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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:  
Forth Thursday of  
every month. Speak  
to Sis. Judy Hensley  
to help or if you  
have any ideas
- EPIC Youth— see  
calendar for  
upcoming Youth  
Events. See Tangy  
Sims for details.
- Remember our  
youth: They need  
our help. Contact  
Tangy Sims to see  
how you can help.
- Want to write or  
help with the  
newsletter?  
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## *A Letter from our Pastor*

*To my dear friends, family and cherished church family,  
It is with gratitude and a humble heart that I am writing  
this letter to you today. You have been so faithful in supporting our  
efforts as we endeavor to build our new church. Without the  
individual contributions of each and every one of you coming together  
in perfect harmony and unity this project would never have come to  
fruition.*

*The building is up! The steeple is up! The windows are  
here and will soon be up! And thanks to the collective individual  
efforts of all of you, Praise God, the windows are paid for!*

*As we draw closer to completion of our beautiful sanctuary  
we need somewhere to sit before we can physically move in. We are  
working to purchase new pews but we need your help. After  
shopping around to find the best quality and prices available, this is  
what we found. We will need to purchase 37 new pews at \$700  
each. They are beautifully crafted and we are able to choose the  
fabric for the upholstering to match our carpet and church interior.*

*I am asking that each of you prayerfully consider a love  
offering towards the purchase of these new pews. If you, your  
family or a group would like to go together to sponsor one pew, your  
name/names will be inscribed on a plaque at the end of the pew. Of  
course any amount will be greatly appreciated and will help.*

*Thank you for all you do and all you are going to do to  
advance the spread of the gospel for our Savior's kingdom.*

*Best regards,*

*Rev. Wesley M. Luke*



All it takes is a willing vessel! One who has been commissioned by God to be a light, a witness to all those around him/her, to love thy neighbor as thy self, to open up their mouth and ask!

This is exactly what one of Elgin's young members did. Bryce Sims was so excited about friend day that he got busy right away asking different ones to come to church and on this Sunday morning, his school teacher showed up, Mrs. Crystal Barker! All Glory belongs to God!

I pray this will encourage each one to keep inviting and trusting God to bring in your family, friends and loved ones! Remember, it is all in God's perfect timing, for He is an "On Time God!"



Tangy L. Sims

As you looked around the sanctuary on March 2, 2014 you saw many new faces - friends that were invited by our church members. The atmosphere was so filled with great excitement and joy as the worship service started and the anointing of the Holy Ghost began to flow. Hearts and lives were touched and many changed to never be the same.



**EPIC Jr**

Stephanie and I are proud to be able to teach the EPIC Jr class. This class will typically meet every other Wednesday night and is for kids up to age 12. We have a wonderful time learning together. Our lessons can consist of scripture reading, crafts, games, music, videos and snacks but most importantly we make sure to keep the focus on God's word! Our latest lesson was on Moses and the burning bush from Exodus 3:1-15.



We learned that God has awesome power and He is I AM that I AM!! This was the second of six lessons planned to learn about the life of Moses. I hope that the parents ask their EPIC Jr kids about our lessons and see what they have learned. I am always amazed at how much they can absorb and retain. EPIC JR...WE LOVE YOU!!!

Stephanie Harrelson

Lila Kilpatrick

## Divine Sign for Israel? Hagee Explains Blood Moons

SAN ANTONIO -- The Book of Genesis says God uses the sun, moon, and stars for signs and seasons. Examples can be found throughout the Bible.

Think of how a star led the wise men to Jesus or how the sun stood still as Joshua led Israel to victory over its enemies.

According to Pastor John Hagee, God is getting ready to speak this way once again.

"There's a sense in the world that things are changing and God is trying to communicate with us in a supernatural way," Hagee told CBN News.

"I believe that in these next two years, we're going to see something dramatic happen in the Middle East involving Israel that will change the course of history in the Middle East and impact the whole world," he predicted.

