# E-LIFE NEWS

EVERLASTING LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

### **WEEKLY SERVICES**

• **SUNDAY** 10:00 A.M.

(Virtual & In-Person by Registration Only)

- •MONDAY 7:00 A.M. MEN'S PRAYER CALL
- •Monday Bible Study via Zoom

(ADULTS 7:00 P.M. AND CHILDREN 6:45 P.M.)

•WEDNESDAY WORD 12:00 P.M.

### **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.

#### 2022 ELCC SCHOLARSHIP

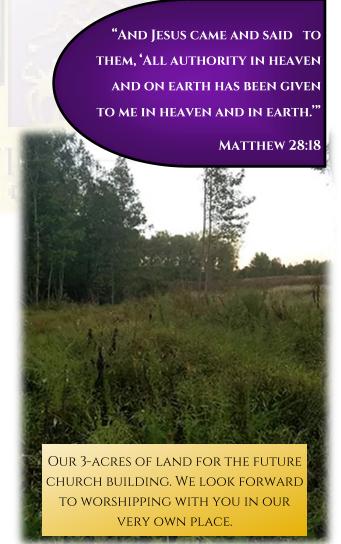
Our <u>scholarship program</u> continues this summer The application is available on our homepage. The scholarship is for college students needing financial assistance. If you are eligible, <u>Apply Now!</u>
May 2, 2022 11:59 pm Deadline

#### HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE

Visit our website for more ways you can support using the links below.

Merchandise and Other Ways to Donate

"One plant, one water, God will provide the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:7). Thank you in advance!





# REFLECTIONS

"CONFESS YOUR FAULTS ONE TO ANOTHER, AND PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER, THAT YE MAY BE HEALED. THE EFFECTUAL FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILETH MUCH"

James 5:16 KJV

### "COMPLETE OBEDIENCE" - MIN. DALLAS LYONS III

2 CHRONICLES 7:14

"IF MY PEOPLE, WHICH ARE CALLED BY MY NAME SHALL HUMBLE THEMSELVES, AND PRAY, AND SEEK MY FACE, AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS; THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN, AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN, AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND."

It is possible for a believer, to find themselves in wickedness. Disobedience is simply a change of direction. At what point does a deviation become an "about-face"? There is a reason why our adversary is called deceptive. God requires our complete obedience. We can be humble, we can seek God's face, but if we do not turn from our wicked ways, we will find ourselves still wounded, broken and lacking healing. Healing is not just physical, healing can also mean making us whole, spiritual, mentally, and financially. What if God is waiting on our obedience so that he can hear from heaven, forgive our sins, and heal our land?

**MATTHEW 26:41** 

"WATCH AND PRAY, THAT YE ENTER NOT INTO TEMPTATION: THE SPIRIT INDEED IS WILLING, BUT THE flesh is weak."

The spirit is willing, but our flesh is weak. That will never change. Feed the spirit that seeks to do God's will, and you will triumph every time.

"MAY THE LORD GIVE STRENGTH TO HIS PEOPLE! MAY THE LORD BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE."

PSALM 29:11

# **COMMUNION**

This sacrament (the Eucharist, the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion), is a time set aside to remember the pure sacrifice made by Jesus, symbolic of His body and shedding of His blood, paying the wages for our sin. This simple recipe is provided for your family to share in communion anytime.

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 cup All-Purpose Flour

1 1/8 tsp salt

1/3 cup water

1/3 cup vegetable oil

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper.

Mix flour, oil, and salt together in a bowl; add water and mix until dough is soft.

Form dough into 6 balls and press into disks onto the prepared baking sheet using your hands.

Bake for 8 to 10 minutes.



# REFLECTIONS

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."

1 Corinthians 6:7-8

# "A FRIEND SHARPENS A FRIEND" - OVERSEER AILEEN LYONS

Ephesians 4:7, 12–13

"7. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. 12. To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13. until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, [e] to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

- 1. For the perfecting of the saints.
- 2. For the work of the ministry
- 3. For the edifying of the body of Christ
- 4. To bring all into the unity of the faith
- 5. To grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ
- 6. Mature into the full statue of Christ

"He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building."

1 Corinthians 6:8-9

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# PASTOR WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT & STATE OF THE MINISTRY

PASTOR STEPHEN LYONS

PASTOR STEPHEN LYONS & ELECT LADY CYNTRIA LYONS

What a start to 2022! God started the year testing us on every side and the enemy has tried to take advantage of this attack, but in the words of Paul we remain strong and immovable, always working enthusiastically for the Lord, for we know that nothing we do for the Lord is in vain or useless (1 Cor. 15:58).

We are currently three years ahead of reaching our 2025 goal of \$65,000. In February 2022 we reached another huge milestone in the ministry when we obtained approval on our Special Use Permit (SUP) from the Town of Fuquay-Varina Board of Adjustments. This gives us the official right to build our Worship and Community Center on the three acres of land the Lord blessed us with back in 2019. Now, the real work begins! Next on our list to seeing this vision come to past is working on combining the two lots into one, developing and submitting the site plan, and creating the building design. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but with your help and continued support, AND the Lord's strength we will see this vision speak!

The words of Nehemiah 2:20 gives me encouragement and strength in these times. If I may, I'd like to put this passage of Scripture in my own words, "The God of heaven will help us succeed...We, His servants, will build the church!"



# ELCC FAMILY RECOGNIZES ELCOME NEW MEMBERS & LEADERS

DEACON WARREN BRYANT

DEACONESS JANICE BRYANT

### PRAYER FOR THIS SEASON

Lord, we know all joy and fullness is found in You. In this season, we will keep our eyes on You! We do not know, and will not fret, about the worries of tomorrow. We are determined to walk in boldness, confidence, and complete trust in where and what You have called us to do. Give us clarity, order our steps, and provide like You do, so perfectly! We are thankful for your faithfulness and Your Word that never fails. Let Your will be done.



We welcome Holy Spirit to lead and guide us. Amen.