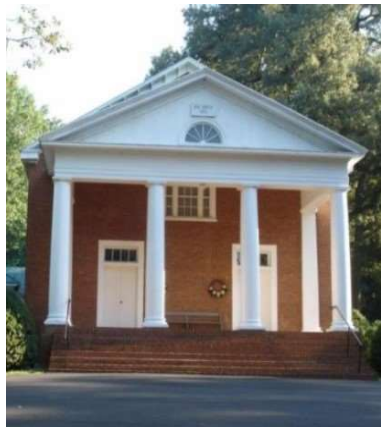




ELK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
Serving the Community Since 1813

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September 2024



HOME COMING

September 8th at 10:30 in the Sanctuary

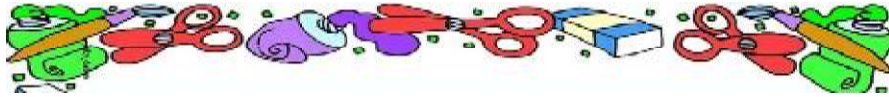
Memories, seeing old friends and former members, good singing, good preaching, good fellowship and good food, are all part of a church's homecoming. It is a celebration of the blessings experienced in years of ministry. The Lord has blessed Elk Creek Baptist Church with 211 years , 1813-2024, of sharing the gospel with the residents and visitors of Louisa County. Serving Christ and the Community where the Lord has planted us is a significant part of Elk Creek History. Baby dedications, Salvations, Baptisms, Bible Study, Prayer Meetings, VBS, Graduations, Ordinations, Weddings, and Funerals, are all part of the fabric of life in a church. They are events among a people on mission in Christ's name. Mission and Worship are why we exist as we bring glory to God through the exalting of Jesus' name. It is with joy we celebrate our past and look forward to the future God has planned as we join Him where He is at work in Elk Creek Baptist Church, both on our campus and in the Louisa community.

Looking forward to a historic event,
Pastor Mike

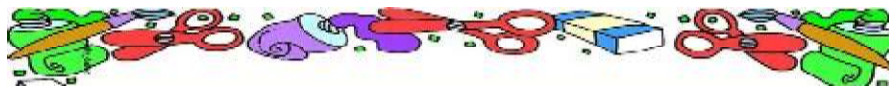
Sermons for September	
1 God and Governments	Mark 12:13-17
8 Signs of the Times	Mark 13:3-8
15 A Prayer for the Ages	Mark 14:32-42
22 A Surprising Declaration	Mark 15:33-39
29 Good News Missionaries	Mark 16:1-8

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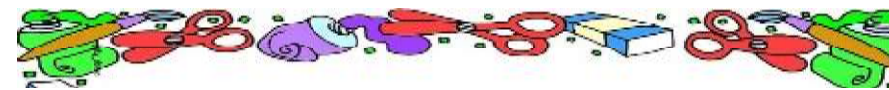
The **Woodchuckers** are back in business! If you want to help with the wood ministry, meet at the church this Tuesday, September 3rd, 8:30 am ready to stack wood. Contact Ed Bryk, 703-967-1878, for more information.



Invitation to a \$5-Tuesday movie this Tuesday, September 3rd at the EVO Theater off of Plank Road in Fredericksburg. The Forge, the sequel to The War Room is showing at 3:45 pm. If you want to carpool, meet at the church by 2:30 pm. For more information, contact Alana Frazier, 703-282-2393.



There will be a **Fall Cleanup** on Saturday, September 7th (rescheduled from Saturday, August 24th) starting at 9:00 am. Come prepared to do some cleaning inside the church and the pavilion, and maybe some planting around the grounds.



211th Homecoming (1813-2024)

Sunday, 8 September, 10:30 am in the Sanctuary

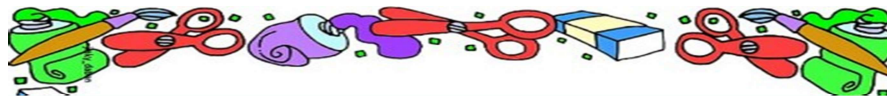
No Sunday School this day

Note the time and place and put it on your calendar! Invite former members and friends. Service will include a Hymn Sing with a Fellowship Meal following in the Pavilion. (Meat will be provided; bring complimentary "covered dish" sides and desserts - Yum!)

Pastor Bible Study offered 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the church

End Times Living - 1 & 2 Peter

When our culture is described as post – Christian and truth is considered relative, defined by the individual, then we are living in the end times. How does a Christian live in the end times when the world feels uncomfortable, and it seems you are both outnumbered and out of sync with those around you? The apostle Peter's relevant words to a church under the stress of persecution are still valid for the stress of our times. Words of truth and encouragement provide the basis for navigating end times living. Bring a Bible this Wednesday, Sep 4th and we will dig in.



