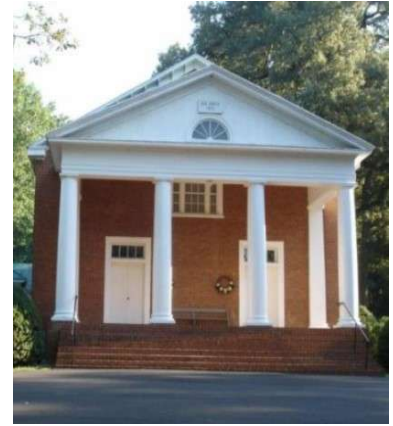




ELK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
Serving Christ and the Community Since 1813

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April 2026



FOMO – Fear of Missing Out

Many stay glued to their phone to make sure that they do not miss out on the latest news of the day, or the latest comment of an influencer or friend. FOMO is a real thing and has many addicted to various media.

FOMO can apply to Christians, who through the centuries have pondered the return of Jesus and due to lack of understanding have fear they might miss it somehow and be left behind. On that fear the Bible is very clear. No one will miss Jesus return. It will be a visible event to all. The scripture says it will be seen by all. Matthew 24: 26 For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus did say we will not know when (Matthew 24:36), but no believer will miss out.



The greater FOMO for a person who does not believe in Christ is not knowing Jesus as their Savior when He does come again for His church.

For children at Easter their FOMO is missing one of the hidden eggs that might have a very special surprise inside. There are greater losses in life but not to a small child. To them it is the end of the world.

The world will come to an end, but not because of a missed Easter egg. It will come to an end exactly at the time God has set, after the last person has placed their faith in Christ. Until then, the church still has a mission to tell the gospel story of Jesus' Life, Death, Burial and Resurrection.

Accept the Easter challenge of inviting at least one person to Easter Worship and let's watch what God will do through your act of faith.

Jesus lives! And the resurrected Son of God still saves!

In the name of Jesus,
Pastor Mike

April Sermons	
03	Good Friday
05	Easter
6:30	2 nd Witness: <i>It is Personal</i> John 20:10-18
8:30	3 rd Witness: <i>For the Church</i> John 20:19-23
12	4 th Witness: <i>No Doubters Left Behind</i> John 20:24-29
19	<i>Reason's to Believe</i> John 20:30-31
26	Guest Speaker Rev. Dee Whitten

It's not too late to remember someone for Easter. Contact Mindy Ward, 301-335-8315, by Friday, April 3rd to coordinate submission of information.



Flowers Given in Memory of:

Flowers Given in Honor of:

Flowers will include lilies and a variety of spring flowers in pots. Cost is \$20.00 each payable by check to Elk Creek Baptist Church or pay online at 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

****REMINDER: Quarterly Business Meeting****
Sunday, April 12th at 10:00 am in Duerson Hall
All are welcome to attend.

Make your reservations now for the...

Goshen Association Spring Picnic

Saturday, April 25 3-6 p.m.

A Family Community Event

Louisa Baptist Church (305 E. Main St., Louisa)

**Food &
Fellowship**



**Special
Music**



**Yard
Games**



**Kids' Fun
Zone**

Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and more will be provided. Bring a lawn chair!

For food preparation, please **RSVP** the number of people attending to Rev. Jim Graham
by emailing: revjrg1948@aol.com or call 540.661.6269

Let's Revislon, Reconnect, and Revive our communitles together!

A "Senior Lake Life" presentation. Wednesday, April 29th at 6:45 pm in Duerson Hall.

You are invited to a conversation of interest to seniors and caregivers to help plan for physical care for the future. Several church members have already had to help family find long term continuums of care. Some have had to approach this with long term insurance and some without.

How do you decide for home care, independent, assisted or convalescent care? How do you negotiate private pay, Medicare, or Medicaid? Take the dare and have a conversation with John Lapointe-Ridley, who is a consultant and specialist in helping people with information for future care needs.

There is no cost for this event, but registration is encouraged. Please text 540-967-8032 with your name and contact information.



Ladies, It's time to purchase your ticket for a most extraordinary worship experience!

Extraordinary Women's By Still Waters, October 16 & 17, 2026 in Lynchburg, VA, is selling out quickly. Below are the instructions for reserving your ticket. Contact Mindy Ward, 301-335-8315, with assistance registering and coordinating hotel rooms.



Copy and paste this URL onto your address line:
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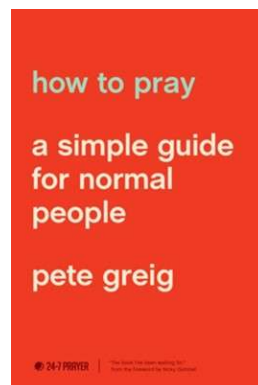
1. Click "Join a Group"
2. Select the group: **MWardLYH26**
3. Enter the passcode: **MWardLYH26**
4. Select the Basic Group (Your Group) rate of \$69.00.

Comings and Goings –



Pastor's Bible Study meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:45 pm at the church. Currently, studying the book of John as a compliment to the Sunday sermon series.

