



ELK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

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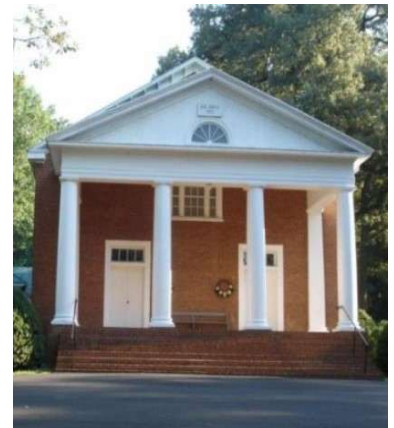
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May-June 2025



Mark Your Calendar



Summer Kick-Off Picnic June 7th



May, a month of Honoring Moms and Remembering Those Who Gave All

Mother's Day

Written by a King to Honor His Mother

Her children and her husband

stand up and bless her.

In addition, he sings her praises, by saying,

²⁹ 'Many women have done noble work,

but you have surpassed them all!'

-Proverbs 31:28-29 GWT

A king is usually the one who receives honor and admiration. In Proverbs 31 we find the king doing the honoring of his wife and mother of his children. We would do well to take time to honor our mothers. They deserve our honor!

In another passage Timothy is reminded of his spiritual heritage that came through his grandmother and mother 2 Timothy 1:5 *I'm reminded of how sincere your faith is. That faith first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. I'm convinced that it also lives in you.* 3:14-15 *However, continue in what you have learned and found to be true. You know who your teachers were.* ¹⁵ *From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures. They have the power to give you wisdom so that you can be saved through faith in Christ Jesus. All mothers, and especially Moms like Timothy's who taught to love the Bible, the Church and believe in Jesus, are to be honored.*

May

03 *Four Testimonies, One Truth* John 5:31-47

11 *Enough for All (Miracle #4)* John 6:1-15

18 *Creation and the Creator (Miracle #5)*

John 6:16-24

25 *The Bread of Life - Part One ("I am" #1)*

John 6:25-40

Memorial Day

Spoken by Jesus of His Sacrifice that would take place on the Cross.

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13

On a different day and in entirely different circumstances another King, Jesus, told His disciples of His love for them as He tells what is about happen. Yet they didn't understand till later. His sacrifice for our spiritual freedom is worth remembering!



Jesus' definition of sacrificial love has been applied to members of the military who gave their lives in the fight for our national freedom. The often quoted saying, "All gave some, and Some gave all," reminds us that while many served, our national freedom came at the expense of many lives. They are worthy of remembering!

May God bless our Moms and our Military heroes!

Pastor Mike

Louisa Clean Volunteer Appreciation

Louisa Clean thanks our church for its support of the effort to keep our roads free of unsightly trash. The program has grown to more than 200 volunteers with an ever-increasing visibility of our local roads. In 2022, 442 bags of trash were collected; in 2023, with more coverage 683 bags were collected. In 2024, 1134 bags were collected and 11 new groups stepped up to become Adopt-A-Highway sponsors. Currently, working on adding an additional 8 so far in 2025.

Coming up - LOUISA CLEAN BIG CLEAN EVENT scheduled May 31st and June 1st to work on Routes 208 and 605 coming from interstate 64 into Louisa and a 2 mile stretch along Byrdmill road. Contact Jody Korman, Jody@jodyshomes.com, for more information and directions.



Remembering Joseph (Joey) Boxley Vaughan, Jr. October 25, 1960 - May 4, 2025

Joey Vaughan attended Elk Creek Baptist Church his entire life where his family were members for generations. Joey led an active life in support of the church and community and could always be counted on to provide any support that was needed. Having worked with heavy equipment most of his life, Joey's last wish was to have one last ride in his dump truck.

Anyone wishing to honor Joey's memory is asked to make donations to either Elk Creek Baptist Church or the Mineral Volunteer Fire Department.



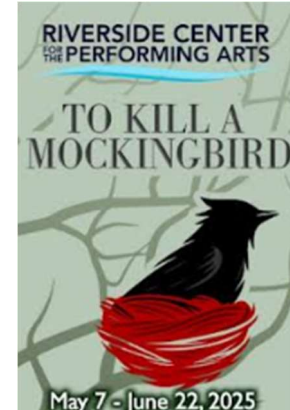
Operation Christmas Child is looking for a Louisa County Coordinator. Should you feel called to learn more about the duties for the shoebox ministry please contact Sharon Stiles at 540-229-0478.

To Kill a Mockingbird at Riverside Center for the Performing Arts

Exciting news! Todd Pristas, Alana and Wayne Frazier's son, will be playing the part of Judge Taylor in this latest show at Riverside. Todd is truly talented and you will be impressed!

