

Elgin Congregational Holiness Church

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- **Men's Fellowship: Free Breakfast is the First Saturday of every month at 9am. Everyone Welcome! See Rev. Richard Abram for more information.**
- **Women's Meeting: Third Thursday of every month. Speak to Sis. Linda Cowart to help or if you have any ideas**
- **EPIC Youth Night is the First Friday of every Month from 7-10pm. See Melinda Abram for details.**
- **Remember our youth: They need our help. Contact Sis's. Melinda Abram or Tangy Sims to see how you can help.**
- **Want to write or help with the newsletter? Contact Pat Davis Email: zipzapitsme@gmail.com**

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“A Profound Truth”

As the service turns to the messenger of the hour, all eyes are on the pulpit and the minister standing behind it. As everyone is seated comfortably on their padded pews there is a profound truth that most people are not even aware of. The minister in charge of this Wednesday night service, Rev. George Norman, is standing behind the pulpit, but he has no legs!

We are all seated comfortably with our legs crossed or just sitting leisurely as he stands on prosthetic legs and preaches the Word that God has laid on his heart for us.

He tells of his prison ministry and the street work that he has been involved in, as well as some stories of his escapades along the way. Also of a wife who has stood beside him through thick and thin and supported him completely as no other could.

Brother Norman says that they have also been in the nursing home ministry for 24 years and are involved in the Transport for Christ ministries helping truck drivers on their travels. They sing in restaurants, auctions and other places outside of the church. You see, your pulpit is wherever you are...

Because he is so dedicated to the furthering of the gospel and reaching lost souls, George Norman doesn't complain about his disability, he even cracks jokes about it!

The rest of us grumble and complain if we are called on to do anything at all. I know I'm guilty. "Uh, I'll have to pray about that... let me get back to you..." As Sister Luke so aptly describes that statement —
“BAAALONY!”

Brother Norman says “The truth is, you don't have to be a Super Star, just be obedient to the spirit of God to lift up Christ's name to see souls brought to Him.”

Indeed the harvest is ripe and the workers are few. How privileged we are to live in a country where we are free to attend services and be blessed of God so richly without fear of retribution.

The freedom that we all take so much for granted is not really free though. It cost many Americans their lives. May we all be so humble and willing to serve as Brother Norman while we go about our daily lives proclaiming God's love to a lost and dying world and remember that we can serve anywhere, anytime to be a light to a lost and dying world. Just dot it!

By Pat Davis



Sunday School

Wayne Cowart - I am encouraged by our attendance. It has been steadily increasing over the past few years. Sunday School is an important part of our gaining knowledge of God's Word. It is an opportunity to discuss, ask questions and gain more knowledge. It has been preached and talked about continuously that knowing the Word is very important in defeating our foe, Satan.

All of the children's classes are increasing in size because our youth are inviting friends and family to attend with them. Keep up the good work!

Women's Ministries

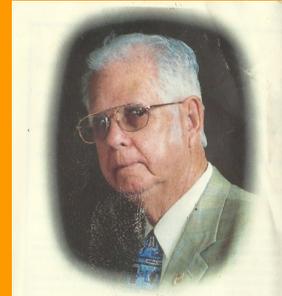
Linda Cowart - As I write this we are preparing to go to the Annual General Women's Retreat in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. I am amazed by the number of women (men included) that are planning to attend this year. I want to thank everyone who helped with the two fundraisers that helped defray part of the costs for us. Big "ATTA GIRLS" to all of you!

I would also like to thank all of the ladies that pitched in and helped with providing food, drinks, and support to the Liles family during the loss of Harold Liles. It was very much appreciated.

If I did not call or ask someone to help please know that I will call on you in the future for your help - just let me know that you are available to help and in what capacity (supplying food, drinks or desserts).

A Celebration of Life service was held on Friday, March 9, 2012 at the Congregational Holiness Church in Elgin, S.C. with burial at Fort Jackson National Cemetery and Military Honors By Shaw Air Force Base Honor Guard.

In Loving Memory



*MSgt. Harold Avalee Liles Sr.,
U.S. Air Force (Ret'd)
March 27, 1929 - March 05, 2012*

Brother Liles stood the test of time by serving his country and his God until the day of his homegoing. God has summoned this faithful warrior — "Well done thou good and faithful servant, come on home and receive your just reward." We should all strive to be as faithful and true as Brother Liles.

"BIRTHING FORTH A NEW MINISTRY"



Elgin Congregational Holiness Church has a reputation for birthing new ministries for the Lord. On Sunday, March 11th, Rev. Judith Luke presented Tangy Sims with her Ministry License so that she can begin fulfilling the call the Lord has placed on her life.

In the last few years the church world has gone through a shaking. We have seen ministries fall, we have seen daughters of Zion purged because of sin that has come into the midst of the church itself. In these last days God is purging the filth of the daughters of Zion because He cannot build up until He first pulls down.

