

# 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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## Pastor Appreciation Day

Brother Luke has been a friend and pastor for many years. He will be there for you when needed. Always visits if you are in the hospital. Very communicable.

**Rilda and Johnny Southerlin**



Pastor Luke welcomed me into this church and he has been an inspiration to me. He has allowed me to serve this church in the sound room and building committee. I feel like God truly sent me to Elgin CH Church to mature as a Christian under Pastor Luke's leadership.

**Wayne Wright**

Brother Luke has a heart to listen for the Spirit of the LORD and follow that leading. His honesty and integrity are of the highest standards and are hard to find in people these days. He has a knowledge of operating a church that is beyond all that we have encountered. His patience with his flock is well above average for many pastors today. He has a love and compassion that is immeasurable. He is constantly laboring in the "fields" that many of us do not see. Brother Luke has many more qualities that would fill a book but I leave this with you, he is well LOVED by my family.

**Wayne and Linda Cowart**

I have known Brother Luke about 37 years. His love for people and the Lord, and to do God's will is because he has picked up the cross daily and all the benefits of the cross to do the Lord's work. His faith in Christ has helped in times of trouble and to help others.

**George Norman**

My pastor loves and prays for his congregation. He is not selfish when it comes to sharing his pulpit with other ministers. And he is especially loving and considerate of younger or inexperienced ministry by giving them a chance to try our their wings. He is supportive of the youth in our church and encourages the church to do likewise. Most important I believe he is a man of God.

Sincerely,  
**Bro. Marvin Tennant, Jr.**

### My Pastor — My Father

I'm so glad that I was born into a Christian home. My dad has been my pastor most of my life. I as a child didn't understand why the church was always first. It really bothered me at times, but as I've grown and matured in my Christian walk, I understand that you have to put God first in your life. I want to tell my pastor - I deeply appreciate the time and years that you have put into my life. My father and my pastor, thank you for being a Christian man that doesn't run from the duties God gave you. I hope that your last year in God's ministry will be your greatest.

Thank you,  
Member and Daughter  
**Judy Hensley**

I appreciate Brother Luke because he has been my Pastor for approximately 25 years. He's been there for my family in the past through the good and the bad.

**Grace Ross**

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### Why I honor Sister Judith Luke, Pastor's Wife and Associate Pastor

**M**y pastor's wife, Sister Judith Luke, deserves recognition in this church because she exemplifies not only the highest calling of a pastor's wife, but of an associate pastor who is fully and completely committed to leading this local body of believers right through the gates of glory! Her urgency is to make sure the entire flock is prepared to meet Jesus either in the air or in whatever situation they are in when Jesus comes or calls. Although she is a strong leader herself, she is always in full submission to her husband as our senior pastor and supports him in every area of ministry. She always defers to him any questions concerning church issues or pastoral concerns. They work together in perfect harmony and she endeavors to support him fully in every way.

She visits the sick and ministers to and counsels those who are in need of encouragement. She is constantly receiving prayer requests either by phone or email and brings these requests before the congregation. She keeps everyone informed via email when anyone is in need of urgent prayer. She is a devoted wife, mother, friend and sister in the Lord.

Not only is she engaged in the preaching and teaching of the Word, she also is just as comfortable behind a broom in the fellowship hall or with her apron on as she prepares meals for various church functions. She can be seen in the kitchen washing and drying dishes, gathering trash and slipping in and out among the people cleaning up after an event while others are relaxing and fellowshiping.

Sister Luke is the epitome of servitude with gratitude as she worships humbly at the feet of Jesus. My prayer is that God will continue to use her to help lead this church and that He will richly bless her in every endeavor she puts her hand to.

**Pat Davis**

**Ashley** - He is the most organized, fun, and loving person I know. I am glad I know him.



**Dillon** - Pastor Luke has been at the church the longest and is the wisest person. He loves the church.

**Bryce** - Pastor Luke prays for people. He reads the Bible to us too. He preaches. He makes me happy.



I appreciate my pastor because about a year and a half ago when I needed to be spiritually fed, he and the church family accepted me and invited me to come and dine at the table he had been feasting at, and boy ol' boy, I never have been filled like that before! Brother Luke, I love you and Sister Luke for all you do in the Lord, preaching the truth and standing in the Lord.

**Crystal Perez**

Thank you Pastor for the love that you show your congregation. Jesus love radiates from you wherever you go. You have truly been a pillar of strength and hope where the rest of the world falls short. Thank you for your loving words of encouragement, your teaching, and warm smile. Love you!

**Melinda Abram**

Bro & Sis Luke, I want to tell you both that I'm thankful for ya'll being here. May God continue to bless you two.

**John & Pat Ortman**

Pastor Luke is a very nice and caring man that can be funny at times.

**Christina**



*PRAYER*

**Building Fund** – Pray God to supply the finances needed

**Pastor and Sister Luke** – continued physical touch for Pastor. Sister Luke's son Donnie – continued healing and medical financial help.

**Sister Tangy Sims** – Salvation for my husband, niece and sister.

**Daniel Cota**, his sister Kimberly Cota has cancer and Dad Robert Cota had a stroke.

**Sister Crystal Perez** – Continued healing from surgery. Also continue to remember her mom with Lung cancer; she is in the hospital on pain med round the clock. Pray for lost family members.

**Sister Liles** - Upcoming Eye operation

**Sister Faye** - Had surgery

**Sister Melinda** - Healing for her back

**Brother Abram** - unspoken

**Sister Jennifer** – Healing Sam, husband, salvation and healing for back pain.

**Joshua Norwood** needs healing from crohns. Lester Norwood needs healing for diabetes.

**Bonnie and Pam Lundy** – continual prayer for Ronnie who has cancer in stomach. Pam needs healing as well as strength for both in this time. Pray also for their daughter – salvation.

**Brother and Sister Jacobs** – Healing

**Brother Jeff Jacobs** – healing and strength

**Pray over upcoming outreach to community through prayer evangelism starting June 4<sup>th</sup>**

**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

**60 Years of Perseverance**



Perseverance is defined as a continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure or opposition and is certainly an ingredient for 60 years of marriage.

Family and friends of Rilda and Johnny Southerlin gathered at the Elgin Congregational Holiness Church on Saturday May 11, 2012 to celebrate their being married 60 years. As each person entered the sanctuary of the church, a sweet loving excitement came into the atmosphere.



The wedding march began and the question was asked, "Who gives this bride..." - the entire family quickly stood and replied with "WE DO".

Rilda and Johnny rededicated their marriage before God and all that were present. The ceremony was concluded with a kiss from the groom to the bride, then followed by a reception in the dining hall. Their life together was presented in a mini movie, which captured their 6 children, 15 grandchildren and 24 great grand children. A celebration perfectly packaged with family, friends and memories bringing tears and laughter.

**By Angela Barnette**

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**JUNE, 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Brotherhood Breakfast 9 am
3 <i>Pastor</i> APPRECIATION DAY  No PM service	4 Cmty Outreach 6:30-8:00pm	5	6 EPIC Youth and epic Junior 7pm	7	8	9 Carol Lee's Wedding 10am
10	11 Prayer Meeting 7:00-8:00pm	12	13	14	15 15-18 June Junior Youth Camp	16
17 Father's Day	18 18-22 June Senior Youth Camp	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Women's Meeting 7:00 pm	29	30 Junior epic bowling



**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



**Don't forget "Change"  
for our building fund...**