



## **ELK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**

*Serving the Community Since 1813*

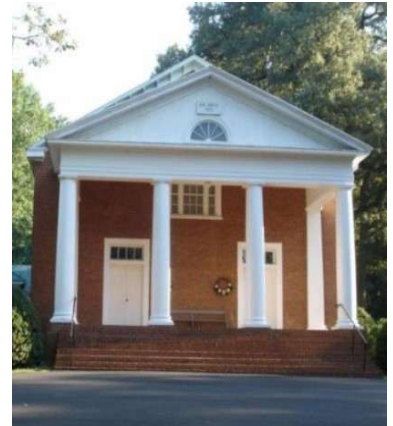
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**April 2025**



### **Quarterly Business Meeting**

**Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00**

**Duerson Hall**

### ***Holy Week Schedule***

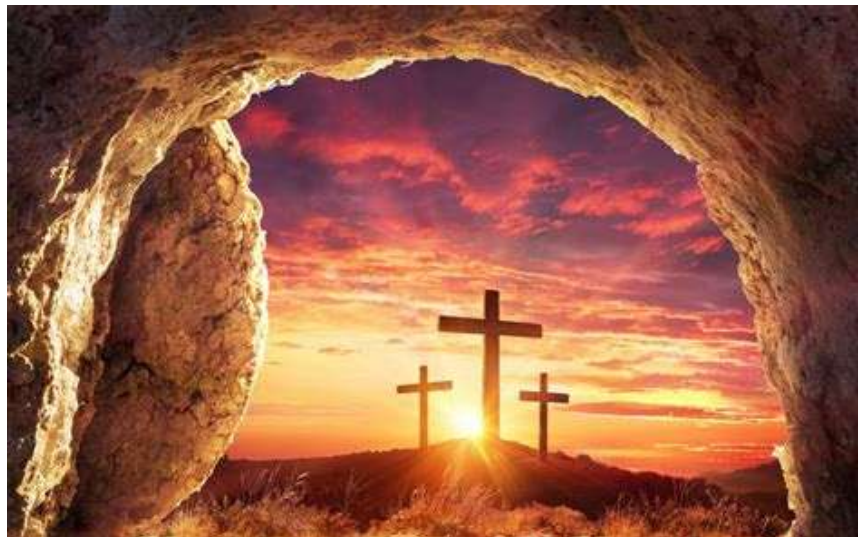
**Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am in the Sanctuary**

**Good Friday Service, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary**

**Easter Sunrise Service, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 am at the Lakefront Chapel**

**Potluck breakfast in Duerson Hall following the sunrise service**

**Easter Celebration, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am in the in the Sanctuary**



## ***Changed by the Resurrection!***

There are many expectations in life. Some would say the only expectations you can count on are death and taxes. Here is another one, the constant of change. Some don't like change, but change is a sign that you are alive. And the life change belief in Jesus as your Savior brings is eternal life.

Jesus' resurrection was a change the disciples of Jesus were not expecting. His death, burial and resurrection on the third day didn't fit their narrative for Him. His words to Martha went over their head. John 11:25-26 I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.

Here is another change the resurrection brings. It is a change in perspective on life itself. Death loses its power of fear over us. 1 Cor. 15:50 says ...Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

To live in victory is a change that I believe all welcome. No matter the chaos or darkness, fear or loss we may endure, the resurrection reminds us that death is not the end. So, rejoice that Jesus is the resurrected Son of God and that we get to share in His resurrection One Day.

"One Day" is a phrase that speaks of Jesus' return, and for the church that day will change into a glorious day. Until then let us live in the victorious anticipation of His return to take His bride, the church, home to heaven and keep on telling others the good news of the eternal change Jesus will bring to their life. That is a good kind of change. Live changed by faith in Jesus!

