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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**
- **Remember our youth: They need our help. Contact Sis's. Melinda Abram or Angela Barnette to see how you can help.**
- **Want to write or help with the newsletter? Contact Melinda Abram Email: mabram458@gmail.com**

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Welcome Home

We all know the story of the prodigal son and just as the father in that parable was overjoyed at his son returning home, Elgin Congregational Holiness Church is also ecstatic that you can be with us today. Many of you that are here are faithful in your attendance of services, some of you have other home churches that you

attend regularly, a few have found themselves slowly backing out of this church or another church and your Father in Heaven is calling you back into His house. There may be even some of you who have never been here before and you just came because heard we have good cooks and you want to try the great food. What

ever the reason you have come to be with us today, WELCOME! It is truly a blessing to have you with us. Enjoy the word from the Lord, and be with us afterwards for food and fellowship in the back. We can't wait to meet you or get to know you a little better. After all we are all brothers & sisters in Christ.

²²*But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:*

²³*And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:*

²⁴*For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.*

Luke 15: 22-24

Spiritual Revival

by Pat Davis- A spiritual revival of phenomenal proportion has swept the Elgin CH Church this past week. The evangelist, Jonathan Church, came to us from Keystone Heights, Florida to conduct the weeklong meetings. His purpose for this series of meetings was to usher in the anointed presence of God, to bring his people back to Him as a full and committed body of believers who are serving Him with all of their minds, hearts and souls.

The revival began on Sunday morning with great excitement and anticipation. Like a child on Christmas Eve waits for the breaking of dawn to see what gifts they have under the Christmas tree, we have all waited with great anticipation for this time of refreshing and renewal for months, and the time is finally here!

The first message on Sunday morning was entitled "Can God Still Speak?", and it became clear as Rev. Church reminded us how our coun-

try has tried to silence the voice of God through our schools, through our government and even in our churches, but that God can and does speak! He said that God is speaking loudly and clearly through the earthquakes, hurricanes and earthly calamities that we



have seen recently across this nation. He said that God will speak, one way or the other, and we will listen!

Then, on Sunday night the message entitled "To Do the Impossible" quickened our spirits and reminded us that we, as Peter, when he stepped out on the water to meet Jesus, are to step out in faith and not only expect the

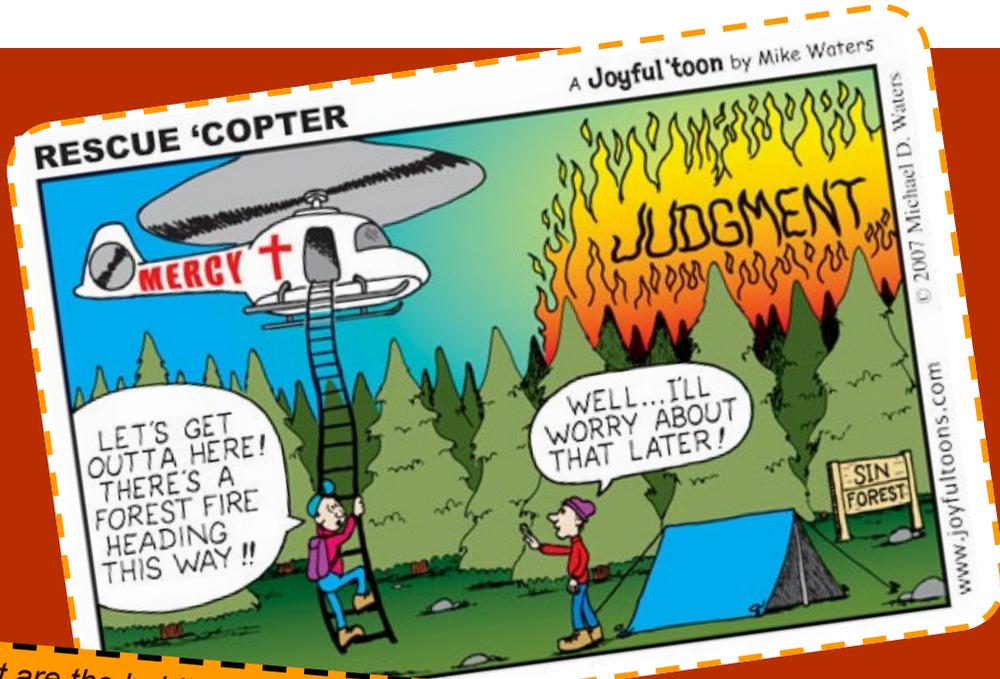
impossible, but do the impossible. Jesus is our source and our strength. We are not to just do great things, we must do the impossible!

Speaking to the youth of the church Rev. Church said "you should chase God with your whole heart and be head over heels in love with Him, and whatever you need will chase after you." So stirring was this challenge to the young people that the kids posted on their Facebook pages their excitement about the revival.

During the message Monday night, the anointing was so heavy in our midst that a hushed silence prevailed across the entire congregation as we felt the awesome presence of God and reverently waited on his Word.

