**CHURCH LIFE: WELCOME GUESTS!** We are glad you have come to worship at Elk Creek today. May you feel welcome and be blessed by the presence of the Lord in this place. Let us get to know you by filling out a Visitor Form available from our greeter.

**Streaming Church Service:** MixIr app; select ECBC-5916. Bring an FM radio with earbuds, FM 91.5 for inside audio assistance.

**Offering plates** at the back of the sanctuary and on the organ (inside), or in front by the stage (lakeside), or online at elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org or by text to 804-258-4320. Thank you for your giving as an act of worship.

**Operation Christmas Child** is looking for a Louisa County Coordinator. Should you feel called to learn more about the duties for the shoebox ministry please contact Sharon Stiles, 540-229-0478.

Bible Study: Wed 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 pm at the church

ECBC Think Tank Meeting Today May 4 @ 1:30 pm

Woodchuckers Tuesday May 6 @ 9:00 am

**Deadline for monthly report to Goshen Association**: Mon 12<sup>th</sup>, Tony Wilson, wilsontony540@gmail.com

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary Virginia Polonsky 7<sup>th</sup>, Pam & Gerald Paine 7<sup>th</sup>, Robert Brown 9<sup>th</sup>, Randy Bock 9<sup>th</sup>, Phoebe & Martin Koening 11<sup>th</sup>, Janice & Bill Powers 11<sup>th</sup>



Ron Condolences to family and friends of Crystal Strong-Norbeck.

Remembering the Schoelen family as they

inter Lawrence Schoelen, Sr at Arlington Cemetery.

David Pristas, Mary-Margaret Ward, the Vaughan family, Jeanna Borseth, Jonelle Borseth, Bill Powers, Matthew Croce, The Fugett Family, Woody Jenkins, Ron Harper, Mary Hoelman, Joe & Diane, Scott McAlexander, Robert Goodson, Tom O'Hara, Mike Yanizeski, Alan Harris, Patsy Bailey, Gary Muller, Aubrey Weigand, Will Begendorf, Cathy Gray, Daisy Bowery, Brenda Weigand, Ray Ann, Scott Campbell, Rudy DeZorzi, Sarah Orndorff, Riley Beane, Debby Munro

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**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.

#### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

Call to Worship: "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" Invocation

# COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP \*

Chorus: Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come. (after verse 2 sing Come, Come, Come)

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God. One day ev'ry knee will bow. Still the greatest pleasure remains for those Who gladly choose you now. *Chorus:* 

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives, Willingly our knees will bow. With all our heart, soul, mind and strength, We gladly choose you now. *Chorus:* 

#### **Announcements**

### **COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING**

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise: Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home:
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

#### **Prayer Concerns and Pastoral Prayer**

The Lord's Supper

#### **FAIREST LORD JESUS** \*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son; Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, And fair the twinkling starry host; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly, Wondrously Jesus is found in Thee; None can be nearer, fairer or dearer, Than Thou my Savior art to me.

Sermon
Four Testimonies, One Truth
John 5:31-47

#### Invitation

#### I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED \*

I know not why God's wondrous grace To me He hath made known. Nor why unworthy, Christ in love Redeemed me for His own. *Chorus:* 

But I know whom I have be-liev-ed, And am persuaded that He is able To keep that which I've committed Unto Him against that day.

I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart,
Nor how believing in His Word
Wrought peace within my heart. *Chorus:* 

I know not how the Spirit moves, Convincing men of sin, Revealing Jesus through the Word, Creating faith in Him. *Chorus:* 

#### Benediction

## **BLESSED BE THE TIE THAT BINDS**

Blessed be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.