



ELK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
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May 2026



It's Time to Go Outside...

Do you remember counting down the minutes in elementary school until recess and the chance to go outside and play? Do you remember when, to get you out from being underfoot your Mom said, "go outside and do something?" Those are fond memories from long ago.

Now, it's time to go outside and Worship!

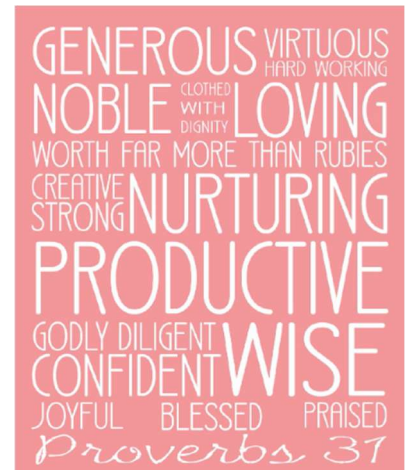
It is time to go outside and Worship at the ECBC Lakeside Chapel, 8:30 am, each Sunday, weather permitting. We had a preview at our Sunrise Service on a windy morning. We walked an improved path, sat on additional benches on top of fresh mulch, and enjoyed Worship together, while enjoying the beauty of God's creation that pointed our hearts to Jesus.

Jesus is over all creation, worthy of all our Worship. Colossians 1:15 it says: The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. He is over all creation and chose to dedicate His life to bring salvation.

So, let's establish new memories and go outside to Worship our Savior!

Oh... and remember to invite a neighbor!
In the name of Jesus,

Pastor Mike




Mother's Day - May 10, 2026
Honoring Mothers as God's Word Does

May Sermons	
03 <i>A Lakeside Revelation</i>	John 21:1-14
10 <i>A Second Chance</i>	John 21:15-25
17 <i>Unexpected Blessings</i>	Matthew 5:1-12
24 <i>Being Salt & Light to the World</i>	Matthew 5:13-16
31 <i>Living to Fulfill a Purpose</i>	Matthew 5:17- 20

Special Events in May -

BRING YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY TO PRAY FOR AMERICA

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026



Live music begins at 11:30 a.m.
12:00 Noon, Louisa Courthouse Lawn
(Rain location: New Life Community Church, 509 E. Main Street)

~ The Louisa County National Day of Prayer Task Force ~

Ladies! We have one space left.

Extraordinary Women's By Still Waters, October 16 & 17, 2026 in Lynchburg, VA, is sold out. We have one ticket that has been paid for, but needs someone to use it. Contact Mindy Ward, 301-335-8315, to join the group attending. Don't let this opportunity for an incredible worship experience go to waste.





Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Date: Tue May 12, 2026

Time: 01:00 PM - 06:00 PM

Place: Duerson Hall

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

Sign up at

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/driveresults?zipSponsor=Elk%20Creek>.

Download the Red Cross Blood Donor App on the [App Store](#), [Google Play](#) or text BLOODAPP to 90999. Schedule appointments, view your blood type and results of your mini-physical, and track your donations.

Need assistance? Contact Beth Larson, U2skyhag@gmail.com, 571-303-8330.

New Member's Orientation

Sunday, May 17 4:00 – 6:00 pm

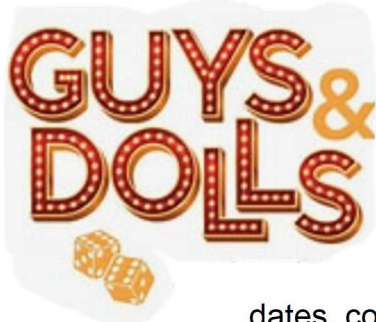
An introduction to membership at Elk Creek Baptist Church (ECBC) led by Pastor Mike. It includes: getting connected to other new members, learning about our Mission, Statement of Faith, and how to get involved. Resources provided include an ECBC brochure, ECBC history pamphlet, and the book I Am A Church Member. We finish up with dinner and conversation.

New members will receive an invitation and are asked to RSVP by May to pastor@elkcreekbaptistchurchva.org or text to 540-967-8032

Someone's child left long ago,
A strange land,
Someone's foe.
An unmarked grave, fields of green,
Resting quiet,
Just eighteen.
Winds of freedom, wash us now,
Remember him,
This I vow.



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. Feel free to forward to any interested friends. Send a check to 39 Deep Creek Circle Bypass, VA, or **Venmo@stevej840**.

