

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. Judy Hensley 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 Melinda Abram 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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Catch the Vision...

The picture shown here is very similar to how our new church will look when it is completed!

As most of you are aware, the Lord placed a vision into my Spirit of building a new Sanctuary to be placed alongside our existing one and using the existing one for the Youth to meet in, for Sunday School rooms, and a fellowship hall. The new building will double our seating capacity to 256 and will be 50 X 100 feet.



We have faced many obstacles in the last year and a half with getting our plans drawn by the Architect and various Engineers and getting the County to approve them, and working with the County Road system, who is planning on redoing the intersection in front of our church which has delayed our plans and causes us to have to line up with what they will be doing, but Thank God, we are at the point of being able to get our permits to build.

I have been talking with General and Sub Contractors to get cost estimates to present to the bank when we get ready to make a loan. They tell me we will have to have 20% of whatever we borrow before they will make a loan. We have paid cash for everything done up to this point (for a cost of about 24,000 dollars) and are raising money to meet the 20%.

We want to keep our building cost as low as possible and don't want to borrow any more than absolutely necessary. This is where we need your help. We are asking all of you to sacrifice to give extra to the building fund and for each department to work together and

have various fund raisers to help the building fund account.

We believe more every day in the Vision for a New Sanctuary and we believe that God is able to supply whatever is needed, but we also realize that He expects us to do what we can and then He will do the rest. This New Sanctuary will be for Your Children and Grand Children to worship in if the Lord carries His coming.

Please join me with prayer and spread the word that Elgin has a vision and if anyone out there wants to join in and help us fulfill this vision than they are more than welcome.

We serve a God who owns the Cattle on a thousand Hills and he has what it takes for this Sanctuary to be built. As your Pastor, I am asking each of you to pray and ask God what you can do to help bring this vision to fulfillment. We want God's direction and God's blessings as we go forward into the future to see Souls born into the Kingdom.

Thank you for all you have done as a church, and God bless each of you.

Your Pastor
Rev Wesley Luke

“This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land.’ I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord Almighty. ⁸‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the Lord Almighty. ⁹‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace; declares the Lord Almighty.’”

Haggai 2:6-9 (NIV)

Women's Ministries (Thursday, February 28, 2013 7:00 p.m.)



Agape — unconditional love. The word “agape” was not used commonly in ancient manuscripts, save the New Testament. Agape is all about unconditional, selfless, and sacrificial love - the love displayed by God through Jesus.

There is this underlying idea of total commitment to the object of love even if it doesn't deserve or desire it.

1 Corinthians chapter 13 is the love chapter, this chapter gives the characteristic of Love.

1. Love suffers long. Love is patient.
2. Love is kind, gracious, and gentle.
3. Love is not envious, or jealous.
4. Love does not vaunt itself, it does not brag, boast, or display itself.
5. Love is not puffed up. It is not conceited.
6. Love does not behave itself unseemly, unmannerly, unbecomingly, or disgracefully.

7. Love seeketh not her own. It is never selfish.
8. Love is not easily provoked or irritated. It does not fly into a temper.
9. Love thinketh no evil. It is not mindful of wrongs.
10. Love rejoices not in iniquity. It is not glad when others go wrong.
11. Love rejoices in the truth, and joyfully sides with the truth.
12. Love beareth all things. It supports, protects and conceals.
13. Love believeth all things. It has no limit to its faith and trust.
14. Love hopeth all things. It is full of hope, and never ceases to hope.
15. Love endureth all things. It bears everything with triumphant fortitude.

This chapter tell everyone that all Christians are given at least one spiritual gift from the Holy Spirit for the general good and to build up the Body of Christ. This chapter makes it apparent the AGAPE Love is more important that anything else.

Ladies please replace the word love with the name Jesus in the characteristic of love. Remember God never ask you to do anything He hasn't done Himself.

Jesus is our example on loving others. He ask God to forgive the people when they placed Him on the cross. What Love!

Heb.12 :2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Ladies, if you have unloving, rudeness, hatefulness, uncaring in your heart toward people please listen to this warning. **GET YOUR HEART RIGHT.** You have lost your way, because a Child of God is full of Love. The above attitudes are not of God and you should examine your walk. If your heart is not right then anything you need from God will not be answered.

Our enemy the Devil does not want you to have AGAPE love, He doesn't want God's love to be felt and the effects of this love to reach the lost. He will do anything to keep you from loving mankind.



Outreach Ministry

HEART is my ministry assignment.

His
Extended
Arms
Revealing
Truth

It is outreach...taking the love of Christ as led of the Holy Spirit.

(ministering with demonstrations, puppets and worship)

Angela Barnette

¹⁴Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matt. 19:14 (NIV)



WM's Home Bible Study
on the Book of Titus

Beginning Date: March 15, 2013
Time: 7pm

Location:
Sister Judy Hensley's House



MY HOME

Within these walls lies shelter from life's storms
 A place of refuge to keep us warm
 A place to rest when the day is through
 To share our hopes and dreams anew
 To some a home is nothing but a place to see
 To some a home is nothing but vanity
 They fill it full of valuable treasures
 With glitter and gold and all of life's pleasures
 They price it high to show their worth
 They look to things upon this earth
 But this home, for me, will not be vain
 My home will carry the greatest name
 The name of Jesus will be over the door
 For As for me and my house we will serve the Lord
 Glitter and gold will not be shown
 But the Spirit of God will fill this home
 Within these walls we've nothing to fear
 But only because Jesus, Our Savior, lives here

Written by: Jennifer Gill
 February 17, 2007

(Note: Jennifer is the daughter of our Asst. Pastor, Judith Luke)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 9am
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Garage Sale at The Church
10 Daylight Savings Time	11	12	13 EPIC Youth and epic Junior/7pm	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Church Cleanup
24/31 EASTER	25	26	27 EPIC Youth and epic Junior/7pm	28 Women's Ministry	29	30 Easter Egg Hunt 12-3pm

ANNOUNCEMENT

Brothers and Sisters
Be Prepared!! Get Ready!!

We are having a BBQ chicken fundraiser on April 20, 2013 from 11 AM to 2 PM at the church to raise money for our Building Fund. The plates will be \$7.50. The plates will include 1/2 a chicken, potato salad, green beans, bread and dessert. We will have canned drinks for sale for \$1.00.

We need to pre-sell as many dinners as possible. Please see Linda Cowart for tickets.

We will also include a drawing for an afghan. Ann Abram has volunteered to create a handmade afghan. As many of you know she won ribbons at the SC State Fair this past year.

