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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. Judy Hensley to help or if you have any ideas
- **Remember our youth:** They need our help. Contact Sis's. Angela Barnette or Melinda Abram to see how you can help.
- **Want to write or help with the newsletter?** Contact Melinda Abram Email: [mabram458@gmail.com](mailto:mabram458@gmail.com)

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## The Greatest of These is Love

by Crystal Rhodes-

As we all know, February is known as the month of love. For many, that means it is the perfect time to buy flowers for your wife, give your husband a yummy box of chocolates, or share an amazing twenty-eight days with your boyfriend or girlfriend. Although, some people do not understand that it should be expressed much more often than just on Valentine's Day or even just in the month of February, love should be expressed as often as possible and as much as possible. This time of



*And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

*1 Corinthians 13:13 (NKJV)*

year could be lonely for those who feel they are without love, but what we need to understand is that God can be our love. If we have no one else in this world, we have Him and He is our first love. He loved us before we loved Him. It is important to always put God first and express your love for Him daily. It says in 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NKJV); "And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." Love is a word that is not to be taken lightly. When you tell someone that you love them, you should mean it, and say it often.

## Church Nominations & Elections

by Melinda Abram-During the month of February Elgin Congregational Holiness Church will be holding elections for three different departments. The Brotherhood department, the Women's department, and the Youth department. Currently we are open for nominations for all of the above. The people in these positions must be members of the church and follow our Articles of Faith. Many times people feel led to hold a position in the

church but "have never been asked." This is the time that you should nominate yourself. If you are a member of the church and feel that you, or someone you know, would be spiritually, mentally, and physically able to hold a leadership position in any of those three departments please see Pastor or Sister Luke make your nomination. Also, please realize that with leadership comes great responsibility. If you are unable to perform the duties for a period

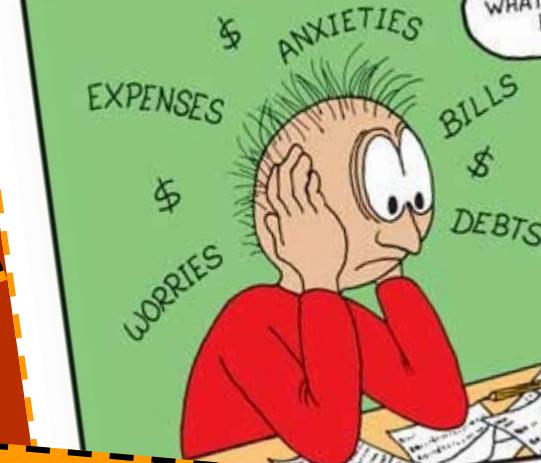
of a year for any reason, please respectfully decline your nomination. The Pastor or another leader will come to you before voting to make sure that you are able and willing to meet the work requirements it takes to grow your department. There may be some changes taking place with the elections in different departments, please be in prayer for your choices and also so that the Lord lead the church's decisions.

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters

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## DON'T WORRY

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.  
1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)



<sup>6</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life

Matthew 6: 26-27 (NIV)

# Moving Forward

by Angela Barnette

Last month's article, "Synergy" by David Abram, stated that the church is in desperate need of synergized teamwork. Definitely! Joint work and cooperative action is a need in the house of God. When a team is built, along with guidance of the Holy Spirit, strength is gained for all connecting areas. As I reflect on



the upcoming elections, I see cords as God directed for holding up the tabernacle walls. The cords of the tabernacle are part of construction for holding up the place God designed for His presence to dwell. In meditating more, I think of the cord constructing a net for fishing. As with the tabernacle, a net must be strong for the designed purpose—to catch fish. The interlocking cords work together by offering strength. The individuals in department positions must each be God-appointed for constructing an enduring cord. Solomon illustrates in Ecclesiastes, that three cords

twisted together to make one is stronger than individual strands. To make the collective cord complete and sturdy, each strand in the twist must be called on God. As you submit your votes, seek God's will and ask the Holy Spirit for guidance. The church needs to be constructed on a foundation of Godly strength.

As we all work jointly, our steps must be ordered by God.



