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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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## Celebrating Christian Independence Day

*But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.*  
Philippians 3:20



Every year on July 4<sup>th</sup> America remembers its freedom from British rule, but as citizens of heaven who are only incidentally American citizens, we daily have a more significant liberty to celebrate.

### What freedom do citizens of heaven have to celebrate?

#### Freedom from **bondage**

*Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed,*

#### Freed by **Christ**

*John 8:32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" 34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*

#### Freedom is **universally desired**

*Heb 2:15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. 2 Pet 2:19 They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity--for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him.*

#### Freed from the law of **sin and death**

*Rom 8:2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.*

#### Freed from the bondage of satisfying **God's law**

*1 Cor 9:21 To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. Gal 2:4 This matter arose because some false brothers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. Gal 4:22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman. 23 His son by the slave woman was born in the ordinary way; but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a promise. Gal 4:30 But what does the Scripture say? "Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman's son." 31 Therefore, brothers, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman. 5:1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

#### Freed from the sins committed under the **first covenant**

*Heb 9:15 For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance--now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.*

#### Freed from our sins **by his blood**

*Rev 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,*

## Letter from the editor

To friends and family of the Elgin Congregational Holiness Church

It has been a pleasure and privilege for me to publish a newsletter for this congregation for the past few months. Our church is small but very close in family ties, personal relationships and involvement in terms of building the kingdom for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Each of our lives are full of all sorts of happenings, some good, some not so good, and we want to share what God is doing in our lives with others.

There are some guidelines that I try to follow in order to present your articles in a proper and correct manner so that, first, God will get the glory, and second, those who read this newsletter will be uplifted and encouraged. Some rules that I must follow are:

1. This newsletter is **for the people, by the people and about the people** of the Elgin CH Church, to glorify God and show our love for Him. I will also post or announce events that will be happening at the church/district, or which involve the members of the church and require our attention and/or attendance.
2. **Departmental news** – we try to keep you informed of what is happening in each department of the church each month.
3. **Prayer** – the purpose of listing personal prayer requests is to remind you to pray for the needs of the congregation. Each prayer request has been made orally in church or written on a prayer request form from the back of each pew. There is also a section included for praise reports for prayers that have been answered.
4. **Personal testimonies** – a personal testimony is when you share what happened in your life that caused you to repent of your sins and give your life to Jesus. Sharing your struggles should encourage others who are up against the same obstacles you have encountered and overcome. Signing your testimony will give me permission to post it in the newsletter and give God the praise for what He has done for you. Matthew 10: 32 says, <sup>32</sup> *Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.* So you see, God is honored when you testify of all he has done and is doing in your life.
5. **Calendar of Events** – the calendar shows dates and events that will be taking place during the month. Since some dates are subject to change, it is always good to double check with a leader if you are not certain about the exact time or date of an event.
6. **Copyright** – If you give me an article for the newsletter and it is copyrighted, I will not be able to publish it. It is against the law to publish articles that have a copyright.

I appreciate the help I have received from all of you with articles, prayer requests, praise reports and testimonies. As long as I continue to receive these from the church family I will be able to produce a church newsletter. I ask for your prayers as I try to post a timely and relevant newsletter which will encourage everyone who reads it.

Sincerely  
Pat Davis



**W**e must have a life renovation, a daily renewal of our hearts. Let Jesus put us on His carpenter's wheel and recharge our hearts, reshape our lives into His likeness, so that we would be pleasing to God our Father. Think about this, if God put His ear to our hearts, what would He hear? Does He hear love for Him? Does He hear love and compassion for your brothers and sisters? Or does He hear a sinful, deceitful heart?

Our human heart will not lead us in the right paths, unless we have Jesus inside, because He is the Lamp unto our feet, He will light our paths. Read and study His Word, it is the bread of life. We get directions for our daily walk through prayer and being hungry for His Word. Let the Holy Spirit fill your life. Prayer strengthens our intimacy with God. Renew your heart today. Won't you be a blessing to someone today, because if you woke up today, God has been a blessing to you.

Wayne Wright

### Freed from **accusation**

*Col 1:22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—*

### Freed from the **power of sin**

*Rom 6:7 because anyone who has died has been freed from sin ... 18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness ... 20 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness ... 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.*

### Caution: Do not think your freedom is **permission to sin**

*1 Pet 2:16 Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God.*

Article taken from: Family Ministries Articles of Encouragement at [www.familyministries.com/articles.html](http://www.familyministries.com/articles.html)

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# 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

- ❖ **Sister Luke** – Remember her son **Donnie**. He is going through treatment and is doing some better but this is very hard on him. Pray for salvation. **Gavin** needs prayer, needs wisdom to pass tests.
- ❖ **Sister Jennifer** – Remember her mom. She burned her arm and still needs a healing touch.
- ❖ **Sister Liles** – Physical touch and strength.
- ❖ Remember those displaced by Colorado fires.
- ❖ **Brother Luke** – Has had bad cough and needs healing touch.
- ❖ **Sister Kathy** – Daughter has been having problems with her BP.
- ❖ **Brother Wayne Wright** – Continue to remember **Eddie Wright** has been very critical. Needs a miracle.

