

E-LIFE NEWS

EVERLASTING LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER



ELCC APRIL—JUNE 2024 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

“PRAY ALWAYS. PRAY CONTINUALLY.”

- 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-17 NIV

THIS EDITION INCLUDES:

- * Info about Scholarship Application & the Saturday Men’s Discussion
- * Resurrection Meal Distribution Details - March 2024
- * Pastors Word of Encouragement & State of the Ministry

Sunday, April 28th at 2:00p—Fellowship Service—Pastor Bryant in Lillington NC

PRAYER REQUEST—MESSAGE US!

We appreciate your prayers and support. Let us know how we can pray for you. We know God hears every prayer.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

“BE JOYFUL IN HOPE, PATIENT IN AFFLICTION, FAITHFUL IN PRAYER.”
ROMANS 12:2

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

CURRENTLY LIVE! APPLY NOW!

Do you know a student, (high school senior or college), who would benefit from a monetary blessing? If you don't, please help us find one! The application is accessible via our website: [Scholarship Application—Form](#). For a more detailed view of how to apply, here is a video you can share, [ELCC Scholarship Application Video](#).

We understand the hard work and dedication required to maintain success. We also know the financial burden that college can cause. Our hope is to plant a seed in good ground. First step, is informing students there is help.

To be able to provide monetary support to students working towards their academic goals is a great opportunity. We encourage and welcome you to be a part of this community service!

“BEHOLD, HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS FOR BRETHREN TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY!”
- PSALM 133:1

MEN SATURDAY DISCUSSION

ELCC Men—Bi-Weekly Discussion—Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom

The men of ELCC have participated with the Lion & Lamb Men's Discussion Group over the past several months.

To join this discussion group, as they address many relevant topics that men are faced with and identifying Biblical tactics to overcome, **SIGN UP!** Go to the homepage, scroll down, and complete the form pictured TO THE RIGHT.

We want men to know you're not alone. Many of your fellow brothers have similar challenges and can offer prayer, encouragement, and support.

(Please note: This is not a replacement for professional counseling services.)

Men's Bible Study Sign Up

The men of ELCC participate in a Bible Study every other Saturday morning. Please enter your contact information if you would like more information.

* Full Name

* Email Address

Message

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MEAL BOXES

“WE LOVE HIM BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US.”

1 JOHN 4:19

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY FOR WORKING TOGETHER TO SERVE FAMILIES!

This Resurrection Season **19** meal kits were prepared! Thanks to ministers of service, Carlos & Teria Bouknight for your dedication to the body of Christ and community, transporting and delivery of meal boxes for the families in Wake County and beyond. Our sincere thanks! We were also able to include **fresh fruit and vegetables**, thanks to your giving. Please stay tuned for our summer meal box distribution!

If you would like to contribute to our meal boxes and family services,

>>> Join Us In the Mission! <<<



PASTOR WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT &

STATE OF THE MINISTRY - PASTOR STEPHEN & CYNTRIA LYONS

Let me start off by saying, what a mighty good God we serve! I praise God today because I'm literally witnessing God redeem the time and expedite some major things for our ministry. The biggest and MOST exciting news I'm pleased and proud to share today is that we not only reached our \$150,000 goal, but we've surpassed it! I'm reminded of what Paul wrote to the Christians in Ephesus in **Ephesians 5:20** (NLT),

"Now all glory to God, who is able; through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen."

ALL GLORY TO GOD! God has not only been working in His people, but He's blessing His people; and I'm witnessing saints be not only obedient to the Spirit of God in their giving, but good stewards over what God has placed in their hands. In March and April, we had several very generous and kind donors cut checks to ELCC. Their obedience has made what should have taken a year and a half to accomplish, happen in one month. God's mighty power is at work, and we are witnessing God perform miracles in the lives of His people and through this ministry.

So, what's next? We are working to secure funding for construction and obtain final approval on the site and building plans. We will continue with our 2024 Pledge Campaign started in March. It will run through October 1, 2024. We don't know what the final cost of the building will be or what exactly we'll need once we move in, so we will continue raising funds and hope you will consider making a pledge.

In the last newsletter, I mentioned that we would welcome personal loans that individuals would like to make towards our building goal. At this point, we are no longer in need of personal loans from individuals. God has met the current need, and we are grateful to Him for this.

Below is an updated building timeline. Dates are estimated and may change. I will update the timeline accordingly in our quarterly newsletters.

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	May 15, 2024	In Progress
Submit application & drawings for building per-	Architect	May 31, 2024	Outstanding
Obtain building loan approval	Pastor & Lender	June 1, 2024	In Progress
Building permit approved	Town of Fuquay-Varina	June 30, 2024	Outstanding
Apply for construction permit	Architect	July 15, 2024	Outstanding
Construction permit approved	Town of Fuquay-Varina	August 15, 2024	Outstanding
Execute construction contract with Builder	Cornerstone Builders & ELCC	August 31, 2024	Outstanding
Complete pre-construction steps and process	Cornerstone Builders & ELCC	September 15, 2024	Outstanding
Building construction begins (6-8 month process)	Cornerstone Builders	October 31, 2024	Outstanding
Building construction ends (6-8 month process)	Cornerstone Builders	April 15, 2025	Outstanding



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In addition to working on building our church, we have another Community Meals Distribution planned this summer. Your help is needed and welcomed to ensure our outreach is a success. If you are interested in contributing to our meals program, please visit our website and use the giving options available here. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer for this program, please let us know.

*Join us on Sunday, **April 28** at **Unity Outreach for a Fellowship Service** with **Pastor Bryant**. Their church is located at 384 Fuller Dr., Lillington, NC. Visit our website more information on this and other upcoming events.*

This journey is just beginning, and is truly a faith walk. We have trusted God every step of the way and will continue to trust him throughout this process. Please continue to pray for us as we do the same for you.

PRAYER FOR THIS SEASON

Your grace is enough for me! Help me dear Lord to see what You have placed in front of me, the doors you have opened, and walk boldly through them all. This year, I trust you to be with me, guide me, protect me, and minister to me in all areas of my life. I want to be complete in You. Help me to use my testimony, adversity, hardships, mountains and valleys of life, in a way that will still glorify You. My life may not be perfect, but my God is. You have never left me, although I have gone astray and chosen my own way at times, You remain faithful. Open my eyes to see as You see, help my actions to reflect Yours, when You move, give me strength to follow and obey. I may not always understand Your ways, for they are higher than mine. But one thing I am confident in is Your faithfulness and provision, and they always operate in love. I wasn't there when You laid the foundations of the earth (Job 38:1-7), but I will trust You because You did (lay the foundations of the earth). My problems will not be too hard for You to solve. Have Your way in me, my life is Yours.