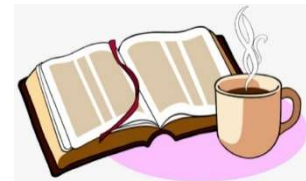
Scheduled Thursday, June 12th, 5:30 pm at Riverside Center for the Performing Arts in Fredericksburg. Our group rate is \$81.00 pp. Your ticket includes: show, dinner, dessert, tax and gratuity. Contact Anna Jones, 540.207.6592, and send a check to 39 Deep Creek Circle Bumpass, VA or Venmo@stevej840.

You are welcome to bring guests. Please feel forward to send to any friends.



Comings and Goings –

The **Pastor's Bible Study**, NEXT LEVEL - Growing in Knowing God's Word, meets the 1st and 3rd 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 2nd and 4th 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.

Our **Woodchuckers** have been busy splitting wood for next season. New members are always welcome 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** meets the third Thursday of each month, 9:00 am at the church, unless otherwise announced. Come join us for a light breakfast, devotional and some sisterly support.



The **Men's Bi-monthly Breakfast** meets every odd month on the third Tuesday, 8:00 am at the church. Come hungry and enjoy the fellowship!

Looking Ahead



October 11th & 12th
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>.



The event is sold out, but 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.

**Send dates of meetings/events to treasurer@elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org

May

Thu 1 st	Band Practice, 5:00 pm at the church
Thu 1 st	Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 pm at the church
Sun 4 th	Worship at the Lakefront begins/Communion
Sun 4 th	ECBC Think Tank mtg, 1:30 pm at the church
Tue 6 th	Woodchuckers, 9:00 am at the church
Wed 7 th	Bible Study, 6:45 pm at the church
Thu 8 th	Band Practice, 5:00 pm at the church
Sun 11 th	Mother's Day
Mon 12 th	Deadline for monthly report to Goshen Association, Tony Wilson, wilsontony540@gmail.com
Wed 14 th	Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church
Thu 15 th	Band Practice, 5:30 pm at the church
Tue 20 th	Men's Bi-monthly Prayer Breakfast, 8:00 am at the church
Tue 20 th	Woodchuckers, 9:30 am at the church
Tue 20 th	Deadline for newsletter articles and photos, elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com
Wed 21 st	Bible Study, 6:45 pm at the church
Thu 22 nd	Women's GRACE Fellowship, 9:00 am at the church
Thu 22 nd	Band practice, 5:30 pm at the church
Tue 27 th	Caring Community Prayer and Card Ministry, 9:00 am at the church
Wed 28 th	Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church
Thu 29 th	Band Practice, 5:00 pm at the church

June

Sun 1 st	Communion
Wed 4 th	Bible Study, 6:45 pm at the church
Thu 5 th	Band Practice, 5:00 pm at the church
Thu 5 th	Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 pm at the church
Sat 7 th	Summer Kick-off Picnic, 5:00 pm at the Pavillion
Wed 11 th	Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church
Thu 12 th	To Kill a Mockingbird, 5:30 pm at Riverside Performing Arts Center
Thu 12 th	Deadline for monthly report to Goshen Association, Tony Wilson, wilsontony540@gmail.com
Sun 15 th	Father's Day
Tue 17 th	Louisa County Voting Primary, all day, Duerson Hall
Wed 18 th	Bible Study, 6:45 pm at the church
Thu 19 th	Band Practice, 5:00 pm at the church
Fri 20 th	Deadline for newsletter articles and photos, elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com
Thu 19 th	Women's GRACE Fellowship, 9:00 am at the church
Tue 24 th	Caring Community Prayer and Card Ministry, 9:00 am at the church
Wed 25 th	Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church
Thu 26 th	Band practice, 5:00 pm at the church

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May

Pam Paine	3	Tammy & Jerry Whitehouse	13
Mary Virginia Polonsky	7	Jamie Eder	14
Pam & Gerald Paine	7	Susan Goodrich	19
Robert Brown	9	Beth & John Larson	22
Randy Bock	9	Kelly & Tom Pitcher	25
Phoebe & Martin Koenig	11	Pam Farmer	30
Janice & Bill Powers	11		

June

Eileen & Rick Perks	1	Suzanne Wallace	17
Kevin Eble	1	Debby & Chip Burt	18
Yvonne & Kevin Eble	3	Maria & Daniel Kimball	20
Kathleen Garnett	5	Amity & Brian Burghardt	21
Anna & Steve Jones	7	Rebecca & Chris Sullivan	23
Sterling Schoonover	8	Katrina Northcraft	24
Emma Kay Talley	12	John Larson	24
Kevin Norwood	13	Ted Condon	25
Jody Hewitt	15	Yvonne Eble	27
Ross Hewitt	15	Cindy & Lee Morrell	27
Phoebe Koenig	16	Kimberly & Larry Schoelen	27
Linda & Mike Bridges	16	Michelle Quamme	28

