

Facilities

Church facilities include the historic sanctuary as well as the fellowship hall added in 1984. At the lakefront across the street is a Lakeside Chapel which includes a stage area, benches, dock with slips, and parking area. For outdoor events, the church is blessed to have a spacious pavilion with running water, electricity, and many tables and seating areas. We celebrate our annual "Home Coming" event there each year along with other festivities as they arise.

Cemetery

The cemetery on the church property is the final resting place of fifteen soldiers from the Civil War. On Veteran's Day each year grave markers and flags are displayed on each of them to commemorate their service and sacrifice. A number of previous members are interred there as well.



"From our first visit and throughout the years of our membership, Elk Creek Baptist Church has become our family."

A Current Member

"From prayer comes vision and from vision comes mission."

"Reaching out with the love of Christ,
Teaching how to love in Christ,
Releasing to mission obedient to Christ."



Let us Introduce Ourselves!

The congregation at Elk Creek Baptist Church is devoted to the teaching of the Holy Bible, and is energized by prayer, worship, fellowship, missions, and serving. The congregation provides a friendly family sense of belonging to all who come and is known for the giving generosity of its congregation in tithes, offerings, and talents to the church and their community.

History

Elk Creek Baptist Church began in the year 1812 when a group of men inspired by the Holy Spirit met to organize the Elk Creek Meeting House. From that meeting the church was established on July 27, 1813. It was first called Elk Creek Meeting Place and included all denominations. The original building was a wooden structure which stood where the existing cemetery is located. All the property was donated in pieces as the church grew. In 1814 the property was officially deeded to the trustees of Elk Creek Meeting House. All ministers of the gospel of every denomination were invited to preach.

In 1935, the church chose to go a new direction and the name was changed to Elk Creek Baptist Church. Elk Creek has belonged to the Goshen Baptist Association since the church was established. The church has employed over 34 pastors in its 211 years of existence. The current brick sanctuary where worship services are held was built in 1849. The fellowship hall with kitchen was added in 1984. In 2005 the lakeside service began as an outreach for spring and summer, and this early morning service has become our only worship time.

Affiliations

The church is associated nationally with the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist General Association of Virginia and locally the Goshen Baptist Association in Mineral, Virginia.

Elk Creek Baptist Church

Circa 1812

A Neighborhood Church



Our Mission

Our mission is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with all the people of the Lake Anna area and surrounding communities, so they grow in their faith and their knowledge of Jesus Christ's saving grace.



The only church at Lake Anna with lakeside services!

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Our Pastor

In October 2023, Pastor Michael Gray was called to serve. He and his wife Cathy came to us from Gloucester Point VA. He has served churches in Indiana, Kentucky, and 40 years in Virginia which included a 30-year pastorate.

Pastor Michael Gray.

Like many of the members of our congregation Pastor Mike and Cathy retired. However, he felt called to engage as he was refired for pastoral ministry with the Elk Creek congregation. There is great excitement for working together in sharing the gospel and ministering to the people of the community and beyond in fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Our Congregation

We currently have around 70 active members on the church roster, but our congregation also includes approximately 70 active attendees who participate in and contribute to the activities of the church. During the summer, at the lakeside services, it is our joy to welcome many vacationers who have home churches but come under the watch care of our congregation as they visit for the week or weekend in the Lake Anna area. All are invited and welcome.

Our Culture

The church culture is a loving, unified fellowship. Most of the congregants are retired couples, who have experienced successful careers and have now retired to the Lake Anna community. They come from various denominational backgrounds but are hungry for the Word of God and sharing the Gospel. They are high energy, community focused, and quick to give of their time and resources.

Services, Classes & Studies

We worship together, in casual attire, at 8:30 AM each Sunday. During the winter months the services are held in the sanctuary. During the warmer months, May through September, 8:30 am services are held at the lakeside chapel weather permitting. Some people attend on their boats just off shore. A radio signal is broadcast so the boats can tune in to hear. The music typically includes keyboard, guitars, and drums to accompany singers and features music selections of both hymns and contemporary songs. Our worship services are also streamed through the Mixlr app for those unable to attend. Following the 8:30 service, there is fellowship with lite snacks provided at both the lakeside and indoor services. Additional services are held during the Easter and Christmas seasons.

Adult Bible Study

We currently enjoy an adult bible study from 10:15 till 11 am in Duerson Fellowship Hall at the main building. The studies use Lifeway guides and the teachers rotate each Sunday. The group is lively, interactive, and welcoming to all. The goal of the class is to provide the biblical background necessary for understanding God's word for daily living.

Wednesday Evenings

On alternating Wednesday evenings, there are bible studies led by the pastor on topics of his choice. The other Wednesday nights there is a book study with topics selected and discussions held with the goal of broadening our understanding and application of the teachings of Jesus Christ. These events begin at 6:45 pm and usually last about an hour. Lively discussions usually ensue as the topics are motivating and engaging.

Fellowship & Outreach

We celebrate our joyful relationships with various events such as the bi-monthly Men's breakfast, Women's Grace fellowship, Young Life support, Caring Community Prayer Ministry, Operation Christmas Child, movie nights, and other fellowship opportunities as they arise.

Spiritual Support

With many years of experience and a deep biblical understanding, Pastor Mike makes himself available as needed for spiritual counseling. His love for Christ is reflected in his concern for each of us under his leadership.



Finding God's purpose and love for you

Here's what he says in Romans 12:6-8: "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us" — differing grace — "let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness." Come and worship and serve along with us and let your gift be discovered and activated according to His will.

A few of Our Outreach Missions and Ministries

<p>Woodchuckers A ministry providing firewood for families in need during the cold months.</p>	<p>Louisa County Resource Council Support as well as helping hands are provided to this vital food bank for Louisa County.</p>	<p>Goshen RuraLove We strongly support this mission that provides clothing and household items at low prices to the community with proceeds used to assist those with critical financial needs.</p>	<p>Campus Crusade - Cru Provides direct support to a select team of international missionaries with close relationships with the church family.</p>	<p>Joy Baskets & Christmas Families Provides Christmas cheer via gifts and food items to needy families through the Louisa County Santa Council.</p>
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