God is not interested so much in our comfort as he is our character. Don't talk to me about the power of God on your life until you first talk to God about purity. God will not place his power in an unclean vessel. So in these last days I believe that God is raising up a new breed. They are like David's mighty warriors.

They have been in distress, they have been in debt, they have been downtrodden, but they have been in a cave, they have been alone, on the back side of a dessert.

They are a faceless breed, they are coming forth and they are carrying the anointing of the almighty God upon their faces, they have met their burning bush, they are being commissioned by God and we have some in this church that are in this very state right here.

They have been hid away and they are coming out. God is going to use them in these last days to usher in the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

God is birthing forth new ministries. There are new ministries that are coming up right here in this church. It is up to you and I to teach and train them what is expected of them. He is birthing these ministries in the hearts that are hearing the heartbeat of God as God begins to woo them.

By Rev. Judith Luke



PRAYER

Pray for our Church Leaders

Pastor - Wesley Luke

Associate Pastor -
Rev. Judith Luke

Associate Ministers - Rev. Carl Freeman,
Rev. Richard Abram, Rev. Heyward Jacobs, Rev.
George Rhyner, Rev. Marlene Rhyner, Rev.
Marvin Tenant, Rev. George Norman and
Tangy Sims

Pray for lost family members

Update on Crystal Perez' mom - they have found that the tumor on her lungs has doubled in size. Please pray for complete healing on her behalf.

Mikey Rhodes – Pray for me to get closer to God than I am, and for my family.

School - our teenagers are faced with so many different attacks from the enemy at school these days. We need to cover them in prayer so that when Satan shoots fiery darts at them they can stand and overcome victoriously.

Sister Heidi – Brother in Rehad needs prayer

Sister Liles - Pray that the Holy Spirit would give her comfort and peace as well as the family during their time of loss.

Sister Faye Combs – Thyroid test - healing.

Sister Angie – Our household needs healing physically and financially.

Brother Lane – Looking for a Job

Sister Lila – Her mom fell and needs a healing touch. Her husband Michael needs a healing touch too.

Pastor and Sister Luke – Remember Pastor for Physical healing and strength. Sister Luke's son Donnie is trying to get a job a couple days a week and needs his feet and body to hold out. Pray for strength. Sister Luke's sister-in-law may have cancer. Pray for all family and lost loved ones.

Sister Judy Hensley – Friend Althea's Niece was shot and is in intensive care.

Remember to pray for Corporate Prayer on Monday nights from 7-8 pm



A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

I lived in a preacher's home until I was an adult. I should have been deep in the Word of God, but not true.

I was saved, backslid, and refilled many times over the 24 years I lived in my parent's home. **Why?** Because I didn't listen to the Brothers and Sisters in the church. Had I listened, my life would be so different. All the heartache, trials and sin I went through may not have happened.

When I was 42 or 43 years old I came back to God during a revival. This time things happened differently. Elgin Church needed a teacher for the adult class and I began teaching. I had to spend hours on the lesson and pray for help. Getting into the Bible and prayer helped me fill that position and other Sunday school classes later on.

Guess what? Reading and studying the Bible and praying daily is exactly what my parents told me to do while I was living in their home. I wish I had listened sooner.

God has blessed me in many ways. It would take up all the newsletter to tell about His blessings.

My advice to new converts, you and your children is this:

Read God's Word and know the Word. Pray daily to God for leadership and the power to do God's service. This is where you get your strength and power that is needed to do God's service—it keeps you from backsliding.

Listen and learn from my mistakes.

Sister Judy Hensly

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Prayer Meeting 7:00-8:00pm	3	4	5	6 EPIC Friday 7-10 pm teenagers	7 Men's Fellowship 9:00 am Easter egg hunt 1-3
8 EASTER	9 Prayer Meeting 7:00-8:00pm	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Prayer Meeting 7:00-8:00pm	17	18 EPIC Youth and epic Junior 7pm	19 Women's Meeting 7:00 pm	20	21
22	23 Prayer Meeting 7:00-8:00pm	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Prayer Meeting 7:00-8:00pm					

Prayer Meet Sunday Morning 8:00-9:30 am

Sunday Evening 5:00-5:30 pm

Prayer Meet Wednesday evening 6:00-6:30 am

Sunday
10:00AM Sunday School
11:00AM Worship/Preaching
6:00PM Worship/Preaching
Every 5th Sunday
6:00 PM Youth Service
Wednesday
7:00PM Worship/Preaching
7:00PM Youth Group



Change for "CHANGE"

Let's raise money for our building fund. Families collect change throughout the week, maybe in a jar. Then on Sunday bring the jar to church and let the kids empty their "family" jar in the "Big Change for CHANGE Jar" as they come out of their Sunday School classes into big church.