

E-LIFE NEWS

EVERLASTING LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER



2Q 2025 (April-June)

WEEKLY SERVICES:

(IN-PERSON: **CALENDAR**)

- MONDAY 7:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
- WEDNESDAY WORD 12:00 P.M.
- THURSDAY 8:45 AM WOMAN TO WOMAN BIBLE STUDY—CONFERENCE CALL



ABOUT US

Everlasting Life Christian Church was birthed on September 21, 2009 as a small conference call Bible Study. It quickly grew from local participants to state-wide, and eventually country wide callers. A decision was made in January 2011 to move forward in ministry and begin official incorporation and tax-exempt status as a church under Federal and NC State Law.

Everlasting Life Christian Church (ELCC) derives its name from John 4:14 & Romans 6:22. Both verses speak of an eternal life awaiting all those who walk in righteousness and live according to the Word of God until Jesus Christ returns.

OUR MISSION

"Our mission is to train, teach, preach and perform missionary work first in our community and then in those communities and places God sends us to. Our mandate is to minister to the whole being (spiritual, mental and physical) through love and truth. "

THIS EDITION INCLUDES:

- ◆ Announcements
- ◆ Articles
- ◆ Prayer for this Season
- ◆ Word of Encouragement & State of the Ministry by Pastor Stephen Lyons & Elect Lady Cyntria Lyons

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - COMMUNITY IMPACTING YOUR COMMUNITY: F.A.C.E.S. (FAMILY AND CHILDREN EMPOWERMENT SERVICES)

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

I write to introduce you to **F.A.C.E.S.** (Family and Community Empowerment Services), a nonprofit organization based in Fuquay-Varina, NC, committed to providing emergency financial support to families facing crisis in our local communities of Fuquay-Varina and Willow Springs, NC.

Our mission is simple but urgent:

To serve individuals and families in need with dignity, compassion, and care through emergency utility assistance, and community resource connection.

For over 60 years, F.A.C.E.S. has been 100% supported by local churches in Fuquay-Varina and Willow Springs, and we continue to rely entirely on the generosity of the faith community to carry out our mission. Today, we are reaching out with an urgent financial need. As requests for help increase, and our donations have decreased, we are at risk of not being able to meet the growing needs of our neighbors.

We invite your church to prayerfully consider becoming a monthly or one-time supporter of this vital mission and appoint a representative of your congregation to our board of directors to continue our collaborative efforts by contacting us regarding interest. Our organization is excited to establish new relationships with the churches in our community. We would be honored to speak with you further, provide materials to share with your congregation, or even come visit your worship services to share more about the impact of F.A.C.E.S. in the community with your congregation. **Please contact us via email at chair@faces-cares.com to schedule a time to meet.**

Your gifts and volunteer time allow us to respond swiftly to families in crisis—offering real help and hope in times of hardship. Whether through a congregational gift, partnership through monthly giving, or individual contributions from members of your church family, your support will help sustain this ministry of compassion.

Ways to Give:

- ◆ Online Donations: Visit <https://faces-cares.com> and click “Donate” to give securely via paypal.
- ◆ Mail a Check: Payable to: F.A.C.E.S.P.O. Box 1857Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - MAY

Pastor JoAnn (Evangel Church) and Pastor Stephen Lyons (ELCC) co-coordinated the National Day of Pray for Fuquay Varina, NC on Thursday, May 1st. What a blessing it is to join in prayer for our cities, state, and nation wide. All leadership should pray for wisdom of God. ([Click here to view the recap video.](#))



We have officially started the building process! Please visit our Facebook page to watch the recap videos of both events, the National Day of Prayer and the [ELCC Groundbreaking Video](#).

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we watch our faith work!

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**EVERLASTING LIFE
GROUNDBREAKING**

SUNDAY - MAY 11, 2025

Thank you for celebrating with us.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS - JUNE 2025

SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET 2025

ELCC Scholarship Banquet was Saturday, June 28th.

Every year a high school graduate or student currently enrolled in college has an opportunity to apply for the ELCC Scholarship. This scholarship is designed to assist students in their pursuit of higher education.



Bryce Elliott Diamond from Columbia, South Carolina was presented the ELCC Scholarship for 2025 by Pastor Stephen Lyons!

Bryce was accompanied by his parents and family members to share in this joyous occasion. He comes from a family of believers and is a man of faith. Those in attendance heard his wonderful testimony and that of his family. We will continue to pray for him in his pursuit of higher education and for the Lord to order His steps and supply his needs on his journey.



