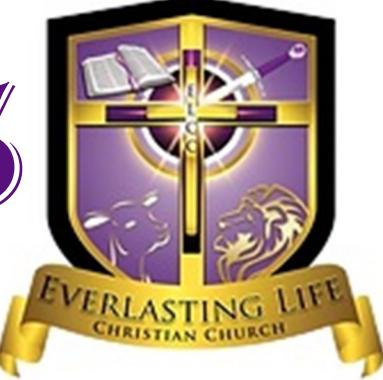


# E-LIFE NEWS

EVERLASTING LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER



## WEEKLY SERVICES

- SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.  
(VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON BY  
REGISTRATION ONLY)
- 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 AND 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.

## MISSION OF ELCC

Our mission is to train, teach and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those in our community through outreach and love according to Mark 16:15-18. This involves ministry to the whole person – body, mind and spirit.

**Q: Why a newsletter?**

A: To keep you, leaders, members, and donors, informed on events, to encourage you, and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

“AND JESUS CAME AND SAID TO THEM, ‘ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME IN HEAVEN AND IN EARTH.’”

MATTHEW 28:18

## ELCC LAND ENTRY UPDATE

Thank you to the contractors for completing the gravel entrance!

Just in time for our gathering on Saturday, October 29th.

[More Details](#)

>>> Pictures on pg 3 with the “Pastor Word of Encouragement and State of the Ministry.



WE ARE VISITING ELCC 3-ACRES OF LAND ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH. PLEASE [EMAIL](#) FOR MORE DETAILS.



# REFLECTIONS

"FOR WITH GOD NOTHING  
SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE."

LUKE 1:37 KJV

## A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOSPEL JOHN

### John 14:1-6 NIV

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

### John 16:32-33 NIV

32 "A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

## CONDOLENCES TO OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Special Guest Highlighted In the Previous Newsletter, Keith "Wonderboy" Johnson Family

[>>> ELCC TRIBUTE VIDEO <<<](#)

ELCC sends our sincere condolences to the Johnson family. We received news that our dear friend and brother in Christ passed away. What joy it was for us to spend time together when he was in town. He was gracious and down to earth. We are sincerely thankful for the way He served the Lord and shared his gift all around the world.

Lyrics from his song "Afterwhile":

I won't have to cry no more.  
The Kingdom will meet to sit at His feet.  
Won't have to cry no more;  
Won't Cry No More.

"THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT . "

JOHN 1:5 NIV

## PRAYER FOR THIS SEASON

Thank You Lord for each breath we take. May we walk and run with boldness in this time, proclaiming the Gospel with confidence. May Your Word be more than letters we read and descriptions of a God we serve, but even more so, may we know You more and live a life that displays and represents You well.

Although we do not know each step to take, we trust You to lead and guide us as we GO! We do not know how it will all end. But THOU O LORD, You, O Lord, know the end before the beginning. In YOU we have VICTORY! You are the WAY! The TRUTH! The LIFE!

Amen!



# PASTOR WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT & STATE OF THE MINISTRY

## PASTOR STEPHEN LYONS



Praise God Saints! I'm pleased to share with you the results and accomplishments since our last Newsletter. We've been busy at work raising funds, finalizing the building and site plans, and doing what we can to utilize the church's land (this will allow us to qualify for tax exemption).

We have selected a contractor – Thad of Cornerstone Builders has provided us an affordable build budget and is ready to help us build our Church. But, before he can start clearing the land and building, we must obtain funding and permits. So, for the remainder of the year we will continue to work on:

1. Obtaining Building Loan
2. Obtaining Building & Site Plan Permits from the Town of Fuquay-Varina

Back in August I announced a Pledge to raise \$20,000 by end of January 2023 for land development and building cost. I'm pleased to share that we are well ahead of schedule and are at 75% goal attainment...and we don't plan to stop here just because we reach our goal. Our long-term goal is to have \$65,000 in our bank account by end of January 2024. For those who have already committed a pledge amount, thank you! To those who haven't, please consider pledging and helping us reach our goal.

Your liberal given has allowed us to install a driveway at the front of our property in September. I want to thank Deacon Bryant and Bro. Shane for coordinating the labor and work to getting this driveway installed. They managed to find someone who was able to do it at a fraction of the cost we were originally quoted. The new driveway will allow easy access to the church's land and can be used during the construction process.

### LAND DEVOTIONAL DAY—VIDEO: [>>> RECAP OF EVENTS <<<](#)

In August we held our very first land devotion and fellowship (which was prior to the installation of the new driveway). Several individuals joined us on a nice and sunny Saturday morning for prayer and a Word from God. Afterwards we broke bread, played games, and did some old-time fellowshipping. We're working on putting one more fellowship together before the end of the year. More information to come! Attending this event will be a great opportunity for you to checkout the land and our new driveway! If you can't wait until then, a picture of the driveway is below.

Be on the lookout for a 3D video of our building I plan to share before the end of this year.

I'm reminded of the words of Paul to the Thessalonians as we prepare to end 2022 stronger than ever – "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you (1 Thess. 5:18)." I thank God for the successes and even set-backs of 2022. I refuse to dwell on my failures and flaws. I choose to thank God and demonstrate the love of God to all. We've been fortunate and blessed to witness the hand of God upon our lives and the power of God working in our ministry. Thank you Lord, for we are more determined now than ever to complete the assignment!

