



ELK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

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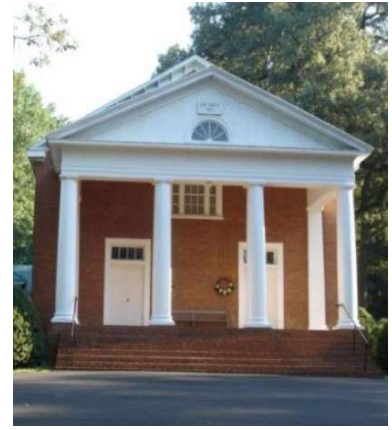
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September 2025



212 Years of Gospel Ministry

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Appreciating the Past - Anticipating the Future

As we celebrate the church anniversary with homecoming activities, please note the following schedule for September 21st.

8:30 am Worship at Lakefront

9:30 am Covered Dish Brunch in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 am Mini-Concert & Historical Presentation in the Sanctuary

The 212th Homecoming will feature a guest vocalist, Rev. Glen Bohannon. He will sing in the 8:30 Worship. The 8:30 Worship will be followed by a covered dish brunch (There will be no Sunday School). The brunch will be followed by Rev. Bohannon providing a mini-concert of solos and worship songs. During that time, there will also be a historical presentation.

Your help in getting the word out about Homecoming on Sunday, September 21st, to Elk Creek Alumni Members and Friends is greatly appreciated.

Pastor Mike

September

07 Good vs Evil at Work

John 11:45-57

14 God's Will is Done

John 12:1-19

21 The Time is Now

John 12:20-36

28 One More Opportunity

John 12:37-50



A Called Business Meeting is scheduled on Sunday, September 14th at 11:00 am to elect nominated leaders as Deacons, Trustees and Admin Board. A second vote has been added to the agenda for the trustees to finish legal documentation for an easement.

On Sunday, September 7th, the candidates will be introduced and during the refreshment time following worship, there will be an opportunity to engage them in conversation.

Nominations for Leadership Positions - Thank you for your nominations. The Deacons reviewed and vetted your nominations. Some contacted nominees agreed to serve and some declined. All who said, "yes" to serve are being presented for your consideration. There will be three separate votes, one for each area of leadership.

Deacons (3): Phil Mason, Rick Perks, Roy Saettel (Three increases the Deacon number to nine in anticipation of continued growth.)

Trustees (2): Mary Virginia Polonsky, Clorese Vaughan

Admin Board (6): Jo Canova, Carol DeZorzi, Coral Losinski, Arthur McKenny, Gerald Paine, Stan Polonsky

Trustee Vote of Affirmation for Norby Mine Road Easement Documentation - Our lawyer has asked for a new vote from the congregation giving permission to the Trustees to complete the signing of the documentation. A legal matter.

Congratulations to Tessie Fugett, Ted & Karen Kopp, and Barbara McKenny who were baptized in a declaration of their faith on Sunday, August 10th at the end of the service. (More photos can be found in the scrapbook.)_



The July **Church Flotilla Fellowship Night** was such a success that a second one was held on August 27th. Look for more to be held next summer.



The **entrance to Duerson Hall** is once again serviceable with new doors, a repaired porch and a railing added for convenience.



Wondering how to make the most of your retirement years at LKA?

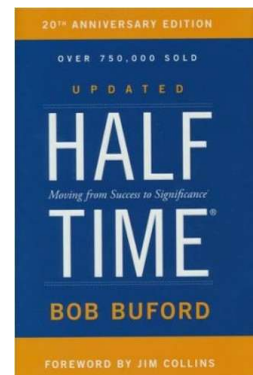
PURPOSEFUL RETIREMENT is a 6-week book study based on Bob Buford's book *Half Time: From Success to Significance*. This study is offered by the Senior Lake Life Ministry of Elk Creek Baptist Church. All are welcome to attend.

Find out more about this book study and decide if it fits your needs. Invite your friends and neighbors, too! **INTEREST MEETINGS** will be held Tuesday, September 9th from 10-11 AM - and repeated - Thursday, September 11th from 6:30-7:30 PM at the church (5916 Kentucky Springs Road, Mineral).

