



## ELK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

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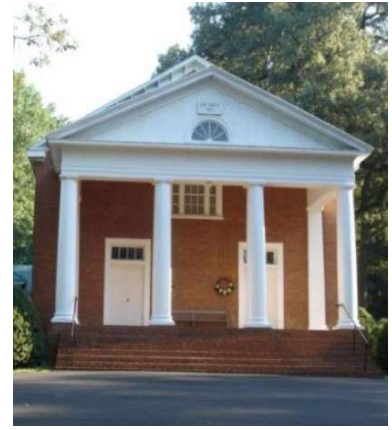
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**October 2025**



A good outdoor season of worship! With Fall having arrived and cooler temperatures in the mornings, we return to the Sanctuary for Worship in October. As I reflect back, I am thankful for the many good Sundays at the Lakeside Chapel we had through late Spring and Summer. We were blessed with much good weather that allowed us to worship at the lakefront with the congregation, family, friends and guest visitors. Once again, it was a summer of good attendance, witness, decisions, and baptisms. Praise to the Lord!

I want to thank those who took care of details for our outdoor worship. Hats off to the AV team for their commitment each week, the Woodchuckers who brought the benches and to Stan who cleaned them every week. Also, I want to thank the band for their extra efforts to lead in music, the greeter team for their smiles and faithfulness, and Coral and Bunnie for overseeing the refreshment time and bringing the coffee.

October moves us into a new season where the leaves change color, but we continue to worship an unchanging and gracious Savior. It is also a political season that calls for decisions about election of leaders who reflect Biblical values and promote faith, family, and a good, healthy and united commonwealth and nation. I encourage you to pray for both wisdom and God's will. Then go vote.

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, we begin a new church year. Having elected some new leadership at our called Business Meeting - Trustees (2), Deacons (3) and Admin Board (6) - we move into a time of transition and organization for the health, unity and growth of our congregation. Some of our Stewardships also need volunteers. October 12<sup>th</sup> is our next Quarterly Business Meeting when we will be voting on the 2025/26 Budget.

As we build off the excitement and energy expressed at our Homecoming, may we continue to serve Christ our Savior and serve in our community.

As the trees shine with glory to God through their colors, may we give praise.

*Pastor Mike*

### October Sermons

05 <i>The Chief Servant</i>	John 13:1-17
12 <i>Knowing Our Future</i>	John 13:18-14:3
19 <i>One Way of Salvation</i>	John 14:4-14
26 <i>All You Need for Obedience</i>	John 14:15-31



**Meet Your Church Leaders.** At the Called Business Meeting held on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> new leadership of our church were elected unanimously. Below are the new and continuing leadership (from left to right as listed).

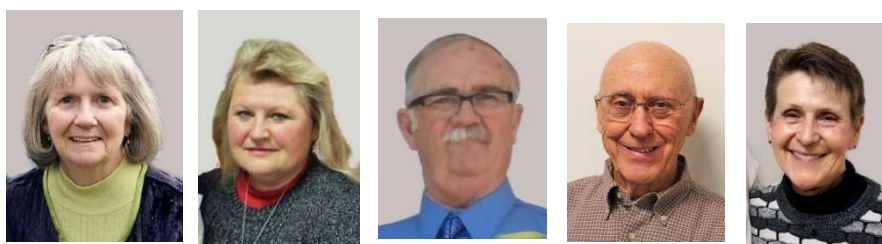
**Admin Board:** Jo Canova, Carol DeZorzi, Coral Losinski, Arthur McKenny, Gerald Paine, Stan Polonsky



**Deacons:** Phil Mason, Rick Perks, Roy Saettel, Kathy Tyler, Bobby Jones, Wayne Frazier, Tony Wilson, Clorese Vaughan



**Trustees :** Mary Virginia Polonsky, Clorese Vaughan, Phil Mason, Larry Edmonds, Coral Losinski



**\*\*The Quarterly Business Meeting is Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>\*\***

**Congratulations** to Phil Mason who re-dedicated his life through baptism on September 14<sup>th</sup> as he prepares to serve as one of our deacons.



The 212<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming was held September 21<sup>st</sup> followed by the Women's Retreat on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Check out the pictures in the scrapbook at the end of the newsletter.

The church is graciously invited to a **potluck dinner, Monday October 13<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 pm at the home of Doug and Kristin Barmoy, 574 Burruss Mill Rd, Bumpass  
Please bring a dish to share; drinks will be provided.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Kristin at [kbarmoy@AOL.com](mailto:kbarmoy@AOL.com) by Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Have you signed up yet, for this Senior Lake Life Ministry series?

***"Tax-Efficient Gifting Strategies and Techniques"***  
**Wednesday, October 29 at 6:30 pm**

**Led by Kyle Linsky**, a personal financial advisor well-known by several members of the church, his presentation will provide information to folks who have retirement accounts to learn how to take advantage of Qualified Charitable Donations (QCDs) as a way of giving directly from their accounts and how that may help with their Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) if they are in that age category. Many people have asked Mike Bridges, our treasurer, about this giving method so this opportunity to hear from an expert should prove valuable. He is not coming to sell himself or his firm but simply to let folks know of ways to take advantage of tax laws regarding charitable giving.