In Christ's Victory,

*Pastor Mike*

### **April - Believe**

06 <i>Community Revival</i>	John 4:39-42
13 <i>When We Come Calling</i> (Miracle #2)	John 4:43-54
20 <i>Sunrise: Spoiler Alert</i>	John 20:1-9
8:30 <i>God's Wellness Plan</i> (Miracle #3)	John 5:1-15
27 <i>Knowing &amp; Doing God's Will</i>	John 5:19-30

## Welcome to New Members



Dale Goodrich joined our church family on March 9<sup>th</sup>.



Holly Goodson joined on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.



Ted and Karen Kopp joined on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**MISSIONS FAIR**  
Goshen  
**Missions Fair**  
Sunday, April 6 from 3-5 p.m.  
At the **Goshen Ministry Center** (587 Mica Rd, Mineral)

**RURA LOVE**  
Neighbor Helping Neighbor

*Celebrate RuraLove's 30th Year of Ministry with a guided tour!*

*You will also see the Goshen Trailers & Tools Ministry; and visit with representatives from The Paul Stefan Home; Hope for Appalachia; the Armenia Mission Team and the Southwest Virginia Partnership Mission Team. Learn how you minister to the inmates of Goochland Women's Correctional Center; The Tidewater Transportation Ministry; and The Ruth School in Romania. Food and fellowship will follow the tours. All ages are invited! (comfortable shoes encouraged)*

**Jesus Christ Superstar**, April 17 at 5:30 pm, at the Riverside Center for the Performing Arts in Fredericksburg. Contact Anna Jones, [annajones1122@gmail.com](mailto:annajones1122@gmail.com), to make a reservation or be added to the notification list. The group rate is \$81.00 pp. Your ticket includes: show, dinner, tax and gratuity. You are welcome to invite anyone you wish to attend.





**CROSSPOINT  
OUTDOORSMAN  
EVENT**

**AXE THROWING - FISHING TOURNAMENT - CORNHOLE  
SPORTING CLAY - ARCHERY - TURKEY AND DEER SHOOT**

\*All guns, ammo and archery equipment provided  
Ages 13 and Older (Waiver must be signed)

**SATURDAY APRIL 26, 2025**  
8:30 AM – 1 PM (reg opens at 8)

**@The Joy Center**  
5478 YANCYVILLE ROAD LOUISA, VA

Lunch, Music and Guest Speaker  
Tickets \$10 – Buy One, Get One Free!

[CrossPointOutdoorsman.org](http://CrossPointOutdoorsman.org)

## **Goshen's Annual Spring Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 29, 2025 from 2-4 p.m.**

**Blue Ridge Shores Baptist Church** (1230 Firehouse Dr., Louisa)

**Special music**—Nikisha Diggs, Music Director of Mineral Baptist

**Doctrinal Sermon**—Dr. Steve Whetzel, Pastor of Blue Ridge Shores Baptist

**Mission Sermon**—Dr. Brian Jones, Executive Director of Northstar Church Network

### **New Business:**

The Religious Liberty Pathway Project will be presented (*see page 5 for the proposal outline*)



## Comings and Goings –

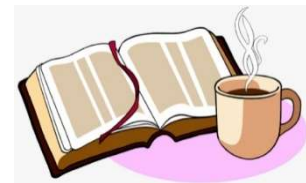
### Have you seen it?

- Ten (10) new benches have been built for use at the Lakefront Chapel
- A cross was installed next to the church porch during the cleanup on March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- A new sound system, including a sound board, speakers in the ceiling, monitors for the musicians, and wireless microphones, was used for the first time on March 30<sup>th</sup>. And permanent outdoor speakers have been installed at the Lakefront Chapel.

The **Packers** are back! A team from the church met at the Louisa Resource Council on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and packed hundreds of bags of groceries for distribution to local families. The next date for packing is not until August. If you would like to be notified to help, contact Mindy Ward, 301-335-8315.