Register for an Interest Meeting: send an email to info@elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org. Please provide your name, email address, phone number and the interest meeting you plan to attend. Your registration will be confirmed.

Visit elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org/events for all the details.

Note: The six-week study begins with two separate series- Tuesday, September 16th at 10:00 am and Thursday, September 18th at 6:30 pm.



Ladies,

You are invited to a special day to reflect, grow in faith, share Christian fellowship with other women, and deepen your relationship with God.



**Women's Retreat
September 27, 2025**

**8:00 to 9:00 am – Fellowship with breakfast
2:15 to 2:30 pm – Closing and prayer**

Guest Speaker Heather C. King is an author, bible study, leader, women's ministry leader and blogger.

The fee is \$20.00 per person which includes breakfast and lunch.

Register online at www.elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org by September 13th.

For information or assistance registering contact Alana Frazier, 703-282-2393, wr.frazier@verizon.net.

Women do so much for others, so this day is for YOU! We encourage you to share this with your women friends and neighbors.

Take Heart, your faith has made you well. - Matthew 9:22

Comings and Goings –

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

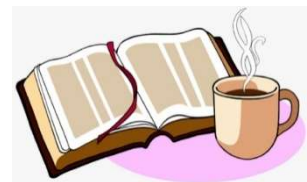
Our **Woodchuckers** are taking a well-earned break, and will start up again in late September. New members are always welcome to help cut and store wood and help with deliveries to local families who need assistance. Most work and deliveries are accomplished on Tuesdays and Fridays. Contact Rick Perks, 301-704-2743, for more information or to get involved.



Thank you to our team of packers who filled 13 bins (approximately 1144 bags of groceries) and sorted 2 bins of odd canned goods for bagging at the Louisa Resource Council on August 15th. (See more pictures in the scrapbook.)



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** normally scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month is postponed for the 6-week period that the book, Halftime, is being studied. Book study attendees are encouraged to sign up for either of these sessions - Tuesday at 10:00 am or Thursday at 6:30 pm. Both are held at the church. For further details, contact Tony Wilson, 540-748-1159, wilsontony540@gmail.com.



The **Caring Community's Prayer and Card Ministry** wants to pray for you on your birthday. If you have not received a greeting on your special day, please make group know. 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, and pray for those on the prayer list. 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, to be added to the distribution list.

Note: This month we are having lunch at the church on September 2nd at noon hosted by Katrina Northcraft. Please RSVP to Katrina, 304-359-6537, Katrina.Northcraft@gmail.com.



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, to receive reminders.

Looking Ahead



Don't miss your chance to see "**The Sound of Music**" at 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. Please feel forward to send email to any friends.

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.



October 11th & 12th

Lynchburg, VA



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Join with 5000 women at the Thomas Road Baptist Church worshipping and praising God. Chris Tomlin will be the Friday night concert. Speakers on Saturday include 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.

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

As part of the Senior Lake Life Ministry series, this seminar is 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.

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

September

Mon 1st Labor Day
Tues 2nd Women's GRACE Fellowship, 12:00 pm at the church
Wed 3rd Bible Study, 6:45 pm at the church
Thu 4th Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 pm at the church
Thu 4th Band Practice, 5:15 pm at the church
Sun 7th Communion
Wed 9th Purposeful Retirement Book Study Pre-meeting, 10:00 am at the church
Thu 11th Lake Anna Garden Club, 8:30 am at the church
Thu 11th Band Practice, 5:15 pm at the church
Thu 11th Purposeful Retirement Book Study Pre-meeting, 6:30 pm at the church
Fri 12th Deadline for monthly report to Goshen Association, Tony Wilson,
wilsontony540@gmail.com
Tue 16th Men's Bi-monthly Prayer Breakfast, 8:00 am at the church
Tue 16th Book Study Group 1, 10:00 am at the church
Wed 17th Bible Study, 6:45 pm at the church
Thu 18th Band Practice, 5:15 pm at the church
Thu 18th Book Study Group 2, 6:30 pm at the church
Sat 19th Fall Clean-up, 9:00 am at the church
Sat 20th Deadline for newsletter articles and photos, elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com
Sep 21st HOMECOMING, 8:30 am Worship, 9:30 am Brunch, 10:30 Mini-concert
Tue 23rd Caring Community Prayer and Card Ministry, 9:00 am at the church
Tue 23rd Book Study Group 1, 10:00 am at the church
Thu 25th Band practice, 5:15 pm at the church
Thu 25th Book Study Group 2, 6:30 pm at the church
Sat 27th Women's Retreat, 8:00 am at the church
Tue 30th Book Study Group 1, 10:00 am at the church

