

THANK TO OUR LORD
FOR BRINGING US
TO 2011

**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.

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Happy New Year

Happy New Year and welcome to our first edition of the Elgin CH Church Newsletter. We are so excited to see what 2011 will bring. Every new year brings hope and promises of new and great beginnings. Now is the time to make all those things you couldn't quite get to in 2010 a reality. We are so very thankful for 2010, and it was a blessing to see our Pastor, Wesley Luke, by the grace of God lead many souls in the right direction towards our Lord. People have received new gifts and treasures (both spiritually and physically), eyes have been opened to new works, and old sinful lives have been left behind. This is such an exciting time for our church as we witness spiritual growth and the power of Christ come through in the New Year!



Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Ephesians 4:13(KJV)

Where did we come from?

The Elgin CH Church began as a storefront building on Main Street in Elgin, SC in late 1990. During this time, Wesley Luke began to build the church-building that exists today. He started the construction with very little money and did most of the work himself.

Originally only the sanctuary of the church was built (the Fellowship Hall and Baptistry were added after Wesley and Judith Luke were wed in 1996)

During the beginning stages of the construction, Pastor Luke ran out of money to buy materials. At that point man pulled up in an old truck. He asked Pastor Luke what he was building, Pastor Luke told him his plans for a Holiness Church, but that he would have to pause to raise more money to finish the project. The man went to his old Dachsund truck, pulled out some money, and handed it to Pastor Luke. Wesley thanked him and told the kind man to

come see him when the church is finished, He said, "Oh, I'll be seeing you. I'll be back," but Wesley has never seen him or the truck again. There were numerous blessings like this while the church was being built; to God be the glory....

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Hebrews 13:2(KJV)

Interview with the Luke's



Who: Rev. Wesley Luke, Pastor

Favorite Food: It all taste good dependent upon his appetite at the time. Southern cooked food.

When is he the happiest:: When doing God's work

Free Moment: Spent sleeping in his chair

Biggest Frustration: To see folks doing things they know is not right especially in the church world

Daily Life: Consists of visiting the church folks, making needed phone calls, studying for a sermon, reading the Word and praying, watching the news on TV, working in field and pond when weather permits, eating, eating, then sleeping between all of that stuff

Favorite Season: Spring, because its not to hot nor to cold.

Most Thankful: That God has kept him going to do what he does

A bit about his ministry: God called him at a young age; he has been preaching since sixteen years old and is now eighty. God instilled him with leadership qualities and he has a heart for home missions. Pastor Luke has started or caused the start of sixteen churches. Most of these he pastored long enough to find a replacement, and then he'd go start another one. He built Elgin CH when voted out as Superintendent of the District Conference, where he had served sixteen years, and he needed a place to preach. His first wife rented a store-front building in Elgin and they started it there. Later he built the church on Smyrna Road. God has brought him to where he is today. He was married to Emily for over fifty years and had three children: Gail, Ivory, & Judy. His first wife was killed in an auto accident involving a drunken driver, and he later married Judy Luke in October 1996.

¹² *And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;*
¹³ *And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.*

1 Thessalonians
5:12-13

Who: Rev. Judith Luke, Assistant Pastor

Favorite food: Potatoes and good fried pork chop

Hobbies: Crochet when can find time

When she is the happiest: When I know my family is in church

Free Moment: Spent studying and reading for sermons & praying

Biggest Frustration: Seeing needs of others and not being able to meet those needs

Favorite season: Spring, because it reminds me of new things to come.

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Most Thankful: I am most thankful for the health that God has given me to be able to do his work.

Daily life: Consists of doing CH Church Conference work and Church work, a lot of it is computer work, reading the bible and praying, cooking and cleaning, answering phone calls, studying for sermons and a thousand other things.

A bit about her ministry: I was saved at the age of 8 yrs old under my Mother's ministry and called by God to preach his word while in my early 20's. I have worked in church and preached about all my life. I know nothing else except working for God. My first husband was a minister but died at the age of 47. We had 5 children together. I met Wesley when I came to SC to hear my Brother Ronnie preach and Wesley then invited me to come and preach.



Trees With A Purpose



Christmas is a special time of year. People are busily running here and there buying gifts, preparing for parties, and getting excited to see their families again. Too many times that is what we focus on and we lose sight on what Christmas really is. We forget that

Christmas is a time of love. So much love that our God gave his only son to become man fully knowing the suffering he would endure.

During the Christmas season our youth tried to remind our church and the community about what Christmas really means by a simple and moving story about three trees. These trees had dreams that their lives would go one way, but found themselves being thankful even when it didn't go quite as they planned. If you missed the program, I strongly recommend you read the story "The Three Trees," an origi-

nal Folktale, retold by Angela Hunt. I firmly believe that the simplest stories can have the deepest meanings.

****On a special note please be in prayer for our upcoming Winter Renewal that the youth are attending at the end of the month in Tennessee. Pray with the youth leaders that our teens experience a powerful move of the spirit, and for travelling mercies****

Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

Ecclesiastes 11:9

Revival With Jonathan Church

Hopefully you were able to join us from November 28th through December 3 as Rev. Jonathan Church, Florida, delivered to us the Truth from the Lord. Although a young man, 22, he spoke about many subjects with great wisdom: from why giants are necessary to being ready for the day of judgment. All of the messages were timely and powerful.

For many of us this was not the first



time we were able to hear Jonathan preach, and those who have heard him can tell you that he is truly a man of God. If you were unable to be in attendance you may still be blessed by the Word by picking up a set of all five CDs for only ten dollars. See Linda Cowart in the music room or ask another leader to get you a copy of the messages he gave. We look forward to seeing you at the next revival!

Subtle Syllogism

By David Abram

SYNERGY—Often in the American workplace and elsewhere you hear of managers and supervisors striving with their employ-

ees in order to instill qualities of leadership and togetherness in them. Depending upon each situation and job, this motivation will be met with acceptance or rejection. When the work of a

single employee is paired with the efforts of another, a team is formed.

The purpose of teambuilding in the workplace is to create an

And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

Leviticus 26:8 (KJV)

environment of synergy. Synergy is best described as the result of two or more people working together to reach production rates that could not be met by independent workers. The

church is in desperate need of synergized teamwork.

God promises Israel in Leviticus that he will bless the synergy of His people who worship Him: "...

five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight" (Leviticus 26:8, KJV). On this promise we can be sure that if we come together in unity and strive for prayers to be

answered in accordance with God's word, then we can have comfort knowing they will. There are certain obstacles that cannot be overcome without the help of our brothers and sisters. It is in

this circumstance that God not only shows us the way, but provides the means to achieve

it.

All Christians can pray; all Christians should pray; if all Christians would pray, our enemies would be compelled to flee.

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January 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes- day	Thurs- day	Friday	Satur- day
						1 Begin Fast No Brother- hood Breakfast
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Gospel Singing 6:00 P.M.	17	18	19	20 WM Meeting 7:00 P.M. at church	21 Fasting & Prayer ends	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Youth Trip	29 Youth Trip
30 Youth Trip No youth service	31					
<p>Fasting and Prayer- Jan. 1st – Jan. 21st Sunday School- 10:00 AM Worship/Preaching-11:00 AM Sunday Evening Service-6:00 PM Wednesday Service-7:00 PM</p>						
<p><i>Likewise the spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered. 27- and he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God - Romans 8:26-27</i></p>						