If you or someone you know would benefit from an ELCC scholarship, please consider applying! This scholarship is available every year. Follow us on our social media platforms (page 1) to find out when the next application will be available.



You can also [DONATE](#). Your seed will be planted in good ground. Thank You!

SHOUT OUT!

* The Scholarship Committee - Min. Carrie Wilson, Evang. Sophia Bouknight, & Elder Percy Woods, Jr. * Keynote Speaker - Elder Percy Woods, Jr. * Pastor Mark, Sis. LeighAnn Fenn, & Evangel Church for their support and allowing us to use their facility. * Pastor Bryant & Unity Outreach Recreational Center for their support. * Everlasting Life Christian Church for their support and contributions.



(From Top to Bottom: Bryce Diamond, Pastor Stephen Lyons, Scholarship Committee: (Evg Sophia Bouknight, Elder Percy Woods, Min Carrie Wilson), Pastor Mark Fenn of Evangel, Sis Ivory Johnson, Pastor Mark & LeighAnn Fenn, Evg Sophia Bouknight, Pastor Stephen, Pastor Shirley Bryant and Evg Whitney Harrison of Unity Outreach, Children of the Church)





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The Scholarship Committee presented a Pastoral Appreciation gift to Pastor Stephen & Elect Lady Cyntria Lyons. This event is also an opportunity to acknowledge and honor the leaders of ELCC and their hard work in the ministry and spread of the Gospel. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

SHOUT OUT!

- *Sis. Angella for her gifted hands in creating the pastoral basket with their favorites.
- *Sis. Ivory Bouknight for the decadent dessert bar.
- *Min Arnetta Gray for feeding the masses with the main entrée!
- *Bro. Shane & Sis. Ashley for capturing pictures.



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In addition to this presentation, the pastors and scholarship committee of Everlasting Life, Evangel Church, and Unity Outreach presented and read accomplishments of students from their respective church. All the youth shared a musical selection to conclude this year, and to celebrate the new beginnings for the year ahead.

Pastor Stephen Lyons started his ministry as a Youth Minister. We continue to encourage and provide opportunities for them to use their gifts. Every 4th Sunday, the youth have the opportunity to share their gifts and/or testimony in the service.



Children are a heritage
from the LORD,
offspring a *reward* from him.
Like arrows in the hands of a *warrior*
are children born in one's youth.
Blessed is the man whose
quiver is *full of them.*
Psalm 127:3-5



ARTICLES

DEAR PEOPLE OF GOD - READ YOUR BIBLE!



If you are seeking refuge, peace, healing, prosperity, or love, read your Bible! Of course, those aren't the only things you will find. You will also find Jesus, from Genesis to Revelation. He's been there since the beginning and now sits on the right hand of the Father, making intercession for us! (John 1)

The Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 1:17-23 (NIV) which says, "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, 19 and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way." As often as you need to be reminded, read this verse, and many others. The Word of God, the Bible, is bread and water, inspired by God. Reading should spark the fire inside to burn even the more! Jeremiah 20:9, where the prophet describes God's Word being like a fire in his bones, and Acts 2:3, where the Holy Spirit descends as tongues of fire. The more you eat, the more you'll desire, and the more you'll share the Gospel with others.

The Holy Spirit (Spirit of God) is available for you. That's why Jesus came, so that You will have the Comforter, the Holy Spirit (John 14:26), and life more abundantly (John 10:10), beyond what we can feel with our hands. Ask, our Father will answer.

PRAYER FOR THIS SEASON

We call on the One who knows the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:8-10). The One and Only true and LIVING GOD (Jeremiah 10:10). We look to You, the Author and Finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). Our faith is the substance ... of things hoped for... the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1). The One who was in the beginning and will be forevermore. When we face many trials, we trust that You are with us and will deliver us (Psalm 37:40). We shall rest in Your promises. You said You would never leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5, Deuteronomy 31:6, 8). Your Word is enough for us to stand on. Help us be content in any state, for You, O Lord, remain the same and will be with us (Philippians 4:11-13).

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT & STATE OF THE MINISTRY

PASTOR STEPHEN & CYNTRIA LYONS



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Hi Saints, I pray each of you are doing well and living a life pleasing to God. A lot has happened since our last newsletter. Our children, along with the Youth of Unity Outreach Recreational Ministry led Sunday morning worship the last Sunday in March. The children sang a few songs and Dallas IV, Kai, and Matthew ministered for the first time. They were well prepared and delivered inspiring messages. It is good to see our children excited about the opportunity to serve and lift up the name of Jesus!