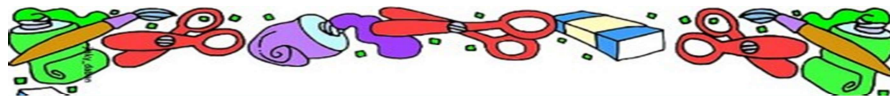
Called Business Meeting, Sunday, September 1st, for election of deacons postponed until quarterly business meeting October 13th

Thank you for your nominations. Previously, it was announced there would be three candidates to fill three openings. The deacons feel that eight deacons - four continuing to serve and four new - will better serve the body. The by-laws simply determine the number of deacons by "the wants and needs of the body".

The four in consideration to become deacons are Wayne Frazier, Bobby Jones, Clorese Vaughan, and Tony Wilson.

To better serve the congregation, the Deacons are refocusing primarily on pastoral care, instead of business duties, with three-year rotating terms. The deacon terms are currently defined by tradition and not in the by-laws.

Over time, with congregational input and approval, an Admin Council of elected leaders will be established to meet business needs.



ALMA HUNT OFFERING *for Virginia Missions*

The September mission project, the annual offering for Virginia missions, was named for **Alma Hunt** (1909-2008), a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her unswerving dedication to the cause of Christ. The offering provides funding for all [Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia](#) (WMUV) missions and ministries and makes possible other special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving (but uniquely connected to Virginia Baptists).

Since 1976 this offering has been a joint venture between WMUV and the [Baptist General Association of Virginia](#) (BGAV). When you give to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions, you are equipping those who seek to share with others how God has set them free to live and serve.



Exciting news!!

Our church was recently voted as one of the best Places of Worship by the Lake Anna community in The Best Of sponsored by The Breeze.



Community
Best Place of Worship
Gold
The Point Church
Silver
Elk Creek Baptist Church
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Calvary Baptist Church



Best Wishes to Brenda Parsons and Aubrey Weigand who were married on August 11th at South Anna Baptist Church.

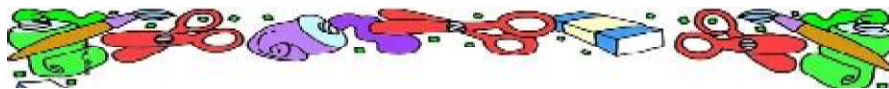
Welcome to Hope and Roy Saettel who became our newest members on August 18th.



Congratulations to Jody Korman who has received several accolades recently for her service to our county beautification efforts. Jody shared that **LOUISA CLEAN received a \$10,000 Grant** from CHANGEX/ Amazon to support the mission of helping Louisa County be the cleanest county in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The funds will go toward advertising, signage, grabbers, hats, vests, gloves and a volunteer appreciation celebration. August through December 2024 will be the focal point for holding planning meetings, scheduling road clean ups and speaking engagements with community leaders and organizations, recruiting new volunteers, working with the schools, and adopting additional roads in Louisa County.

Comings and Goings-

The two **Movie Nights in August** were enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Lawn chairs made for comfortable viewing. Those who attended **Ruth** were treated to homemade ice cream; for **Amazing Grace**, everyone enjoyed some excellent berry desserts in addition to popcorn and other treats.

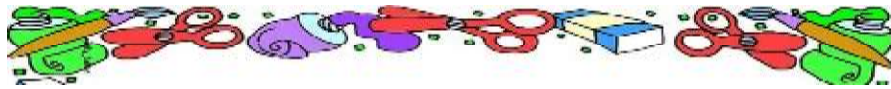


The **Caring Community's Prayer and Card Ministry** is meeting at a new time, 9:00 am, still on first Tuesday of the month at the church. The meeting is open to anyone; come celebrate lives with a birthday card and pray for those on our prayer list. Questions? Call Alana Frazier, 703-282-2393.

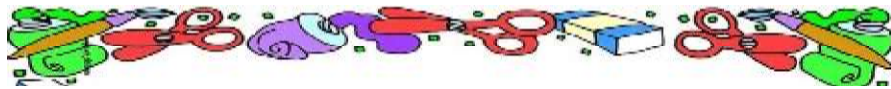


The **Wednesday Book Study** has begun a new (old) study titled, *Experiencing God*. This was a study from 2017 that is being dusted off; however, the book was thoroughly updated in 2021 with seven new chapters and dozens of additional stories, so make sure to get the new edition (available on various sites, including Amazon and the Christian Bookstore). For further details, contact Tony Wilson, 540-748-1159, wilsontony540@gmail.com.

The book study meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 6:45 pm at the church.



Men have an opportunity for fellowship and devotion this month. The Men's Breakfast is on Tuesday, September 17th, 8:00 am at the church. Contact Jay Canova, 703-624-9802, for information.