### Four Blood Moons

In his latest book, *Four Blood Moons: Something Is About to Change*, Hagee lays out what he calls celestial signals. He describes how a series of blood moons in 2014 and 2015 will have great significance for Israel.

Although single blood moons happen fairly regularly, four appearing so closely together is extremely rare. There have only been a series of blood moons a handful of times over the past 500 years.

So what exactly is a blood moon and what is the biblical significance?

"A blood moon is when the Earth comes between the sun and the moon," Hagee explained. "And the sun is shining through the atmosphere of the Earth and casts up on the moon a red shadow. And so the moon appears to be red."

Such moons appear several times in scripture.

In the book of Joel, God says there will be "wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire...the sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord."

In Acts, the Apostle Peter repeats that verse from Joel. And the book of Revelation says that during the Great Tribulation, "the moon will become like blood."

Blood moons are set to appear in April 2014, on Passover, and then again in September 2014 during the Feast of Tabernacles, or Sukkot.

The timing is the same for 2015 -- a total of four blood moons, all appearing on Jewish feast days.

"The sun and the moon and the Earth are controlled by God almighty," Hagee said. "He is the one that is getting them in a direct alignment on a certain day at a certain time -- but each time, it's a Passover or Sukkot."

### Historic Significance

In the past, the rare appearance of four blood moons on these feast days has coincided with major events for Israel and the Jewish people.



In 1492, Spain expelled the Jews. Columbus also discovered America, which became a safe haven for the Jewish people. "In each of these blood moons, you have something that begins in tragedy and ends in triumph," Hagee explained. For instance, in 1948, Israel was reborn as a nation.

"After 2,000 years, God supernaturally brought them from 66 nations and a nation was born in a day," Hagee noted. "That again was a supernatural something that happened following the tragedy of the Holocaust."

In 1967, Israel won the Six-Day War and recaptured Jerusalem. "For the first time in 2,000 years, Jerusalem and the State of Israel were together again," Hagee said.

### Nuclear Threat

The blood moons of 2014 and 2015 are poised to appear as Iran works toward nuclear weapons and Israel's neighbors, Egypt and Syria, are in chaos.

"The only reason that Iran will not acquire a nuclear bomb will be that Israel chooses a military solution to that crisis," Hagee told CBN News.

"I believe that if that happens, it will start a series of events that will change the course of world history," he said. "If Israel does not, then it will still change the course of world history."

Hagee has been warning of the Iranian nuclear threat through his work with Christians United for Israel, which he founded in 2006. It is now the largest pro-Israel organization in America, with some 1.3 million members.

He holds nights to honor Israel across the country and at San Antonio's Cornerstone Church, where he serves as senior pastor. The first event, in 1981, drew bomb threats and vandalism from anti-Semites.

Yet Hagee continues his mission.

"If there was ever a time for the Christians of America to stiffen their spine and stand up and speak up, it's now," Hagee admonished. "To see evil and not call it evil is evil. Not to speak is to speak. We cannot be silent and receive God's approval at a time like this."

He said it's still unclear what the coming blood moons will bring, but he is certain of one thing.

"When all is said and done, the flag of Israel will be flying over the walls of the city of Jerusalem when Messiah comes, and it's going to be forever," he said. "And every nation that rises up in judgment against Israel God will punish and punish severely."

Excerpt from Pastor John Hagee (Author of "Four Blood Moons")

(If you are interested in more detailed discussion on this subject, please contact John Ortman)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 <i>Men's Fellowship Breakfast</i>
6 <i>Family and Friend Day</i>	7	8	9 <i>EPIC Youth</i>	10	11 <i>Glory Filled presents at Victory Temple at 7:00pm</i>	12 <i>Church Cleaning</i>
13 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	14	15  <i>Passover</i>	16	17	18	19 <i>Nursing Home Visitation</i>
20 <i>Easter</i>	21	22	23 <i>EPIC Youth</i>	24 <i>DOVES Women's Meeting</i>	25	26 <i>Community Visitation Outreach</i>
27 <i>Birthday Cake after Service</i>	28	29	30			

