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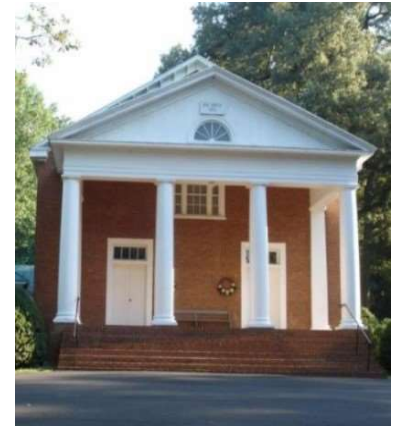
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The **Color** and **Temperature** of Faith

It's October when we have some hot, some cold, and warm in between. The leaves are changing and falling down as the political rhetoric goes up. In the natural beauty of this season, it can be a time of reflection, seeing the beauty of God's grace at work in your life, and asking, is truth prevailing? What about your life is changing, falling or going upward?

Fall is a season where God shows off His creativity in nature among the hardwoods. Autumn is "awwwetum". The colors, though different from spring, have their own beauty with the reds, yellows, oranges, rust and brown, interspersed. Between the spring and fall seasons we get to see the color palate of God's creation among the trees and flowers before the beauty of the white snow filled countryside arrives in winter. Then the evergreens stand out in contrast to the snow, as if saying, "In Christ life goes on eternally". Amen.

What color is your faith? Is it bright or dull? To put it in a different perspective, as Miss Clara asked in the movie, War Room, about your relationship to Jesus, "is your life hot, cold or lukewarm"? She was quoting from Jesus' letter to the church in Laodicea in Revelation 3:15-16. "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth."

One thing that can make the color of our life of faith dull or lukewarm is fear. It dulls our life in commitment and can paralyze us from taking a stand for Jesus. My October sermons will deal with fear from Biblical truth. God's word teaches a reverent fear in the perspective of faith, assurance and "the peace that passes all understanding" in Christ Jesus. God's word enlightens and encourages!

Our world's infatuation with horror, doom, darkness, gore, evil, and death, reflects a different message in temperature and color.

Here is the good news. The same letter to the church in Laodicea that challenges a lukewarm or dull faith has this message in 3:20. "Here I am! I stand at the door and



knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.” Jesus is offering a full and joyful, eternal and personal, relationship of faith.

While God’s Word acknowledges and warns of doom and evil in the end times, it provides all we need to live faithfully. I invite you to the Wednesday Bible Study of 1 & 2 Peter, *Living in the End Times*, and the Book Study, *Experiencing God*, that teaches God is always at work around us and inviting us to partner in doing His will. No screams of horror for Christians. Instead, we listen for the shout of Jesus’ return for His Church. In that reality, we can live in triumph and victory!

Sermons for October “Do not be Afraid”

06 “The Life-Giving Spirit” 2 Timothy 1:7

13 “Dealing with Enemies” Joshua 1:6-11

20 “In Harm’s Way” Psalm 27

27 “Faith and the Future” 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

May the beauty of the Fall Season
re-fire your faith,

Pastor Mike



You are Cordially Invited.....

Potluck dinner, Thursday, October 3rd, 6:00 pm at Kristin and Doug Barmoy’s house, 574 Burruss Mill Road, Bumpass. While sponsored by Women’s GRACE Fellowship, it is open to men and women. If you have not already done so, please take a minute to let Kristin, kbarmoy@aol.com, know you are going, so there is enough seating.



“Beautiful: The Carole King Musical” Thursday, October 10th, 5:30 pm 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.



The **Goshen Baptist Association** is holding a **Missions Celebration at Smyrna Baptist Church on Sunday, October 13th, 3:00 pm**. Included in the reporting will be the mission trip to Armenia and the Southwest Partnership in the Appalachia Mountains of Virginia.

Our church will be hosting the Annual Meeting of the Goshen Baptist Association on Tuesday, October 29th beginning at 2:00 pm. The theme for the meeting is “The Hands of Christ: Serving, Growing, Cooperating” The guest speaker will be Dr. Ken Pruitt of The John Leland Theological Seminary. The band will be supporting the worship service. **Church members are encouraged to attend.**



Taking a trip? Join us for worship from nearly anywhere in the world (literally).

Download the **Mixlr** app from the play store of your choice (Google, Apple, etc.) and select ECBC-5916.

The song sheets are posted on our website, www.elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org, located under the heading, “Calendars”, (along with our newsletters). Or contact Wayne Frazier, wr.frazier@verizon.net, to have it emailed to you each week.