BUNCO is back! The only game where winners are winners and losers are winners. This month there was an abundance on "snake eyes", so lots of losing and laughter. Come join in the fun - Monday, September 16th, 6:30 pm at the church; contact Mindy Ward, 301-335-8315 to join the fun.

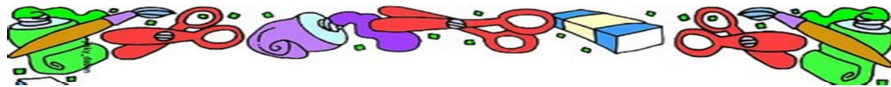




The monthly **Women's GRACE Fellowship** met at the church on August 15th. The devotional, about Lydia and being hospitable, was led by Debby Burt. And then we "talked trash" (got an update on Louisa Clean's latest project) and learned a lesson on shared goals from geese (see below).

Please note the time and place for the next fellowship- September 3rd, noon

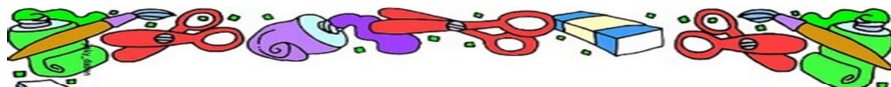
at Katrina Northcraft's house, 61 Alexandra Circle, Bumpass. (No need to bring anything; this is Katrina's annual treat.)



Men!! Have you heard about Crosspoint Outdoorsman? It is a nonprofit, non-denominational Christian mission to outdoorsmen.

The goal is to enrich men's lives through fellowship in an atmosphere of encouragement, discipleship and mentorship for men who seek to know Christ. They meet every other Friday for

dinner and fellowship. Besides trips and volunteer opportunities, their next big event is April 25th of next year; tickets go on sale Jan 1st. For more information, talk to Rick Teller, or check out www.crosspointoutdoorsman.org.



Looking Ahead:

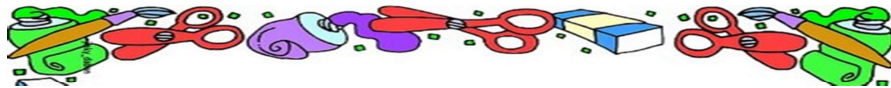
Red Cross Blood Drive January 10, 2025 at the church. Mark your calendar now and watch for more information coming shortly.





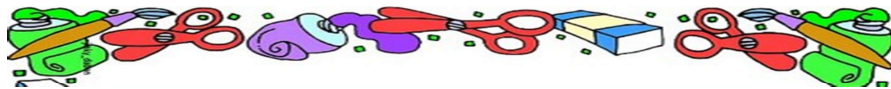
Theater Enthusiasts: Don't miss your chance to see "**Beautiful: The Carole King Musical**" at **5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 10** at the **Riverside Center for the Performing Arts** in Fredericksburg. We get a group rate of **\$81.00**. Your ticket includes: show, dinner, tax and gratuity. You are welcome to bring guests. Send check to 39 Deep Creek Circle Bumpass, VA or **Venmo@stevej840**. For more information, contact Anna Jones, 540.207.6592.

<https://www.riversidedt.com/beautiful-2024>



Opportunities to get involved in the life of our church.....

- **Church Cleaning Teams**. Contact Linda Bridges, lindasbridges@gmail.com.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.



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Mike B.

The Sense of a Goose

In the Fall, when you see geese flying along in a “V” formation, you might want to consider what scientists have learned about why geese fly in formation. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a “V” formation, not unlike the sweep of aircraft wings, the whole flock adds at least 71 percent greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

Lesson: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily by traveling on the thrust of one another, in their own version of the “V” formation geese use. It pays to be part of a team!

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone, so it quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as geese have, we will stay in formation and share information with those who are headed in the same direction – toward the same goals in our sights.



When the head goose gets tired, it rotates back in the “V” formation, and another goose takes the point position.

Lesson: It is sensible for people who take on demanding jobs to take turns with others in their group, just like geese in flight. We all need rest now and then.

Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to hold their speed.

Lesson: What messages of encouragement do we offer when we honk from behind? Words of support, encouragement, and inspiration help energize those on the front line, helping them keep pace in spite of day-to-day pressures and fatigue.

Finally - and this is important - when a goose gets sick or is wounded by gunshot, and falls out of formation, two other geese fall out with it and follow it down to earth to lend help, encouragement and protection. They stay with the fallen goose until it can fly again, or until it dies. Only then do they lift off on their own to join another group in hopes of eventually catching up their own group.

Lesson: If we have the sense of a goose, we will stick by one another, no matter what.

The next time you see a formation of geese, remember....

It is a reward, a challenge, and a privilege to be a contributing member of a team.