## From the heart of outreach (Angela Bennett)

As I go more for outreach I come away with a heart full of compassion interceding for different people that I encounter. It is my request of the church to pray with me as I continue to walk more in this ministry. Pray for the **outreach leaders and volunteers at Zarephath** and the following:

- \* **Alex** is a teen looking for leadership. He is attending the tutoring program at the dream center. He is shy, likes to sing and just received his first Bible. He recently received Jesus as his personal savior. Remember him in prayer.
- \* **Jessica** is a single mom of two young boys (1 and 4). She has been in an abusive relationship and desires to get her very own home. The Lord has been drawing and she is hearing. Pray she continues to yield to the drawing.
- \* **Carolyn** is an older lady and has AIDS. Join me in prayer that she will be healed. Since first seeing her back in November, she is not so heavy burden. Seeing her worship last week was absolute beautiful to me.



### “I AM A SOLDIER”

I am a soldier in the army of my God.  
The Lord Jesus Christ is my commanding officer.

The Holy Bible is my code of conduct,  
Faith, prayer and the Word are my weapons of warfare.

**I am a soldier.**

I have been taught by the Holy Spirit--  
trained by experience, tried by adversity and tested by fire.

**I am a soldier.**

I am a volunteer in this army, and I am enlisted for eternity.  
I will either retire in this army at the rapture or die in this army;  
but I will not get out, sell out, be talked out, or pushed out.

**I am a soldier.**

I am faithful, reliable, capable, and dependable.  
If my God needs me, I am there.

If He needs me in the Sunday school to teach the children,  
work with the youth, help adults or just sit and learn I'll be there.

**I am a soldier.**

No one has to call me, remind me, write me,  
visit me, entice me, or lure me.

**I am a soldier.**

I am not a wimp. I am in place saluting my King, obeying His orders,  
praising His name, and building His kingdom!

No one has to send me flowers, gifts, food,  
cards, candy or give me handouts.

I do not need to be cuddled, cradled, cared for, or catered to.

**I am a soldier.**

I am committed.

I cannot have my feelings hurt bad enough, to turn around.

I cannot be discouraged enough, to turn aside.

I cannot lose enough to cause me to quit.

If I end up with nothing, I will still come out ahead.

Because I am on the winning side.

**I am a soldier.**

My God has, and will continue, to supply all of my needs and  
I am more than a conqueror, and can do all things through Christ.

Devils cannot defeat me. People cannot disillusion me.

Weather cannot weary me. Sickness cannot stop me.

Battles cannot beat me. Money cannot buy me.

Governments cannot silence me and hell cannot hold me.

Even death cannot destroy me. For I am His for evermore.

**I am a soldier.**

When my Commander calls me from this battlefield He will promote  
me to Captain and then allow me to rule with Him.

**I am a soldier** in His army and I'm marching, claiming victory.

I will not give up. I will not turn around. I am a soldier,  
marching, heaven bound.

~author unknown~

Contributed by Angela Barnette

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| Sunday   | Monday                                 | Tuesday | Wednesday   | Thursday                            | Friday   | Saturday  |
|--|--|---------|---|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| 1  | 2                                      | 3       |  | 5                                   | 6<br>West Carolina<br>Camp Meeting<br>District<br>Conference                   | 7<br>Brotherhood<br>Breakfast<br>9 am             |
| 8  | 9<br>Prayer<br>Meeting<br>7:00-8:00pm  | 10      | 11  | 12                                  | 13   | 14  |
| 15   | 16<br>Prayer<br>Meeting<br>7:00-8:00pm | 17      | 18<br>EPIC Youth and<br>epic Junior<br>7pm  | 19<br>Women's<br>Meeting<br>7:00 pm | 20   | 21<br>Luke and<br>Olivia singing<br>at the church |
| 22   | 23<br>Prayer<br>Meeting<br>7:00-8:00pm | 24      | 25  | 26                                  | 27 Youth<br>Revival— Rev<br>Wayne Parker<br>7:00 pm                            | 28<br>Puppet show<br>See below                    |
| 29<br>Youth Revival<br>11:00 am and<br>6:00 pm | 30<br>Prayer<br>Meeting<br>7:00-8:00pm | 31      |   |                                     | Puppet show & worship 5:30<br>Fri & Sat night of the revival<br>July 27 and 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