We eagerly awaited each new service to see what God had in store for all of us. May we be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit and receive the call that is being brought to us through the powerful preaching of His Word through this chosen servant of God, Jonathan Church.

There is no promise of tomorrow. What are you waiting for?



Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Psalm 89:14

A Generation of Young Warriors

by **Crystal Rhodes**-There has been talk of young people whom the Lord is raising up to step forward and become great leaders in our generation. These youth have answered His call to bring in the harvest of souls before the second coming of Jesus Christ. The Lord is raising up a new and great army of spiritual warriors who will lead the way. This army starts with us. I keep thinking back to a story I heard about a guy my age who stood up against the rules of the world that keeps public prayer out of school. At Lugoff-Elgin High School he prayed. He didn't just pray to himself quietly, but he prayed outwardly, during school hours in an opportunity where the whole school would hear him. He was very brave, but we should all be like him. BRAVE. Not afraid to stand up for what we believe in.

In Joel 2:28, God is speaking about the end times and pouring out his spirit on us.

"And afterward I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions".

The word says that we will prophesy and the young men shall see visions. God is looking for young people who are not afraid to stand up for Him, no matter what. We are a called generation, but God is looking for those who are obedient, pure of heart, and those who do not worry about what other people around them think. When He calls us into a ministry or into His work, it does not matter what people say around you. The only one that we should be striving to please is Jesus Christ. He is our Lord and our Savior, the one who called us out to do His work and He is the one that we should try to please. God has called each and every one of us to do something for His kingdom. Not everyone is called to preach or teach, to sing or dance but everyone is called to work for the kingdom of God in some way. It could be something as simple as just being friendly and talking to people when they are having problems that they can't handle on their own. We are to be like Christ and when we show unflinching love to those who are around us, we are witnessing for Him. This is the great commission, what

we are ALL called to do.

We just had an amazing opportunity to hear an anointed preacher during Revival Week. This is a time that through fasting, prayer, and hearing the word of God we are renewed and refreshed. To get the most of this week you have to continue to commune with the Lord. Revival starts within EACH of us. It's a personal walk that you must do on your own. No man can do this for you. You must pray that God will revive us, the youth, the future leaders. Pray that the Lord fill us with the Holy Fire that can only come from Him!! When the fire starts, it is not put out easily, but the true Holy Ghost fire spreads. If we as a youth-group get on fire for God, completely "souled out," it's contagious; our church will catch the fire. The youth underestimate how great of an impact we can have on those around us, including those in the church. It's got to start somewhere, therefore I pray "God, why not start with me?" That should be everyone's prayer. "Lord, let it start with me.." I think God is calling each and every one of us into something greater than we can even imagine. It's time that we step out and become the great warriors that He has called us to be! Through Christ, and unified together, WE CAN DO ANYTHING!



Sky Steps
by Angela Barnette

There before me in the sky were clouds
 Clouds like steps leading upward
 All with the bright sun shining behind
 The steps varied in sizes
 The display was a path upward at different angles
 Some steep
 Some not so steep
 Some fluffy
 Some even as a slide
 In looking at our journey
 Our steps should always lead upward
 Sometimes we are on a step for a short time
 Others a longer time
 The climb may be hard at times
 Some steps may take more effort
 Sometimes the steps get comfortable
 Pressing onward out of comfort is a must
 Continue to move
 The journey up must be continuous
 If not -then it could be a quick plunge down
 To something detriment
 I say to you my friend, keep climbing
 It will be worth it someday
 And remember, the Son shines brightly over every step



Cooks' Corner
By Ann Abram

I have gotten more requests for the following recipe than anything I make. It is often requested for the special occasions we have at church. This recipe originally came from the Food Network and I've done very little "tweaking" to it. Enjoy!

Pork Tenderloin

- 1 pkg. pork tenderloins (2 in pkg.)
- ¼ c. vegetable oil
- ¼ c. worchestershire sauce
- ¼ c. soy sauce
- 1 tsp. marjoram
- 1 tsp. thyme
- 1 tsp. rubbed sage
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. onion powder
- 1 tsp. ginger
- 1 tsp. black pepper

Pierce tenderloins with fork. Mix and pour the other ingredients over the pork. Marinate 2 hours in refrigerator or ½ hour at room temperature.

Bake in preheated oven at 350 degrees for 45 mins. Make sure internal temperature is 160 degrees.

August Fellowship Attendance

Epic Youth 30

Women 22

Men 17

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Hebrews 10:25

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2011 Calendar

September 2011

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2 EPIC Youth Night	3 Brotherhood Breakfast
4 *Revival Begins	5	6	7	8	9 *Revival Ends	10
11 Homecoming (no evening service)	12	13	14 Leadership Conf. In TN	15	16 Leadership Conf. Ends W. Car. WM Retreat	17 W. Car. WM Retreat
18 Church Singing	19	20	21	22 WM Meeting 7pm	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
<u>*Revival Begins:</u> 4 th @ 11AM Sunday morning	<u>*Revival starts:</u> 7PM Sun. Evening-Friday					