# Unity

by Pat Davis

My name is Patricia (Pat) Davis. Along with my daughter, Tangy and her two children, we have been attending Elgin Congregational Holiness Church for about three months. We moved to Elgin from Lexington and needed to find a good church to attend. We prayed and asked God to lead us to the place where He wanted us to be, and we feel like the Spirit led us here. We found a loving, sincere church family who welcomed us with outstretched arms and beckoned us to "come on in and worship the Lord." As a newcomer, I would like to share what I have

observed in this church. Elgin CH Church has a senior Pastor, an assistant Pastor and six associate ministers. Now, for a church this size, I would say that is very impressive! But what is more impressive is that I have heard most of them deliver a sermon and without a doubt each and every

when the power comes down and the spirit of the living God fills that place! Oh, what rejoicing there is in heaven when one lost soul surrenders and comes home to Jesus. And how it delights the heart of God to minister to his children and grant the desires of their hearts when they

ship that is only found in a true church family. Everyone is in one accord and it is such a blessing to be part of this special bond. Of course we all have our struggles, but this church is serious about bearing one another's burdens. Just this past week there was a corporate church fast and season of prayer every night for one family that made their needs known to the congregation. This kind of dedication to the cross and to each other is very rare in this day and time we are living in. Tangy and I both eagerly await with anticipation each service because we know that when we walk into this church, God will meet us there.

*"...there is such a unity of spirit and worship that is only found in a true church family."*

one of these preachers is ordained of God and anointed with the Holy Ghost Fire! They come with holy boldness before the throne of God and present a message from God that fills our hearts with joy and changes lives. It's hard to sit still

humble themselves and call on the Lord in their distress. From the Sunday School Superintendent, to the teachers and musicians, youth, as well as those in the congregation, there is such unity of spirit and wor-

# Subtle Syllogism

by David Abram

**Desensitized Youth**-What does it take to cause your son or daughter to blush? There is no doubt the standards in this category have taken a dramatic plunge during the last generation—even during the last decade. The internet is obviously no new tool, but as those who have grown up with it in their grasps their entire life reach ages of, adolescence, accountability and adulthood its impact is much more obvious. Between the internet, television and Satan's grasp on the advertisement industry the world and your children are immersed in thought-provoking images that contribute to this mass desensitization.

What can be done to combat

this? Not much. At one time these images and ideas

were "small foxes," but time and the failure of the Church to maintain its holiness have allowed them to become raging wolves that can only be overcome by the power of God (Solomon 2:15). You can limit the ways these evil things creep into your household, but beyond that there is not much defense due to such saturation of perversion in our society. There is hope, however. Where we are limited in our abilities, God is able. Pray for protection over yourself, your family, and all those around you who you feel are susceptible to the snares of the enemy. We have little hope in ourselves, but in God and His Word we should trust. (See James 4:7-8, Romans 6:12-18, and especially Philippians 4:13)



## Winter Renewal 2011

by Shawn Cowart- Winter Renewal "Closer Still" lives up to every word of its name. It was a time of renewal and a time to get closer to God. I loved and enjoyed every minute of the trip, from the fellowship at the cabin all the way to the church and our fellowship with God. The whole trip brought the teens and me closer to God. It was a trip I'll never forget. My favorite part was seeing hundreds of people raising their hands saying that they have either

just been born again or they re-dedicated their lives to God. I was thrilled and it gave me chills from head to toe. All I could do was shout knowing that so many people are on their way to heaven. Another cool part was a deep worship service we had. You could feel God everywhere, and when I worshiped it was like God and I were having our own conversation and I could feel his love wrapped around me. This trip was just EPIC!!

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**February**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Men's fellowship E.C. District brotherhood rally
6 Taking Nominations for elections	7 ————>	8 ————>	9 ————>	10 ————>	11 ————>	12 ————> Valentines Day Dinner Ryan's 3:30
13 Elections	14	15	16	17 Women's Meeting 7PM	18	19 11-2 pm WM Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
20 6PM church singing	21	22	23	24	25 General brotherhood Advance Speak with Bro. Abram	26 General brotherhood advance Speak with Bro. Abram
27	28					

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