The **Missions and Community Outreach Stewardship** team will be meeting this month to discuss programs to support the mission of our church. If you have ideas or would like to be part of the team, please contact Pastor Mike, [pastor@elkcreekbaptistva.org](mailto:pastor@elkcreekbaptistva.org).

The **Pastor's Bible Study: NEXT LEVEL** - Growing in Knowing God's Word meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 6:45 pm at the church. Led by Pastor Mike, NEXT LEVEL means moving upward in our walk of faith out of an increased understanding of God's Word. It is a journey. We will explore more behind and beyond the sermons in John. Grow together in faith in the NEXT LEVEL study.



The **Wednesday Book Study** continues on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month, 6:45 pm at the church. The book, *Experiencing God*, 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](mailto:wilsontony540@gmail.com).

Our **Woodchuckers** welcome new members to help cut, store and deliver wood to local families who need assistance. Most work and deliveries are accomplished on Tuesdays and Fridays. Contact Rick Perks, 301-704-2743, for more information or to get involved.



The **Caring Community's Prayer and Card Ministry** wants to pray for you on your birthday. If you have not received a greeting from us on your special day, please let us know. We meet the last Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am at the church. The meeting is open to anyone; come celebrate lives with a prayer and a birthday card, and pray for those on our prayer list. Questions? Contact Alana Frazier, 703-282-2393, with any questions or to ask for prayers.



The **Women's GRACE Fellowship** usually meets the third Thursday of each month. Please note the next meeting, Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, will meet at 9:00 am at the Lakefront Chapel.

## Looking Ahead



**October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Lynchburg, VA**



Join with 5000 women at the Thomas Road Baptist Church worshipping and praising God. Chris Tomlin will be headlining the Friday night concert. Speakers on Saturday include Lysa Terkeurst, Jenny Allen, and Margaret Feinberg. For more information, check out <https://ewomen.net/Lynchburg-VA-2025>.

We still have tickets reserved at a discount and a block of hotel rooms at the Lynchburg Grand Hotel. The time is NOW to reserve your seat with our group as this event is sold out! Contact Mindy Ward, 301-335-8315 for instructions on how to join our group.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

\*Changes to the published calendar are posted on the website – [elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org/calendar](http://elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org/calendar).

\*\*Send dates of meetings/events to [treasurer@elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org](mailto:treasurer@elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org)

### **April**

- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Bible Study, 6:45 pm at the church  
Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> Band Practice, 5:00 pm at the church  
Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 pm at the church  
Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Rescheduled Lakefront Chapel Clean Up and mulching, 9:00 am  
Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Communion  
Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Goshen Missions Fair, 3:00 pm at the Goshen Mission Center, 587 Mica Road  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church  
Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Band Practice, 5:00 pm at the church  
Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Deadline for monthly report to Goshen Association, Tony Wilson,  
[wilsontony540@gmail.com](mailto:wilsontony540@gmail.com)  
Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday Worship, 8:30 am in the Sanctuary  
Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Business Meeting, 11:00 in Duerson Hall  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Bible Study, 6:45 pm at the church  
Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Women's GRACE Fellowship, 9:00 am at the Lakefront Chapel  
Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Band Practice, 5:00 pm at the church  
Thu 17<sup>th</sup> "Jesus Christ Superstar", 5:30 pm at Riverside Center, Fredericksburg  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Service, 6:30 pm at the church  
Sun 20<sup>th</sup> EASTER! Services, 6:30 am at lakefront, breakfast and 8:30 am at church  
No Sunday School on Easter  
Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Deadline for newsletter articles and photos, [elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com)  
Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church  
Thu 24<sup>th</sup> Band practice, 5:00 pm at the church  
Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Craftsman Outdoorsman Event. 8:30 am at the Joy Center  
Tue 29<sup>th</sup> Caring Community Prayer and Card Ministry, 9:00 am at the church  
Tue 29<sup>th</sup> Goshen's Annual Spring Meeting, 2:00 pm at Blue Ridge Shores Baptist Church  
Wed 30<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Movie Night, 6:45 pm at the church