And.....in case you missed a service, or would like to revisit one, the latest four services are archived on Mixlr for your listening pleasure.



Russ McDowell sent a thank you from Guatemala. The reading glasses donated have been well received. This is an ongoing need; if you have reading or prescription glasses (no sunglasses) to donate, please contact Tony Wilson, 540-748-1159.

Fall Baptisms - On September 8th, prior to the Homecoming service and picnic, five people were baptized at the lakeside. Congratulations to Eileen and Rick Perks, Dottie and Burt Archer, and Bain Heater.



Welcome to Brenda and Aubrey Weigand who became members of our church on September 1st. To celebrate their recent union, they were also baptized together on September 29th.



HOMEcoming 2024 SCRAPBOOK

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Fall cleanup in and around the church. A lot of work was accomplished both inside the building and around the grounds.



The worship service included a hymn-sing and a review of the history of the church. Thank you to Seth Gualtney, our guest pianist, for taking part.





Lots of food and fellowship followed.....









Comings and Goings –

Quarterly Business Meeting scheduled Sunday, October 13th

Primary on the agenda is electing deacons for the coming year. In consideration 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 the business needs of the church.



The **Woodchuckers** were busy this month chopping and stacking donated wood to deliver to families in the county who need it to stay warm this winter. If you want to help with the wood ministry, contact Ed Bryk, 703-967-1878, for more information.



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 Pastor's Bible Study continues on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the church. The current study is 1 & 2 Peter - *Living in the End Times*.

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.



The **Wednesday Book Study** that meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 6:45 pm at the church, 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 at Amazon and the Christian Bookstore). For further details, contact Tony Wilson, 540-748-1159, wilsontony540@gmail.com.



Men's Breakfast was held on September 17th, 8:00 am at the church. The next breakfast will be on Tuesday, November 19th. Contact Jay Canova, 703-624-9802, for information.



Louisa Clean needs volunteers! They are joining Louisa High School's Kindness Day, **October 9th**, starting 8:15 am from the school's stadium parking lot. **October 19th** is a big weekend cleanup (more information later). And there will be cleanups scheduled Friday mornings through December, weather permitting. Volunteers should wear work gloves, heavy boots or shoes, long pants and sleeves. Orange trash bags, hats and vests are provided, as well as grabbers. Send questions to or sign up with Jody Korman, 804-502-1128, jody@jodyshomes.com.

The monthly **Women's GRACE Fellowship** enjoyed a delicious brunch hosted by Katrina Northcraft. Katrina shared a very moving song, *The Words I Would Say* sung by the Sidewalk Prophets, that held special meaning for her. The next gathering is the potluck dinner at the Barmoy's home, Thursday, October 3rd at 6:00 pm.



Looking Ahead:

Christmas Open House



Invitation to an **Open House, December 8th, 3:00 pm–6:00 pm**, hosted by Jo and Jay Canova, at their home, 138 Wolftrap Court, Bumpass. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Red Cross Blood Drive January 10, 2025 at the church. Mark your calendar now. Sign up on the sheet at the rear of the sanctuary to donate and/or to volunteer to help. (Instructions for scheduling a time online are posted at the end of this newsletter.)



Note: In case you donate blood elsewhere, the Red Cross recommends only giving blood every 56 days (up to 6 times a year).



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.



From the Treasurer's Desk –

For those of you who donate using the recurring option via the online site. Should you find you need to make any changes or updates to your online giving setup, simply cut and paste link into your browser's address line.

<https://giving-update.carrd.co/>

and complete and submit the form. The GiveinJoy team will respond to your request quickly and efficiently. As always, if you encounter issues, let me know. And, thank you -for your committed support of our church family.

Mike B.-
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Treasurer@elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org



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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

October

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

Tue 1st Caring Community Prayer and Card Ministry, 9:00 am at the church
Tue 1st Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 pm at the church
Wed 2nd Bible Study, 6:30 pm at the church
Thu 3rd Women's GRACE Fellowship, all-church potluck dinner,
+Barmoy's home, 574 Burruss Mill Road, Bumpass
Fri 4th/Sat 5th Extraordinary Women Conference, Lynchburg, VA (reservations required)
Sun 6th Communion (**Worship service moves inside**)
Wed 9th Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church
Thu 10th Dinner & Show, 5:30 pm at Riverside Dinner Theater, Fredericksburg
Sun 13th Quarterly Business Meeting, 11:00 am at the church
Wed 16th Bible Study, 6:30 pm at the church
Mon 21st Bunco, 6:30 pm at the church
Mon 21st Deadline for newsletter articles & photos, elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com
Wed 23rd Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church
Tue 29th Goshen Fall Annual Meeting at our church, 2:00 pm

