

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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Pastor Appreciation Day

What can An 82 Year Old Pastor Do?

Well, Pastor Wesley Luke, in the past month, has:

- Sacrificed personal entertainment and comforts to set aside \$100.00 a month to contribute to the building fund for the sanctuary, to be an example for the church family to emulate.
- Single handedly sold 92 individual tickets for BBQ Chicken dinners to raise money for the building fund for the new sanctuary.
- Called numerous people who were out of church to encourage them in their time of need, sickness or whatever he could help them with.
- Visited the sick, in homes, hospitals, or where ever they were. Pastor Luke even went to Savannah, Georgia to be with church members who had a family emergency.



- Preached sermons to encourage the congregation and to bring salvation to the lost.
- Met with contractors, developers, builders and various other departments to coordinate the building of the new sanctuary.
- Also supported other ministers as they shared the gospel through the preaching and teaching of the Word.

Space does not permit the listing of the hundred and one things he does in order to meet the many needs of the Church each week.

According to Sister Luke, "He may be 82 but he functions like he's still 50."

Let's all show our Pastor how much we appreciate and love him today, May 5, 2013, on this Pastor's Appreciation Day.

Pastor Wesley Luke,

WE LOVE YOU!

Please join us in the fellowship hall immediately following service this morning for dinner to celebrate this special day with our pastor.

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

Big Success! BBQ Chicken Dinner April 26, 2013 at the Elgin Congregational Holiness Church

What a wonderful time was had by all who participated in the BBQ chicken dinner at the church. Everyone worked together from the youngest to the oldest in complete unity and harmony. Over 300 dinners were sold and after all was said and done over \$2,000 was raised to help build our new sanctuary.



In case you can't read the inscription on this chef's hat, it says, "MASTER OF THE GRILL" and indeed he WAS! David Parker, you rock!

Since our fearless leader of the pack, Pastor Wesley Luke, exceeded and excelled in selling the most chicken dinner tickets, he truly "showed us how its done". He sold 92 tickets!!! In fact, we have never before had to go to the store and buy ingredients to cook extra food to meet the demand. We had more orders than we were prepared to fill! That didn't stop us though, our talented grill and kitchen crew showed up and showed out!

God Bless all involved in the most successful church dinner we have ever hosted. Special thanks to David and Diane Parker who spearheaded and coordinated this entire event.



As the Master Chef led his team in firing up the grills and moving into high gear with his production line proceeding smoothly, the "best chicken ever" (acclaimed by many who were fortunate enough to purchase a plate) was served up by an equally well coordinated kitchen crew who were in perfect rhythm and one accord.



And of course the supervising crew held up their end of the grill team by fanning the embers and shootin' the breeze...

It's A Baby!



Travail defined is to work strenuously, toil and to be in the labor of childbirth.

A mother travails in the birthing position and pushes. As the baby is birthed from the womb to the outside world, there is a transition of breathing supported by the mother and there is a cleansing of the child to be able to freely breath. The nurses caring for that child suction out from the nose and mouth. If anything is left behind because it was unseen, the baby could suffocate. The fragile baby could become sick or weak. Or the baby's God given strength can force this blockage to be loosen and discarded. The baby can be free to properly breath without interference.

I know and believe in GOD GIVEN STRENGTH and I know that there are things in God's people that are being birthed in this season. As we travail and push forward, come together in prayer to loose that which is preventing free breathing in the church, in God's people. Believe together that this will be forced loose, to be dislodged out of the way. We must find GOD GIVEN STRENGTH and wisdom during the hard times.

There is a slogan that many use which is PUSH -> PRAY UNTIL SOMETHING HAPPENS. I do believe in this season of birthing -great and mighty things of God are coming forth. When it gets hard, remember to keep pushing because what you are travailing for could just very well be a baby in the spiritual realm.

And as we know, a newborn baby is a blessing from the heavens and oh the joy that comes forth from that child. So take a good hold of prayer - and

PUSH

PRAY UNTIL SOMETHING HAPPENS!

This was inspired by a vision I received during prayer on April 24th 2013.

One last thing! LOVE WINS!

Sister Angela Barnette

Encouraging Word for Such a Time as This:

Every beginning has an ending!

A storm begins and then it ends. Sometimes with storms they bring great destruction. Some produce tornado's. When they end, left behind you may see houses destroyed, blown apart and some even moved from the very foundations they were built upon.

Then the time comes to start over, to clean up and rebuild!

This life brings many storms. And some bring great destruction. But we must remember that every storm has an ending! That this too shall pass.

When it does pass YOU may have to start over, clean up some things and rebuild!

But it is in the starting over, the clean-up and rebuilding that you find new hope, new strength and new love!

Love WINS! (John 3: 16)

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Men's Breakfast 9am
5 Pastor's Day - Celebration Dinner	6	7	8 Teen and Junior epic	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Teen and Junior epic	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

India Mission - Zarephath

My friend Dr Joseph has "just traveled 600 km to village meetings, battled all elements - many heard, saved and delivered." Join in a moment of celebration and give God praise!

Please take a moment to lift him up in prayer to refresh. This is a picture of the women in one village. They are asking for desktops, pray they get the supplies needed.

Angela Barnette