For questions, or to receive notifications of future notifications of dates, contact Anna Jones, 540.207.6592, annajones1122@gmail.com.

Comings and Goings around the Church -



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. The current book is *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 reenchant prayer, helping you to find prayer achievable and enjoyable, and ultimately life-giving and life-changing.

how to pray

a simple guide
for normal
people

pete greig

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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.

Looking Ahead –

Kick Off to Summer Picnic coming up in June. Stay tuned for the date and time.

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 for this year is **Friday, August 21st**.

May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 2:00pm Ruritan Scholarship Committee 6:45pm Senior Lake Life: Dare to Have a Conversation	30 5:15pm Band Practice	1 Woodchuckers (TBD)	2
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 National Day of Prayer 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 11:00am Mill Run POA Meeting - tentative
17 8:30am Church Service 10:00am Sunday School 4:00pm New Members Orientation	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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June 2026

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

31 8:30am Church Service 10:00am Sunday School	1 1:00pm Admin Board Meeting 6:30pm Ruritans Club Meeting	2 Woodchuckers (TBD)	3 6:45pm Bible Study	4 5:15pm Band Practice 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting	5 Woodchuckers (TBD)	6
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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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
Randy Bock	9	Kelly & Tom Pitcher	25
Phoebe & Martin Koenig	11	Pam Farmer	30

June

Eileen & Rick Perks	1	Linda & Mike Bridges	16
Kevin Eble	1	Suzanne Wallace	17
Eleni Dykstra	2	Debby & Chip Burt	18
Rose Marie Harrison	3	Maria & Daniel Kimball	20
Heather Wilson	3	Amity & Brian Burghardt	21
Yvonne & Kevin Eble	3	Rebecca & Chris Sullivan	23
Kathleen Garnett	5	Katrina Northcraft	24
Anna & Steve Jones	7	John Larson	24
Sterling Schoonover	8	Ted Condon	25
Emma Kay Talley	12	Yvonne Eble	27
Kevin Norwood	13	Cindy & Lee Morrell	27
Jody Hewitt	15	Kimberly & Larry Schoelen	27
Ross Hewitt	15	Michelle Quamme	28
Phoebe Koenig	16		



Wayne Frazier, Peter Hoffman, Gary Muller, Will Begendorf, Rodney Wood, Aubrey & Brenda Weigand, Butch Weaver, Brooke Pitcher & baby girl, Jean Williams, Ted Condon, Jackie, Debbie DeZorzi, Victor Zamora, Stephanie & Paul Yi, Kevin Kopp, Julie Dickerson, Shenida, Eileen Smith, Phoebe Koenig, Nancy Mann, Brian Merrill, Molly Rose Price, Henry Henderson, Drew Schoelen, Natalie Acors, Samantha Stampo, Steve Duren, Brian Stoeker, Fred & Barbara Ambrosia, Brian Fagan, Mary Weigand, Calvin McAlexander, Joan Long, Diana Schrecongost, Rudy DeZorzi, Joanne Moss, Cindy & Lee Morrell, Betty Jones, Savannah Grace

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>



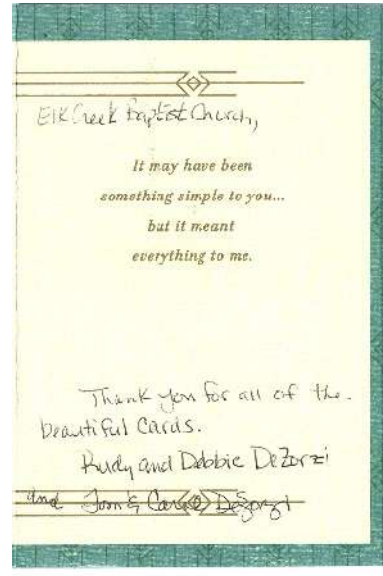
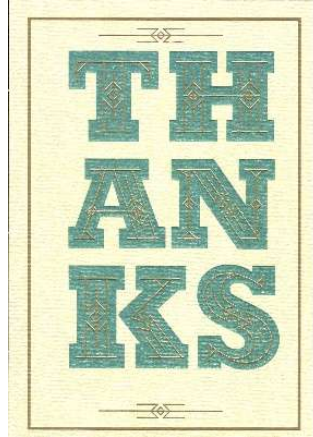
Together in Christ.

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

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Thank You



Easter Celebrations April 5th





Women's Fellowship April 16th