The **Book Study** meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6:45 pm at the church. A new book study is starting - *How to Pray* by Pete Greig, is written to evoke a passion for prayer in everyone-the committed follower of Jesus as well as the skeptic and the scared. The enormous blessing of *How to Pray* is that it is accessible, full of surprising stories of answered prayer, and tremendously engaging. Pete Greig demystifies and reenchants prayer, helping you to find prayer achievable and enjoyable, and ultimately life-giving and life-changing.



Flowers for the church. If anyone would like to place flowers in the church to honor or remember a person or event, they may do so at their expense. Please call or text Alana Frazier, 703-282-2393, to coordinate the details.



Our **Woodchuckers** ministry can always use an extra pair of hands splitting and storing wood for the winter season. Anyone is welcome. Most activities 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 for your birthday. The team meets the last Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am at the church and is open to anyone to participate; 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, to be added to the distribution list.



The **Men's 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.

Reading Glasses for Guatemala is an on-going outreach project. If you have glasses you no longer need, please pass them on to Tony Wilson, WilsonTony540@gmail.com to pass along.



Louisa Clean thanks our church for its support in keeping “Louisa Clean” of trash. Since its inception, over 3000 bags of trash have been collected along county roads. On Saturday, April 25th, groups are being asked to help clean up Route 208. Meet at Moss-Nuckols Elementary School, 2055 Courthouse Road at 8:30 am.

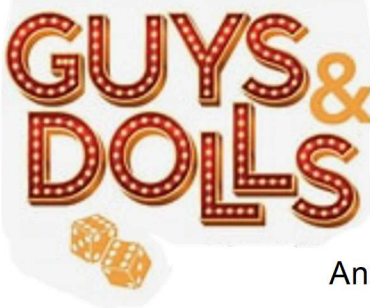
Contact Jody Korman, 804-502-1128, for additional information.

Looking ahead



Mark your calendar. Both donors and volunteers needed for the next **Red Cross Blood Drive, Tuesday, May 12th at the church.** (If you are planning to donate earlier than May, remember you need a grace period of approximately 60 days between donations.)

Dinner Theatre Enthusiasts! **Riverside Center for the Performing Arts** in Fredericksburg has a Spring show that should be a lot of fun! Don't miss your chance to see **GUYS AND DOLLS at 5:30pm on Thursday, May 28th.** *This comedy will have you on the edge of your seat! Follow gambler Nathan Detroit as he tries to set up the biggest craps game in town, dodge authorities, and balance his 14-year engagement with Adelaide. When Nathan turns to fellow gambler Sky Masterson for funding, Sky ends up chasing after straight-laced missionary Sarah Brown.*



Our group rate is **\$81.25 pp.** Your ticket includes: show, dinner, tax and gratuity. You are welcome to bring guests. Please feel forward to any interested friends. We have a large block of reserved seats available through April 15, 2026. For questions, or to receive notifications of future notifications of dates, contact

Anna Jones, 540.207.6592, annajones1122@gmail.com.

Please RSVP by **April 15, 2026** and send check to 39 Deep Creek Circle Bumpass, VA, or **Venmo@stevej840** by April 15!

Schedule for Packing Groceries Louisa Resource Council, 147 Resource Ln, starting at 9:00 am. Contact Mindy Ward, 301-225-8315, to volunteer. The next scheduled date this year (after March 20th) is **Friday, August 21st.**

April 2026

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

29 8:30am Palm Sunday Church Service 10:00am Sunday School 5:00pm Young Life Banquet	30 1:00pm Admin Board Meeting	31 Woodchuckers (TBD) 9:00am Caring Community	1 6:45pm Bible Study	2 5:15pm Band Practice 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting	3 Woodchuckers (TBD) 6:00pm Good Friday Service	4
5 6:30am Easter Sunrise Service 7:30am Easter Sunday Potluck Breakfast 8:30am Easter Celebration Church Service	6 1:00pm Admin Board Meeting 6:30pm Ruritans Club Meeting	7 Woodchuckers (TBD)	8 6:45pm Book Study	9 5:15pm Band Practice	10 Woodchuckers (TBD)	11
12 Deadline for monthly report to Goshen Association 8:30am Church Service 10:00am Quarterly Business Meeting 1:00pm Bi-monthly Tara Woods POA meeting	13 1:00pm Admin Board Meeting	14 Woodchuckers (TBD)	15 6:45pm Bible Study	16 9:00am Women's Grace Fellowship 5:15pm Band Practice 7:00pm Pastor Staff Relations Stewardship Meeting	17 Woodchuckers (TBD)	18
19 8:30am Church Service 10:00am Sunday School	20 Deadline for newsletter articles and photos Setup for Louisa County Special Elections tomorrow	21 Louisa County Special Election Day Woodchuckers (TBD)	22 6:45pm Book Study	23 5:15pm Band Practice	24 Woodchuckers (TBD)	25 3:00pm Goshen Association Family Spring Picnic
26 8:30am Church Service - Guest Speaker Rev. Dee Whitten 10:00am Sunday School	27 1:00pm Admin Board Meeting	28 Woodchuckers (TBD) 9:00am Caring Community	29 6:45pm Senior Lake Life: Dare to Have a Conversation	30 5:15pm Band Practice	1 Woodchuckers (TBD)	2