In May, we had the privilege and honor of celebrating Pastor Bryant 25 years of service to Unity Outreach and the Shawtown Community. She has changed and transformed so many lives over 25 years. What sticks out the most to me is the impact and influence she had on the lives of so many leaders in the Body of Christ. She is a true example of integrity and Christlike Character. We pray that God continues to keep her and strengthen her in the years to come.

In May we also held our groundbreaking ceremony. Several came out to take part in this momentous occasion, including some of our friends from Unity Outreach in Lillington. It was a wet day, but we were able to bless the land and dedicate the forthcoming building to the Lord before it started raining. This ceremony was super uplifting and encouraging for the Body of ELCC. Many begin to see the vision and see themselves in the vision.

Right now, construction has been put on hold as we are working with the utility company to move some fiber optic cables buried at the front of our property, and work with our Engineer and the Town of Fuquay to move the building and parking lot out of flood prone soils (this will potentially save us hundreds of thousands of dollars in site costs).

Despite these challenges, I bless God because he continues to show Himself strong in our situation. We recently found out from the utility company that we will not have to cover the cost of moving the fiber optic cables (the utility company will bear the thousands of dollars in cost to move these cables). Now we're just waiting approval from the town on our revised site plans before we can get back to work. We've seen God move time, after time, after time again, and we expect nothing less this go round!

In June, I had the opportunity to minister at First Missionary Baptist Church in Siler City for their Sunday Youth Service (the home church of our very own Cassie Lyons). That morning the house was full of young people. It brought me joy sharing my testimony and the Gospel of Jesus Christ with this generation. I also found out how talented and smart the youth of First Missionary Baptist Church are. The future is very bright for these youth!

We wrap this quarter up with our ELCC Scholarship Banquet on Saturday, June 28 from 2:30pm-5:30pm at Evangel Church located at 201 Meadow Dr., Fuquay-Varina, NC. I am proud and pleased to announce that we are awarding a scholarship this year and recognizing our hardworking and talented youth at the banquet. To date, we have awarded over \$13,000 in scholarships since 2016. You are invited to join us for this day of celebration and recognition. The banquet is free, food will be served, and dress is informal.

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In closing, we have a goal to raise \$60,000 by January 2026 to cover unexpected and unforeseen construction cost. Your support and liberal giving are much appreciated and needed more now than ever. (The land address is 6835 Dwight Rowland Rd., Willow Springs, NC if you want to drive by and checkout the progress or pray over the land, please don't get out of your car though as we don't want anyone disturbing the construction workers).

We ask for your continued prayers that God will strengthen our hands, give us wisdom throughout the process, and favor with man.

Below is the updated timeline as of January 26, 2025.

Milestone	Responsible(s)	Target Date	Status
Obtain well & septic permits	Architect & Wake County	March 15, 2024	Completed
Final approval of site permit	Town of Fuquay-Varina	July 18, 2024	Completed
Submit application & drawings for building permit	Architect	July 31, 2024	Completed
Obtain building loan approval	Pastor & Lender	August 31, 2024	Completed
Building permit approved	Town of Fuquay-Varina	September 30, 2024	Completed
Apply for construction permit	Architect	October 31, 2024	Completed
Construction permit approved	Town of Fuquay-Varina	November 30, 2024	Completed
Execute construction contract with Builder	Cornerstone Builders & ELCC	December 1, 2024	Completed
Complete pre-construction steps and process	Cornerstone Builders & ELCC	February 15, 2025	Completed
Building construction begins (6-8 month process)	Cornerstone Builders	March 1, 2025	In Progress
Building construction ends (6-8 month process)	Cornerstone Builders	February 1, 2026	Outstanding

The timeline is updated quarterly and may change based on project developments and accomplishments. Dates for outstanding milestones are estimated.

Please touch and agree with us that construction will be completed by the end of 2025.

Join us on Sundays at Unity Outreach in Lillington, NC at 10am and Evangel Church in Fuquay-Varina, NC at 11am. Catch our Live Streams on Instagram and weekly Bible Studies and Words of Encouragement on FaceBook, Instagram, and YouTube. You'll find us under Everlasting Life Christian Church (ELCC).

See the Calendar on our website for where we'll be each Sunday.

Until next time, take care of yourself and God bless you!