**Goshen Baptist Association Mission Events**



**Sunday, Oct. 12 GBA Fall Mission Celebration**

**2:45 – 5:00 pm**

**Berea Baptist Church 5271 Poindexter Rd. Louisa, VA**

**Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> GBA Fall Meeting**

**1:45-4:45 pm**

**“The Hands of Christ: Growing, Serving, Cooperating”**

**Waller's Baptist Church 4001 Partlow Rd, Partlow, VA**

**It's Shoebox preparation time.** Make this a family event. Include your children and grandchildren in shopping for and packing the boxes. Preprinted boxes will be available in Duerson Hall. Final collection date - November 17.



## Comings and Goings –

This month we are gathering greeting cards to donate to the Goochland Woman's Correctional Center (GWCC). Cards may be left in the basket in Duerson Hall.



Our **Woodchuckers** ministry has resumed with their first work day of the Fall. New members are always welcome to help cut and store wood and help with deliveries 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.



Don't miss your chance to fellowship with other church goers and neighbors at the **"The Sound of Music"**, **5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 2** at the **Riverside Center for the Performing Arts** in Fredericksburg. The group rate is **\$81.25**. Your ticket includes: show, dinner, tax and gratuity. You are welcome to bring guests, and spread the word.

Send a check to payable to Anna Jones, 39 Deep Creek Circle Bumpass, VA 23024 or **Venmo@stevej840** as soon as possible as this show may likely sell out. Contact Anna and Steve Jones, 540.207.6592, for information.



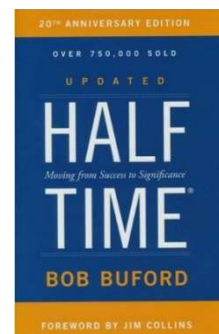
**It's here! Extraordinary Women**, October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, VA. Eleven (11) women from our church will experience the blessing of worshipping with 5000 women. Let's be in prayer for an extraordinary experience for all of the women attending.

Another shipment of **Reading Glasses for Guatemala** will be headed that way soon. Contact Tony Wilson, [WilsonTony540@gmail.com](mailto:WilsonTony540@gmail.com) to donate.

**PURPOSEFUL RETIREMENT** is a 6-week book study based on Bob Buford's book *Half Time: From Success to Significance*. This study is offered by the Senior Lake Life Ministry of Elk Creek Baptist Church.

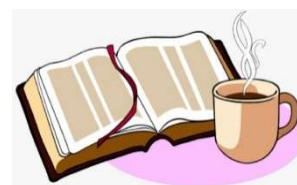
All are welcome to attend.

The six-week study continues with two separate series- Tuesday at 10:00 am and Thursday at 6:30 pm through October 23<sup>rd</sup>.



The **Wednesday Book Study** normally scheduled on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month is postponed for the 6-week period that the book, *Halftime*, is being studied. For further details, contact Tony Wilson, 540-748-1159, [wilsontony540@gmail.com](mailto:wilsontony540@gmail.com).

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 **Caring Community's Prayer and Card Ministry** wants to pray for you on your birthday. The Caring Community team meets the fourth 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. 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. If you would like updates or reminders, please email Alana Frazier, [wr.frazier@verizon.net](mailto:wr.frazier@verizon.net), to be added to the distribution list.



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! Contact Jay Canova, [jcan44@aol.com](mailto:jcan44@aol.com), to receive reminders.

## Looking Ahead

**Santa Council** coming in November. Watch for the board with the mittens on it.



**Advent begins Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. We will “deck the halls” Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 pm followed by some refreshments and caroling.**



Outdoor worship has its benefits when it comes to keeping small children occupied during worship. In this case, a centipede had Jackson and Jason enthralled.

## **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)

### **October**

TBD Woodchuckers Tue and Fri  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Bible Study, 6:45 pm at the church  
Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Band Practice, 5:15 pm at the church  
Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Sound of Music, 5:30 pm at Riverside Center for the Performing Arts. Fredericksburg  
Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Book Study Group 2, 6:30 pm at the church  
Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Communion  
Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Deacons and Admin Boards Combined Meeting, 3:00 pm at the church  
Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Book Study Group 1, 10:00 am at the church  
Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Lake Anna Garden Club, 8:30 am at the church  
Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Band Practice, 5:15 pm at the church  
Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Book Study Group 2, 6:30 pm at the church  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup>–Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Women's Conference, Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg  
Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Business Meeting, 11:00 am at the church  
Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Deadline for monthly report to Goshen Association, Tony Wilson, [wilsontony540@gmail.com](mailto:wilsontony540@gmail.com)  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Church Potluck Dinner, 6:00 pm at the Barmoy's home, 574 Burruss Mill Road, Bumpass  
Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Book Study Group 1, 10:00 am at the church  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Bible Study, 6:45 pm at the church  
Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Women's GRACE Fellowship, 9:00 am at the church  
Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Band Practice, 5:15 pm at the church  
Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Book Study Group 2, 6:30 pm at the church  
Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Deadline for newsletter articles and photos, [elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com)  
Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Book Study Group 1, 10:00 am at the church  
Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> Band Practice, 5:15 pm at the church  
Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> Book Study Group 2, 6:30 pm at the church  
Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Caring Community Prayer and Card Ministry, 9:00 am at the church  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday seminar "Tax Efficient Strategies", 6:30 pm at the church  
Thu 30<sup>th</sup> Band practice, 5:15 pm at the church

