

E-LIFE NEWS

EVERLASTING LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER



ELCC APRIL—JUNE 2023 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

UPDATES ON CHURCH PROGRESS CAN BE FOUND USING THE LINK BELOW:

[FUQUAY VARINA WEBSITE.](#)



REFLECTIONS

“ENDEAVOURING TO KEEP THE UNITY
OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF
PEACE.”
- EPHESIANS 4:3

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UPDATES TO OUR WEBSITE!

- Our **RESOURCE** page has been updated for better navigating, better access to lessons and study material.
- This is the **LAST WEEKEND** to submit applications for the scholarship that will be awarded at the Annual Scholarship Recognition Service in June. Details can be found using the **RESOURCE** tab. The application is available on our website until, **Monday, May 1st 12:59pm.**

“AND THE GOD OF ALL GRACE, WHO CALLED YOU TO HIS ETERNAL GLORY IN CHRIST, AFTER YOU HAVE SUFFERED A LITTLE WHILE, WILL HIMSELF RESTORE YOU AND MAKE YOU STRONG, FIRM AND STEADFAST. TO HIM BE THE POWER FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.”

- 1 PETER 5:10-11

PRAYER FOR THIS SEASON

*Thank You Lord for allowing us to see another day. Forgive us for our sins and help us to repent swiftly when we do. You are a forgiving, gracious, and merciful Father who desires a relationship with us. If there be any wicked way in us, cleanse us Lord. Thank You for the sacrifice only Jesus could've made on the cross at Calvary. Now, we can go straight to the Father because, Jesus, **You are the Way!** We believe. We believe You did it! We believe EVERY promise You make is YES and AMEN. We will trust our lives, our family, our finances, our jobs, and our steps are ordered by You Lord. Our community will know that truth by the lives we live and the service we do. Help us to be bold and sure of the calling You have given us. Touch our bodies. Touch the minds and hands of our earthly doctors as they practice, perform surgeries, and research. Let them be led by You and allow them to see Your hand move and have no choice but to give You glory. Give us wisdom as we enter doctor's and law offices so that we may ask the right questions. Even in our lowest times, weakest times, may we physically, mentally, emotionally know without a doubt You are with us! As You speak, let Your servant know and listen to your voice, dear God. Touch our minds, bringing every thought into the obedience of Christ. Heal our bodies, outward and to the utmost. May we never waver or be ashamed. For You are God and there is no other. Selah.*



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“FOR WITH GOD NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE.”

LUKE 1:37 KJV

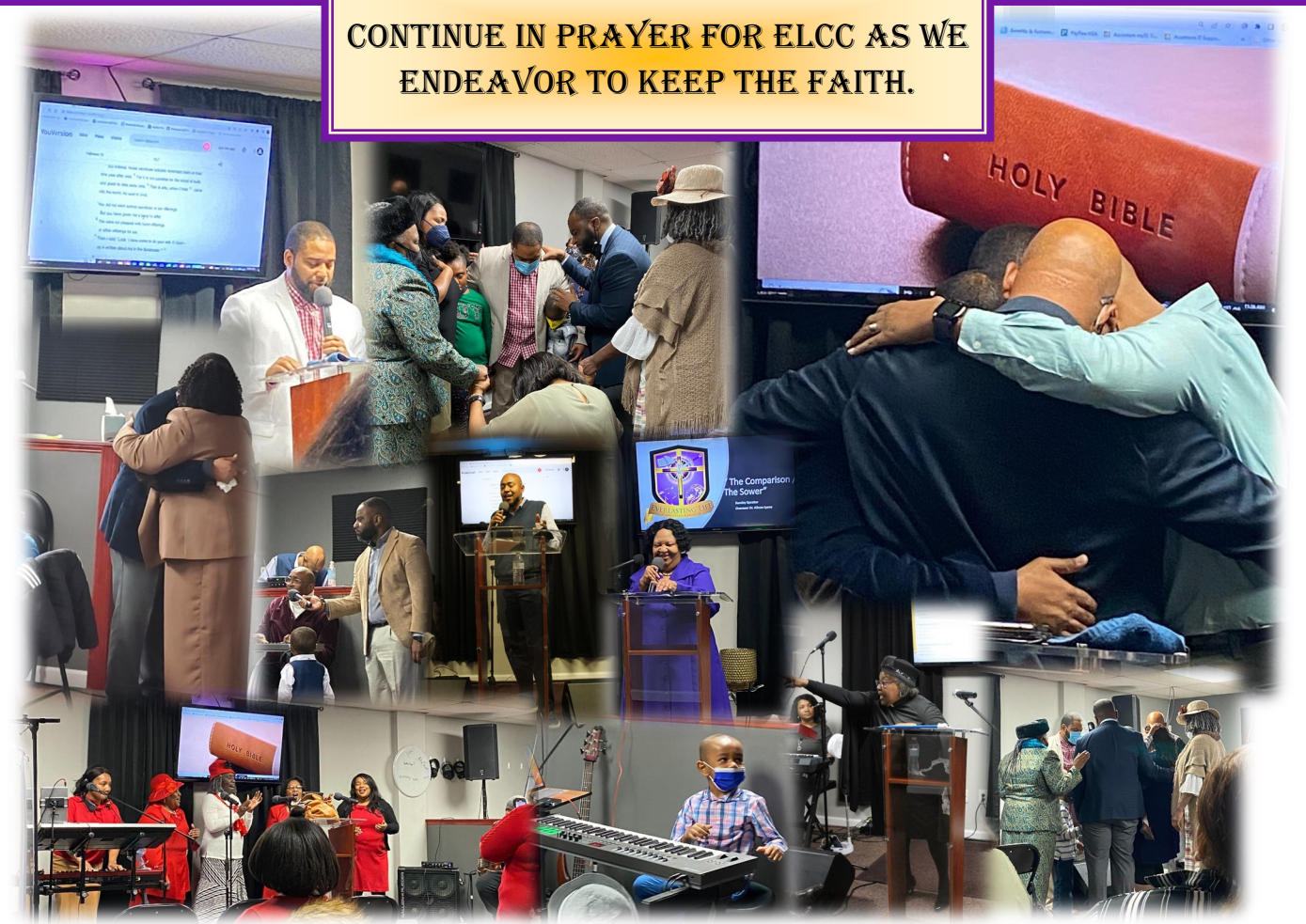
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THE WORD IN ACTION—ELCC MINISTERS