May 2026

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3 8:30am Church Service 10:00am Sunday School	4 1:00pm Admin Board Meeting 6:30pm Ruritans Club Meeting	5 Woodchuckers (TBD)	6 6:45pm Bible Study	7 5:15pm Band Practice 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting	8 Woodchuckers (TBD)	9
10 Mother's Day 8:30am Church Service 10:00am Sunday School	11 1:00pm Admin Board Meeting	12 Deadline for monthly report to Goshen Association Woodchuckers (TBD) 11:00am Red Cross Blood Drive	13 6:45pm Book Study	14 5:15pm Band Practice	15 Woodchuckers (TBD)	16
17 8:30am Church Service 10:00am Sunday School	18 1:00pm Admin Board Meeting	19 Woodchuckers (TBD) 8:00am Men's Breakfast	20 Deadline for newsletter articles and photos 6:45pm Bible Study	21 9:00am Women's Grace Fellowship 5:15pm Band Practice	22 Woodchuckers (TBD)	23
24 8:30am Church Service 10:00am Sunday School	25 Memorial Day 1:00pm Admin Board Meeting	26 Woodchuckers (TBD) 9:00am Caring Community	27 6:45pm Book Study	28 5:15pm Band Practice	29 Woodchuckers (TBD)	30
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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

April

Paula Brewer	1	Abi Bell	19
Gail & Chris Spence	1	Cherry & Sonny Hill	20
Sasha Terrell	2	Taylor Dunford	21
Larry Edmonds	4	Lesia Norwood	22
Noah Kimball	6	Brenda & Earl Eck	22
Rodney Wood	7	Sharon Anderson	25
Gary Harkins	8	Sandra Wilson	30
Kathy Tyler	9	Rita Jones	30
Barbara Moore	9	Andy Seelinger	30
Lee & Norm Stahl	13	Ted Kopp	30
Amy Bryk	19		

May

Pam Paine	3	Janice & Bill Powers	11
Sandra Riggs	6	Tammy & Jerry Whitehouse	13
Mary Virginia Polonsky	7	Susan Goodrich	19
Pam & Gerald Paine	7	Beth & John Larson	22
Robert Brown	9	Ronda Reeves	22
Randy Bock	9	Kelly & Tom Pitcher	25
Phoebe & Martin Koenig	11	Pam Farmer	30



Peter Hoffman, Wayne Frazier, Gary Muller, Will Begendorf, Rodney Wood, Aubrey & Brenda Weigand, Butch Weaver, Larry Edmonds, Henry Henderson, Drew Schoelen, Nancy Mann, Brian Merrill, Molly Rose Price, Steve Duren, Eileen Smith, Brian Stoeker, Fred & Barbara Ambrosia, Katrina's Mother, Rainy Williamson, Natalie Acors, Brian Fagan, Calvin McAlexander, Pat Naughton, Mary Weigand, Joan Long, Diana Schrecongost, Rudy DeZorzi, Joanne Moss, Cindy & Lee Morrell, Betty Jones, Savannah Grace, Samantha Stampo, Donna Thomas, Chi Smith, Sue Kelly Graham, Meghan, Jerri Northcraft, Heather McKenny, Scott Campbell

From the Administrative Board:

Any communication to the administrative board, including postings for the church calendar, should be emailed to admin@elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org. (The most up-to-date calendar of events can be found on the church website - elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org/calendar.)

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 in 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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MARCH SCRAPBOOK

Thank You's

February 12, 2026

Elk Creek Baptist Church
5916 Kentucky Springs Road
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Attention: Wayne Frazier and Treasurer

Gentlemen,

The Lake Anna Garden Club would like to express our thanks to Elk Creek Baptist Church for the pleasant years we spent at your church. It was a wonderful experience, and we greatly appreciate your kindness to our members and allowing us to meet in your Fellowship Hall.

The membership of our club increased greatly in the last two years and, unfortunately, we needed a larger space for our meetings. We will meet at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Mineral beginning March of this year.

Please share our gratitude with your pastor and church membership.

Sincerely

Martha Blessing

Martha Blessing
Lake Anna Garden Club

Dear Elk Creek Baptist Church, 2025
Words can not express my gratitude
for your thoughtful joy box.
What a delightful surprise
to open such an amazing gift.
Everything in the box was
special, the cookies are beautiful,
the cross is wonderful, all the
treats are so thoughtful. It
brought a smile to my face.
Merry Christmas, Christina Jagan

Women's Fellowship March 19th



Spring Cleaning March 20th





**Woodchuckers Helped
with Storm Clean Up
March 25th**

**Men's Prayer Breakfast March
28th
hosted by Laurel Hill Baptist
Church**