July

Sonny Hill	2	Rodd Andrews	16
Suzanne & Dale Wallace	2	Kevin & Lesia Norwood	18
Jerry Weeks	5	Jerry Talley	18
Frances Woods	7	Gerry Wyckoff	19
Mike Gaumond	12	Amy & Ed Bryk	22
Amity Burghardt	14	Carol DeZorzi	24
Tom DeZorzi	14	Connie Ashwood	26



Matthew Croce, Sam Brewer and family, Bob Gardner, Joe Gwen, Sonny Gleason, Chrissy Hoffman (Zachary), Gary Barmoy, Gary Muller, James Pittman (Karen Andrews), Rick Stonesraker, Joe Kairyn, Will Begendorf, David Pristas, Mary-Margaret Ward, Jeanna Borseth, Jonelle Borseth, Bill Powers, The Fugett Family, Woody Jenkins, Ron Harper, Mary Hoelman, Joe & Diane, Scott McAlexander, Robert Goodson, Tom O'Hara, Mike Yanizeski, Alan Harris, Patsy Bailey, Aubrey Weigand, Ray Ann, Daisy Bowery, Brenda Weigand, Scott Campbell, Rudy DeZorzi, Sarah Orndorff

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



Together in Christ,

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

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APRIL SCRAPBOOK

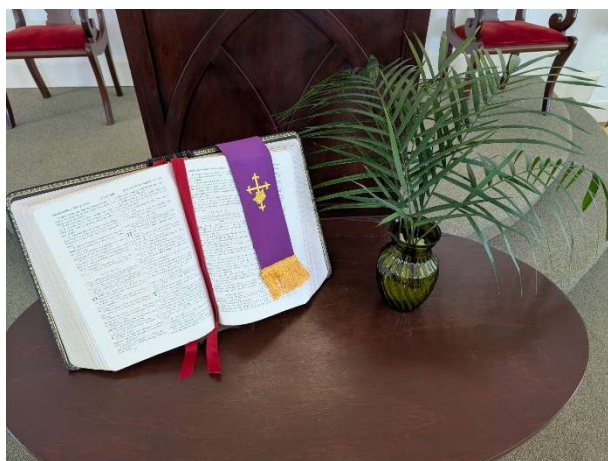
Spiritual Tea at Laurel Hill Baptist Church April 12th



Benches were moved back to the lake in preparation for Easter



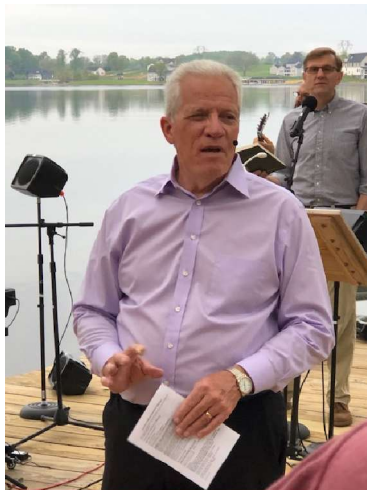
Palm Sunday led into Holy Week



and Good Friday observance

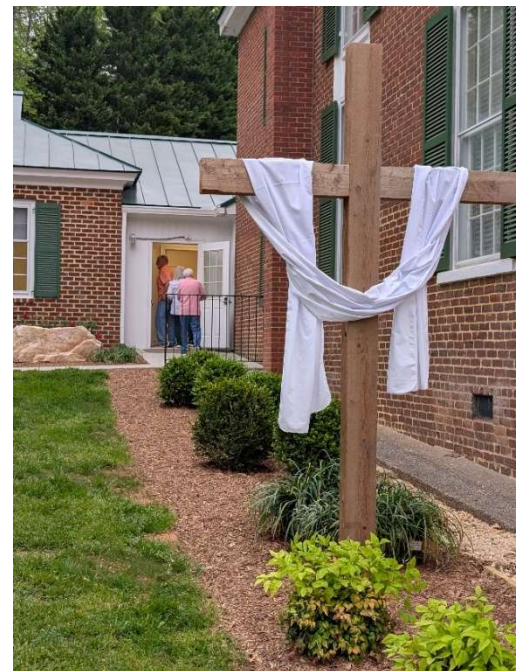
Easter Morning

164 attended the sunrise service





Followed by a Fellowship Breakfast





And Easter Worship at 8:30 am



Women's GRACE Fellowship met April 17th



Jesus Christ Superstar at the Altria Theater April 17th



The old oak tree came down on it's own making way for much needed parking.



National Day of Prayer in Louisa May 1st