During the last quarter of 2022 and first quarter of 2023, ELCC ministers shared messages.

When Jesus spoke in parables, it was a way to bring deeper understanding of what God was saying. Since His ways and thoughts are higher than ours (Isaiah 55:8-9), He provides practical ways for us to understand. Although, not always immediately and clearly. However, the more we read, the more we understand. We are currently in Spring. People are planting their gardens and tilling ground, preparing the soil; as we should with the Word year-round. Once the seed is planted, we do not see what is happening in the soil; that does not keep the sower from sowing. As we read and share the Gospel, we will be tested on what we have heard and spoken. Individuals shared how they made it through each test and also saw areas in their life they were convicted and correction was necessary. Because we know we need a Savior, we will not be ashamed of our **TEST**imony. We shall reap if we faint not (Galatians 6:9).

CONTINUE IN PRAYER FOR ELCC AS WE ENDEAVOR TO KEEP THE FAITH.



“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



PASTOR WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT & STATE OF THE MINISTRY

PASTOR STEPHEN LYONS

On Tuesday, January 24th our Engineer and Architect presented our Site Plan and current building plan to the Town of Fuquay-Varina in a Pre-submittal Meeting. The Committee reviewed the plan and provided us with feedback in April. The Engineer and Architect are working on the plan updates and resubmittal of the drawings. We're hoping by June we'll receive final approval on the site plan and by the end of September our building renderings will be approved.

In the meantime, we plan to have at least one event on the church's land in 2023. A BIG thanks to Deacon Bryant who added rocks to the unpaved land driveway. We're hoping this will make it easier for vehicles to access the church's land.

In April we started another Pledge Drive. This pledge will run through the end of September.

Please let us know if you're interested in contributing towards our 2023 Pledge Drive. We're believing God that we will reach our \$65,000 Building Fund Goal by end of December 2023.

You can be part of helping us accomplish this goal. We're already half-way there!

Right now, we're just believing God for the impossible. Humanly speaking, it is impossible, but with God everything is possible (Matthew 19:26). Remember, the Lord doesn't choose us based on size, quantity, acumen, or intellect. He actually chooses us because we don't fit these 'check-the-box' criteria. This makes us perfect candidates for God's work. Moses told the Children of Israel that, "The Lord did not set his heart on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other nations, for you were the smallest of all nations! Rather, it was simply that the Lord loves you, and he was keeping the oath he had sworn to your ancestors."

Until the next newsletter, may we always obey the voice of our Father and remember it is He who chose us, called us, and anointed us for the work ahead!

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