-Adapted from an essay by Jim Petersen, Evergreen Magazine, paraphrased from an essay of the same name by Harry Clarke Noyes, ARCS Foundation’s January 1992 newsletter

DATES TO REMEMBER

Worship each Sunday, 8:30 am
Sunday School each Sunday, 10:15 am

September

Mission Project: Alma Hunt Offering for State Missions

- Sun 1st Communion
Tue 3rd Women's GRACE Fellowship, noon at Katrina Northcraft's home,
61 Alexandra Cl, Bumpass
Tue 3rd Woodchuckers, 8:30 am at the church
Tue 3rd Caring Community Prayer and Card Ministry, 9:00 am at the church
Tue 3rd Movie, The Forge, EVO theater, Fredericksburg, 2:30 pm departure
from the church
Wed 4th Bible Study, 6:30 pm at the church
Thu 5th Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 pm at the church
Sat 7th Fall Clean-up (Rescheduled from Aug 24th)
Sun 8th **HOME COMING**
Wed 11th Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church
Mon 16th Bunco, 6:30 pm at the church
Tue 17th Men's Bi-monthly Breakfast, 8:00 am at the church
Wed 18th Bible Study, 6:30 pm at the church
Fri 20th Deadline for newsletter articles and photos, email elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com
Wed 25th Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church

October

Mission Project: Greetings Cards for Goochland Women's Correctional Center (GWCC)

- TBD Goshen Fall Annual Meeting at our church
Tue 1st Caring Community Prayer and Card Ministry, 9:00 am at the church
Wed 2nd Bible Study, 6:30 pm at the church
Thu 3rd Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 pm at the church
Fri 4th/Sat 5th Extraordinary Women, Lynchburg, VA (reservations required)
Sun 6th **Worship service moves inside**
Wed 9th Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church
Thu 10th Dinner & Show, Riverside Dinner Theater, 5:30 pm
Sun 13th Quarterly Business Meeting, 11:00 am at the church
Wed 16th Bible Study, 6:30 pm at the church
Thu 17th Women's GRACE Fellowship, 9:00 am at the church
Mon 21st Bunco, 6:30 pm at the church
Mon 21st Deadline for newsletter articles and photos, email elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com
Wed 23rd Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

September

Alana Frazier	1	Joyce Myers	17
Gerald Paine	1	Paula & Alvin Brewer	17
Kristin & Doug Barmoy	3	Carolyn Brown	18
Alana & Wayne Frazier	7	Dale Goodrich	19
Wanda & Marc Vancampen	7	Lee Stahl	21
Patty & Joe Mahoney	7	Bill Powers	21
Carol & Tom DeZorzi	8	Ella Pritchard	22
Peggy & Gary Muller	10	Layna Ebersole	23
Debbie Lovette	14	Patty Mahoney	23
Martin Koenig	15	Bernie Marsh	24
Doug Ward	15	Chip Burt	25
Cheryl Teller	15	Janice Powers	28
Joyce & Richard Myers	15	Susan Croce	30

October

Helena & Andy Seelinger	1	Debby Burt	14
Hope & Roy Saettel	1	Steve Jones	14
Karen & Rod Andrews	1	Jeff Martin	19
Miranda Vaughan	2	Cindy Morrell	19
Julie Gaumond	3	Susan & Dale Goodrich	19
Mindy Ward	4	Doug Barmoy	21
Connie & Chris Ashwood	5	Tessie & John Fugett	22
Albury Ward	6	Katie & Jeff Dick	22
Coral & Jack Losinski	6	Rick Teller	23
Jackson Koenig	7	Clorese Vaughan	23
Pamela & Scott Hale	8	Joey Vaughan	25
Mary Virginia & Stan Polonsky	9	Chris Ashwood	25
Barbara & Arthur McKenny	9	Tony Lovette	28
Helena Seelinger	10	Dorothy Duerson	29
Maria Kimball	11	Rick Perks	29
Brenda Parsons	13	Karen & Rodney Wood	29



Prayers for our teachers and students, Hazel Gray, Wayne Webb, Betsy Hurst, Michael Williams, Richard Williams, Sharon Brown, Mike Yanizeski, Mya Thompson, Harry Veatch, Vickie Spence, Travis Whitt, Bob Moore, Darlene Davis, Pat Welty, Marc VanCampen, Barbara Moore, Gary Harkins, Butch Weaver, Erin Weekley, Teri Kulakowski, Alvin Wood, Christina Fagan, Walter Wissenbach, the Evans family, Erin Plowman, Teresa Hoffman, Matt Johnson, Danny Budi, Doug McFarlane, Lauren Cole, Kevin Reardon, Buddy Gilliam, Samantha Stampo, Doug & Barbara Duff, Scott McAlexander, Rick Perks, Mary Giddens, Donna Duerson, Sherri Martin, Donna Madden, Robert Goodson, James Pittman, Susan Gracik, Lori Scarff, Mary Kay

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.
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