October

Wed 1st Bible Study, 6:45 pm at the church
Thu 2nd Band Practice, 5:15 pm at the church
Thu 2nd Book Study Group 2, 6:30 pm at the church
Thu 2nd Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 pm at the church
Sun 5th Communion
Tue 7th Book Study Group 1, 10:00 am at the church
Thu 9th Band Practice, 5:15 pm at the church
Thu 9th Book Study Group 2, 6:30 pm at the church
Sun 12th Deadline for monthly report to Goshen Association, Tony Wilson,
wilsontony540@gmail.com
Tue 14th Book Study Group 1, 10:00 am at the church
Wed 15th Bible Study, 6:45 pm at the church
Thu 16th Women's GRACE Fellowship, 9:00 am at the church
Thu 16th Band Practice, 5:15 pm at the church
Thu 16th Book Study Group 2, 6:30 pm at the church
Mon 20th Deadline for newsletter articles and photos, elkcreeknewsletter@gmail.com
Tue 21st Book Study Group 1, 10:00 am at the church
Thu 23rd Band Practice, 5:15 pm at the church
Tue 28th Caring Community Prayer and Card Ministry, 9:00 am at the church
Wed 29th 5th Wednesday seminar "Wills and Trusts", 6:30 pm at the church
Thu 30th Band practice, 5:15 pm at the church

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

September

Alana Frazier	1	Paula & Alvin Brewer	17
Gerald Paine	1	Carolyn Brown	18
Kristin & Doug Barmoy	3	Dale Goodrich	19
Alana & Wayne Frazier	7	Lee Stahl	21
Carol & Tom DeZorzi	8	Bill Powers	21
Peggy & Gary Muller	10	Ella Pritchard	22
Debbie Lovette	14	Layna Ebersole	23
Martin Koenig	15	Patty Mahoney	23
Doug Ward	15	Bernie Marsh	24
Cheryl Teller	15	Chip Burt	25
Joyce & Richard Myers	15	Janice Powers	28
Joyce Myers	17	Susan Croce	30

October

Helena & Andy Seelinger	1	Brenda Weigand	13
Hope & Roy Saettel	1	Debby Burt	14
Karen & Rod Andrews	1	Steve Jones	14
Julie Gaumont	3	Cindy Morrell	19
Mindy Ward	4	Susan & Dale Goodrich	19
Connie & Chris Ashwood	5	Doug Barmoy	21
Albury Ward	6	Rick Teller	23
Coral & Jack Losinski	6	Clorese Vaughan	23
Jackson Koenig	7	Chris Ashwood	25
Mary Virginia & Stan Polonsky	9	Tony Lovette	28
Barbara & Arthur McKenny	9	Dorothy Duerson	29
Helena Seelinger	10	Rick Perks	29
Maria Kimball	11	Karen & Rodney Wood	29



Connor Condon, Michael DePrince, Ron Salmon, Susan Croce, Pat Naughton, Eileen Smith, Richard Myers, Lisa Chider, Aunt Doris, Susan Croce, Rita Jones, Ed Carnahan, Bobby Goodson, Gary Harkins (Barbara Moore), Doug Ward, Bob Eakin, Tanya French, 12 year old bitten by shark, Aubrey Weigand, Will Begendorf, Allison Price (Erik), Leroy Weinreich, Susie DeHartman, Kay Fuller, Haileigh Cortomanolis, Antoinette Goodman, Dillon Olley, David, Roger Mills, Mya Thompson, Mary, Woody Jenkins, Mandy, Barbara Goldsmith, Monica Miller, Mike Price, Maureen O'Hara, Glenn Bond, Shenida, Noah, Daisy Bowery, Karen Andrews

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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AUGUST SCRAPBOOK

Baptisms in the Lake August 10th



Women's GRACE Fellowship August 21st



Bagging Groceries August 22nd