### **November**

TBD Woodchuckers Tue and Fri  
Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Daylight Savings Time begins  
Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Communion  
Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Election Day. The church is open only for voting.  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Bible Study, 6:45 pm at the church  
Thu 6<sup>th</sup> Band Practice, 5:15 pm at the church  
Thu 6<sup>th</sup> Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 pm at the church  
Sun 9<sup>th</sup> TWPOA meeting, 1:00 pm at the church  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Book Study, 6:45 pm at the church  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Deadline for monthly report to Goshen Association, Tony Wilson, [wilsontony540@gmail.com](mailto:wilsontony540@gmail.com)  
Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Lake Anna Garden Club, 8:30 am at the church  
Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Band Practice, 5:15 pm at the church  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Last day to turn in Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child  
Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Men's Bi-monthly Prayer Breakfast, 8:00 am at the church  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Bible Study, 6:45 pm at the church  
Thu 20<sup>th</sup> Women's GRACE Fellowship, 9:00 am at the church  
Thu 20<sup>th</sup> Band Practice, 5:15 pm at the church  
Thu 20<sup>th</sup> Deadline for newsletter articles and photos, [elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com)  
Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Caring Community Prayer and Card Ministry, 9:00 am at the church  
Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Service, 7:00 pm at the church  
Thu 27<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving (No Band practice)  
Sat 29<sup>th</sup> "Deck the Hall" for Advent, 6:30 pm at the church  
Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Advent begin

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### October

Helena & Andy Seelinger	1	Donna Ketchum	15
Hope & Roy Saettel	1	Eleni & Jason Dykstra	15
Karen & Rod Andrews	1	Jodi & Ross Hewitt	17
Ty Caldwell	2	Susie Mason	18
Julie Gaumond	3	Susie & Randy Shafer	19
Mindy Ward	4	Cindy Morrell	19
Connie & Chris Ashwood	5	Susan & Dale Goodrich	19
Albury Ward	6	Doug Barmoy	21
Coral & Jack Losinski	6	Robert Terrell	21
Jackson Koenig	7	Rick Teller	23
Mary Virginia & Stan Polonsky	9	Clorese Vaughan	23
Barbara & Arthur McKenny	9	Chris Ashwood	25
Troy Sullivan	9	Karen & Ted Kopp	25
Helena Seelinger	10	Tony Lovette	28
Maria Kimball	11	Susie Shaffer	28
Brenda Weigand	13	Dorothy Duerson	29
Debby Burt	14	Rick Perks	29
Steve Jones	14	Karen & Rodney Wood	29

### November

Cindi Chrzanowski	3	Katrina & Adam Northcraft	18
Bob Gardner	3	Jay Canova	19
Iva Vaeth	3	Jerry Whitehouse	20
Jody Korman	5	Anna Jones	22
Joan Webb	5	Cathy Gray	24
Beth Larson	7	Woody Jenkins	25
Richie Hurst	8	Taylor Dunford & Paul Harrison	25
Alvin Brewer	9	Rob Johnson	28
Rusty Brown	9	Lisa Sullivan	28
Cindy & Randy Brock	10	Chris Spence	28
Jason Koenig	10	Joan & Wayne Webb	30
Scott Hale	13	Bobby Jones	30
Tom Pitcher	15		
Matt Huffman	15		



Hope Saettel, Scott McAlexander, Ron, Bob Gardner, Mark Porter, Jesse Owens, Gary Muller, Carolyn Bivens, Henderson Bivens, Ed Carnahan, Samantha Stampo, Herman Thomas, Drew Schoelen, Mitchel McCotter, Gary Harkins, Woody Jenkins, Will Begendorf, Eric Holmes, Paul & Barbara Lehman, Sally Pitches, Wayne Frazier, Michael DePrince, Ron Salmon, Susan Croce, Pat Naughton, Eileen Smith, Richard Myers, Lisa Chider, Rita Jones, Bobby Goodson, Doug Ward, Bob Eakin, Tanya French, 12 year old bitten by shark, Aubrey Weigand, Leroy Weinreich, Susie DeHartman, Kay Fuller, Haileigh Cortomanolis, Antoinette Goodman, Dillon Olley, David, Roger Mills, Mya Thompson

## 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.
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*Together in Christ,*

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

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# SEPTEMBER SCRAPBOOK

## BEHIND THE SCENE OF OUTDOOR WORSHIP



## 212<sup>TH</sup> HOMECOMING September 21<sup>st</sup>









# Women's Retreat September 27<sup>th</sup>



