerry Wyckoff	19
Mike Gaumont	12	Judy Davis	23
Amity Burghardt	14	Carol DeZorzi	24
Tom DeZorzi	14	Connie Ashwood	26
Rodd Andrews	16		



Prayers for graduates and teachers, Eileen Perks, Teresa Dobson, John Fugett, Lee Stahl, Sara Hillery, Mary Cardenas, Kim Ridley, Chase Archer, Lauren Cole, Sherri Martin, Vickie Spence, Wendy Thurman, Alvin Wood, the Koenig family, Brenda Sizer, Mikayla Carter, Kendall Malone, Kelly Pitcher, Scott McAlexander, Mya Thompson, Doug McFarlane, Sue Kelly Graham, Luke Martin, Jonelle Borseth, Carol Vealey-Ellis, Patsy Bailey, Maureen O'Hara, Eric Morgan, Barbara Henney, Jerry Hopkins, Andrew Taylor, Harlan Mullins



Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. -Isaiah 41:10

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 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 –
 - Check out the archived church newsletters.
 - 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 your talents to work locally, around the country and the world.
- **Like us on Facebook.**



Together in Christ,

Mindy and Doug Ward, Beth Larson, Alana and Wayne Frazier, Steve and Anna Jones

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