November

Mission Project: Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes

Sun 3rd Communion
Tue 5th Caring Community Prayer and Card Ministry, 9:00 am at the church
Wed 6th Bible Study, 6:30 pm at the church
Thu 7th Women's GRACE Fellowship, 9:00 am at the church
(No need to bring any food)
Thu 7th Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 pm at the church
Wed 13th Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church
Mon 18th Bunco, 6:30 pm at the church
Tue 19th Men's Bi-monthly Breakfast, 8:00 am at the church
Wed 20th Bible Study, 6:30 pm at the church
Wed 20th Deadline for newsletter articles and photos, elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com
Wed 27th Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

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 Gaumont	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

November

Jody Korman	5	Matt Huffman	15
Joan Webb	5	Katrina & Adam Northcraft	18
Beth Larson	7	Jay Canova	19
Richie Hurst	8	Jerry Whitehouse	20
Alvin Brewer	9	Anna Jones	22
Rusty Brown	9	Cathy Gray	24
Cindy & Randy Brock	10	Woody Jenkins	25
Jason Koenig	10	Rob Johnson	28
Scott Hale	13	Joan & Wayne Webb	30
Tom Pitcher	15	Bobby Jones	30



Victims of the recent storms, Robert Shafer, Eric Morgan, Anorah Hoffman, Jim McCoy, Butch Weaver, Jerry & Emma Kay Talley, Gail Andre, Doris Sharpe, Marc Perks, Doris Sharpe, Charles Anderson, Pam Mossburg, Charles Bell, Bob Moore, Gary Muller, Rick Perks, Joe Karyn, Dean Cole, Dennis McFarlane, Daniel Rubin, Scott McAlexander, Janelle Beckwith, Travis Hopkins, Jerry Hopkins, Alvin Wood, Wayne Webb, Betsy Hurst, Michael Williams, Richard Williams, Sharon Brown, Mike Yanizeski, Hazel Gray, Vickie Spence, Travis Whitt, Darlene Davis, Gary Harkins, Erin Weekley, Teri Kulakowski, Christina Fagan, Walter Wissenbach, the Evans family, Erin Plowman, Matt Johnson, Danny Budi, Doug McFarlane, Kevin Reardon, Buddy Gilliam, Samantha Stampo

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, Alana and Wayne Frazier, Steve and Anna Jones

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4th Elk Creek Blood Drive: 14 Jan 12:00 to 6:00 PM

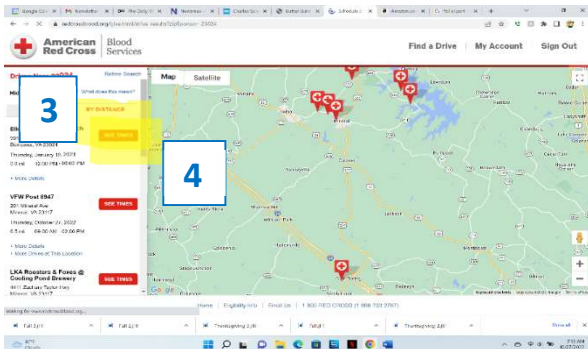
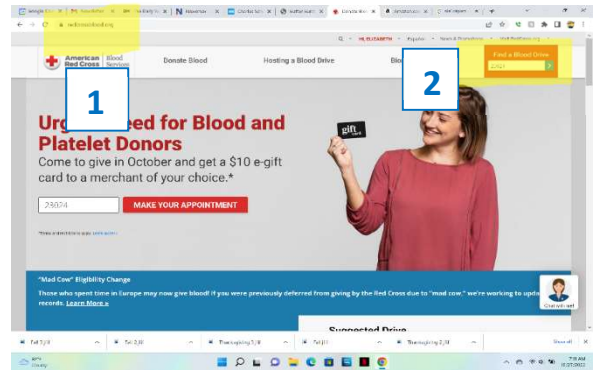
Our 4th blood drive is around the corner. To date, we've donated 94 units, with 24% of those donations being first time donors. If you are a regular donor, there is a 60 day wait time between donations, so please plan accordingly.

Red cross is always in need of blood with a critical need now for O, A and B negative blood types. Your donation saves countless lives with a typical unit of blood impacting three people. Our drive provides an opportunity to donate blood, or red blood cells (a power red donation). More info on that below.

If you have questions, or need assistance contact Beth Larson at u2skyhag@gmail.com

STEPS for signing up:

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 and you must weigh more than 150 lbs.

6. Then you either sign in, or create an account if you haven't done this before. The steps are straight forward.

