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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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The Power of Prayer

"Jesus declared, 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations...'"-Mark 11:17

"Corporate prayer," means simply that the members of a local church meet together for the purpose of praying. One of the most significant aspects of the total prayer ministry of the church as a whole can be calling the congregation or a significant part of the congregation together for corporate prayer.

Corporate Prayer in Scripture

If the Church was born on the day of Pentecost, it was born out of corporate prayer. Before Jesus left His disciples on earth, He told them to gather in Jerusalem, "Until you are endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). They followed His instructions and met together in the Upper Room. What were they doing there? We are told that they "all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication" (Acts 1:14).

Their prayers were dramatically answered by the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. According to the Scripture, being in prayer "in one accord" played some role in the outpouring of spiritual power that day. The Church was established and normal church life began. The first biblical description of what New Testament Christians do in church is given in Acts 2:42. "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers".

Soon afterward when Peter was thrown into prison awaiting execution, a sustained, corporate prayer meeting was held. "Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer

was offered to God for him by the church" (Acts 12:5). We are later told (see Acts 12:12) that the prayer meeting was convened in the house of Mary, the mother of Mark, recalling that because there were no church buildings in those days, all meetings of the congregations were held in homes. The result, of course, was that Peter was miraculously freed from prison by an angel.

The Power of Agreement

The chief quality that corporate prayer has over other kinds of prayer is agreement. Jesus said, "If two of you agree on earth concerning anything they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven" (Matthew 18:19). Agreement in prayer among 2 or 200 is more effective than the solitary prayers of an individual Christian, although such prayers must not be neglected or underestimated. No prayer is wasted. Corporate prayer, however, builds agreement more than any other kind of local church prayer.



Jesus declared that the Temple of God should be a "house of prayer" (see Matthew 21:13). I believe that is still God's wish for churches. Each church should be a center of prayer not only for the congregation but also for the community. God is bringing a new awareness of prayer throughout the Body of Christ, and this is one reason many have begun to say that revival might be right around the corner.

Many church leaders use Hebrews 10:25, "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some," to encourage attendance at the weekly worship service. This is certainly a legitimate application, but the context also indicates that it should be applied to gathering for prayer. The previous verses teach the priesthood of all believers: through the blood of Jesus, not just some high priest, but all of us have access directly to God. We must not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as priests who communicate directly with God in prayer.

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Sunday School

BRING YOUR CHANGE FOR "A" CHANGE

The Sunday School Department has a building fundraiser going on for our children. We believe that this will let them know how important they are to our church and their handful of change will go a long way in helping with the building of the new sanctuary. I encourage all parents/grandparents/aunts/uncles to save your change and give to your young ones to place in the "BIG JAR" on Sunday mornings. It is so awesome to see their smiles when they are dropping the change in. Keep up the good work.

By Wayne Cowart



Women's Ministries

We are back from an awesome conference in Tennessee — I saw so many ladies/men/teens being truly blessed by God. I want to send out big Kudos to the 35 folks who attended the conference.

I encourage everyone to make plans to attend next year. If you plan on attending next year, I encourage you to start saving your money for the registration (as far as I know the cost will be \$85.00/ person with 4 to a room — if this fee changes I will let everyone know). I would like to get an idea of who is planning on attending next year so please let me know.

At the May meeting we will begin a new series of lessons on the Book of Judges. I encourage all to attend and explore the Book of Judges.

By Linda Cowart



Well, Pastor Luke came to the Easter Egg Hunt prepared to take home plenty of those pretty colored eggs, but it seems the small tykes beat him at finding them. They say someone took pity on him though and gave him one egg for his basket...





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

Donny, Sister Luke's son, is still in critical care in urgent need of prayer

Sister Becky requests prayer for strength and wisdom

Brother Luke's grandson needs help

Pray for Sister Thelma as she is still recovering from surgery

Building Fund – Pray God will supply the finances needed

Departments of the Church - Sunday school, Praise and Worship, Youth, Brotherhood and WM's

Tommy and Peggy Dixon—healing and renewed strength

Sister Tangy Sims – Bryce, my son, needs healing for continued headaches. Salvation for my husband, niece and sister

Sister Pat Davis – Needs to sell her home in Lexington

Sister Judy – Healing for a friend with Brain cancer

Kristen – Dads friend has cancer and needs a healing touch

Brother Norman – Healing for his legs

Haley – Problems at school

Sister Grace – Florence Best friend has cancer and needs healing

Brother and Sister Jacobs – Healing (both have been in the hospital)

Sister Jennifer – Mom needs healing touch



What Will You Do?

In recent months I have been hit with the reality of retirement from the career that I have worked at for over 30 years and the realization that I need to get my financial house in order, which made me think about our loving and merciful God. It made me realize that we never retire from God, we retire from our jobs, but until we are called home to our heavenly father we must remember that he supplies all of our needs. If we live for Him daily, He will supply us with

food, money, and health. It may not be what we want, but He will give us what He thinks we need.

We are here to serve a living God and no matter what the world might be saying, Our God is not dead! Hallelujah! Until God is through with us we should be using our God given talents to be disciples of Christ, each day being a Lighthouse of faith and wisdom to others. We need to love God above all things and all things will be given unto us under the Kingdom of God.

I believe each one of us are placed here by God for a specific reason, we have a God given talent that should be used to glorify and lift Him up daily.

What is it in your life that God has given you? Have you prayed about it? Have you listened for the answer?

We all have received a blessing from God, why not put it into action. Won't you be a blessing to someone today?

By Wayne Wright

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 EPIC Friday 7-10 pm teenagers	5 Carol Lee Bridal Shower 1:00 pm
6 W. Carolina Dist. Superint. Rev. Stephen Phillips 6:00 p.m.	7 Prayer Meeting 7:00- 8:00pm	8	9	10	11	12 Southerlin's Renew Marriage vows 2:00 pm
13 Mother's Day	14 Prayer Meeting 7:00- 8:00pm	15	16 EPIC Youth and epic Junior 7pm	17 Women's Meeting 7:00 pm	18	19 Jason and Erica Wedding 6:00 pm
20	21 Prayer Meeting 7:00- 8:00pm	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



Prayer Meet

Sunday Morning
8:00-9:30 am

Sunday Evening
5:00-5:30

Wednesday evening
6:00-6:30 am

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

Pastor
APPRECIATION
DAY

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June 3, 2012



You are invited
To a Bridal Shower
for
Carol Lee Donahue and Dennis Enevoldsen
Saturday, the fifth of May
at one o'clock
Elgin Congregational Holiness Church
Elgin, South Carolina
Registered at Belle's
and Wal mart



Johnny and Rilda Southerlin
invite you to join them as they
renew their marriage vows
celebrating 60 years of marriage
(to each other)

Saturday, the twelfth of May
at two o'clock

Elgin Congregational Holiness Church
Elgin, South Carolina

Reception at church
immediately following



Erika Leigh Davis
and
Jason Theodore Farniss
invite you to share
the joy of their marriage
Saturday, the nineteenth of May
at six o'clock
Elgin Congregational Holiness Church
Elgin, South Carolina
Reception at church
immediately following