### **May**

- Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Band Practice, 5:00 pm at the church  
Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 pm at the church  
Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Worship at the Lakefront begins/Communion  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Bible Study, 6:45 pm at the church  
Thu 8<sup>th</sup> Band Practice, 5:00 pm at the church  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Deadline for monthly report to Goshen Association, Tony Wilson,  
[wilsontony540@gmail.com](mailto:wilsontony540@gmail.com)  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church  
Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Band Practice, 5:00 pm at the church  
Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:00 am at the church  
Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Deadline for newsletter articles and photos, [elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com)  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Bible Study, 6:45 pm at the church  
Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Women's GRACE Fellowship, 9:00 am at the church  
Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Band practice, 5:00 pm at the church  
Tue 27<sup>th</sup> Caring Community Prayer and Card Ministry, 9:00 am at the church  
Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church  
Thu 29<sup>th</sup> Band Practice, 5:00 pm at the church

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### April

Paula Brewer	1	Abi Bell	19
Larry Edmonds	4	Cherry & Sonny Hill	20
Noah Kimball	6	Lesia Norwood	22
Rodney Wood	7	Brenda & Earl Eck	22
Gary Harkins	8	Sharon Anderson	25
Kathy Tyler	9	Sandra Wilson	30
Barbara Moore	9	Rita Jones	30
Lee & Norm Stahl	13	Andy Seelinger	30
Amy Bryk	19	Ted Kopp	30

### May

Pam Paine	3	Janice & Bill Powers	11
Mary Virginia Polonsky	7	Tammy & Jerry Whitehouse	13
Pam & Gerald Paine	7	Jamie Eder	14
Robert Brown	9	Susan Goodrich	19
Randy Bock	9	Beth & John Larson	22
Phoebe & Martin Koenig	11	Kelly & Tom Pitcher	25



Daisy Bowery, Aubrey Weigand, Brenda Weigand, Ray Ann, Pam Paine, Scott Campbell, Rudy DeZorzi, Matthew Croce, Cathy Gray, Sarah Orndorff, Riley Beane, Debby Munro, Jerry & Emma Kay Talley, Grace Grecco & family, Marty Hart, Charles Anderson, Brian Ralston & child, Scott McAlexander, Will Begendorf, Mary-Margaret Ward, Kim Duncan, Marcus, Woody Jenkins, Dave Mossburg, Doris Malcolm, Debbie Lovette, Richard Thompson, Ed Carnahan, Chuck Troup, Patsy Reardon, Holly Matthews, Vickie Spence, Brian Giddens



## 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.
- **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** - <https://www.facebook.com/elkcreekbaptistchurchva>



*Together in Christ,*

*Mindy and Doug Ward, Alana and Wayne Frazier, Steve and Anna Jones*

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**Flowers Given in Memory of:**

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**Flowers Given in Honor of:**

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Flowers will include lilies and a variety of spring flowers in pots. Cost is \$10.00 each payable by check to Elk Creek Baptist Church or pay online at [elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org](http://elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org) or by text to 1-804-258-4320, and marked for "Flowers" donation.

Number of Plants \_\_\_\_\_ Total Donation: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

- I will pick up my flower(s) after the Easter services.
- Please donate my flower(s) to someone to enjoy.

# MARCH SCRAPBOOK



**Men's Breakfast March 18<sup>th</sup>**



**Building New Benches March 18<sup>th</sup>**





Women's Fellowship March 20<sup>th</sup>





# Packing Groceries at the Louisa Resource Council March 21<sup>st</sup>





**Young Life Dinner March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Our church sponsored the dinner, Pastor Mike blessed the food  
and Kathy Tyler made the “quarter finals” in the cup game.





# Church CleanUp March 29<sup>th</sup>

The mulch wasn't available, but the new cross was installed, the parking lot adjusted and the kitchen got a good cleaning.

