

# E-LIFE NEWS

EVERLASTING LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER



## WEEKLY SERVICES

- SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.  
(VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON BY RSVP ONLY)
- MONDAY 7:00 A.M. MEN'S PRAYER CALL
- MONDAY 7:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM (LIVE YOUTUBE/FACEBOOK)
- 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

The Sunday service on July 10th was a full day! We had a guest national recording artist sing and awarded the scholarship to the 2022 recipient.

On behalf of Everlasting Life Christian Church, your donations and support made this possible.

More details on following pages.

## HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE

Visit our website!

[Merchandise](#) and Other Ways to [Donate](#)

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

"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



WE ARE VISITING ELCC 3-ACRES OF LAND ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 20TH. PLEASE [EMAIL](#) FOR MORE DETAILS.



# REFLECTIONS

"4 FOR AS IN ONE BODY WE HAVE MANY MEMBERS, AND THE MEMBERS DO NOT ALL HAVE THE SAME FUNCTION, 5 SO WE, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST, AND INDIVIDUALLY MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER. "  
ROMANS 12:4-5

## "STAY CONNECTED TO THE SOURCE"

- MIN. DALLAS LYONS III

Recently, I got two of my wisdom teeth drilled down. Unfortunately, they both were too close to the nerve to get them completely removed. During the healing process, a part of one tooth broke off in my gums. When I went back for a check up, the dentist told me he had to go back in to take the chipped tooth out. I didn't want him to go back in, especially while being awake, but if he didn't I would risk my condition getting worse. Meaning, I would be in pain, and the chipped tooth could cause an infection.

In this moment God spoke to me and said,

"A tooth disconnected in the gums can cause infection. A tooth connected in the gums gives your tooth stability, and serves a purpose.

A piece misplaced can cause infection instead of protection. Disconnected pieces promote fragility instead of stability."

Although it was a piece of tooth, inside the mouth, even inside the gums, it couldn't serve a purpose because it wasn't connected. How many of us have wrongfully assumed we are serving our purpose because we've identified who we are, and we are in the right environment? Connected parts of the body naturally experience wear and tear, they are tested and they are used.

Romans 12:4-5 says it like this:

"For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."

Romans 12:4-5 KJV

<https://bible.com/bible/1/rom.12.4-5.KJV>

The church is an organism. We should, to some extent, be dependent on one another to accomplish a common goal. If you are not working, yet find yourself sitting in the right atmosphere, I challenge you to get connected. If you sit too long, disconnected you may find yourself malnourished (externally), and discouraged (internally). Nourishment is a result of connection. That tooth fragment was a risk instead of a benefit because it wasn't connected to the system which nourishes it.

"from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

Ephesians 4:16 KJV

<https://bible.com/bible/1/eph.4.16.KJV>

Everyone has a purpose, and a need to supply. Get connected.

"FROM WHOM THE WHOLE BODY, JOINED AND HELD TOGETHER BY EVERY JOINT WITH WHICH IT IS EQUIPPED, CWHEN EACH PART IS WORKING PROPERLY, MAKES THE BODY GROW SO THAT IT BUILDS ITSELF UP IN LOVE.."

EPHESIANS 4:16



# REFLECTIONS

## CONTINUED

"COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND  
BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST."

MATTHEW 11:28

### "JULY: THE MONTH OF REST & REJOICING" BY CHRIS MALALE - SUBMITTED BY AILEEN LYONS

Leviticus 23:24 "Speak to the children of Israel saying, In the seventh month of the first of the month, you shall have a rest, a reminder by blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation."

SEVEN (7) Stands for

(1)-Completion

(2)-Perfection

(3)-Rest (Genesis 2:2)

The Lord rested on the seventh day.

God instituted this day as a day of rest and celebration for the children of Israel.

Today in the Name of Jesus Christ I declare that you may receive a divine rest from all your struggles and stress.

I declare the door of celebration, enlargement and Jubilation is opened before you in Jesus Name.

May you have a Joyful month (Psalms 118:24). This is the day, the month that the Lord has made, may you rejoice and be glad in it.

I declare Psalms 30 :5 over your lives ... weeping may endure for a night but Joy comes in the Morning.

Receive the Joy of the Lord.

"TO EVERY THING THERE IS A SEASON, AND A TIME TO EVERY PURPOSE UNDER THE HEAVEN:"  
ECCLESIASTES 3:1

## ELCC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

### JULY 10, 2022

### CONGRATULATIONS!

### JEFFREY "BLAKE" JONES

More details about the recipient on page 4.





# MOMENTS CAPTURED

## PRAYER FOR THIS SEASON

*As we enter the land you have given us, give us wisdom and guide our every footstep. Selah. We trust the plan you have set before us, our work will bring You glory, and testify of Your goodness. Selah. We are thankful for every breath. Selah. Thank you for favor and grace with every season. Amen.*

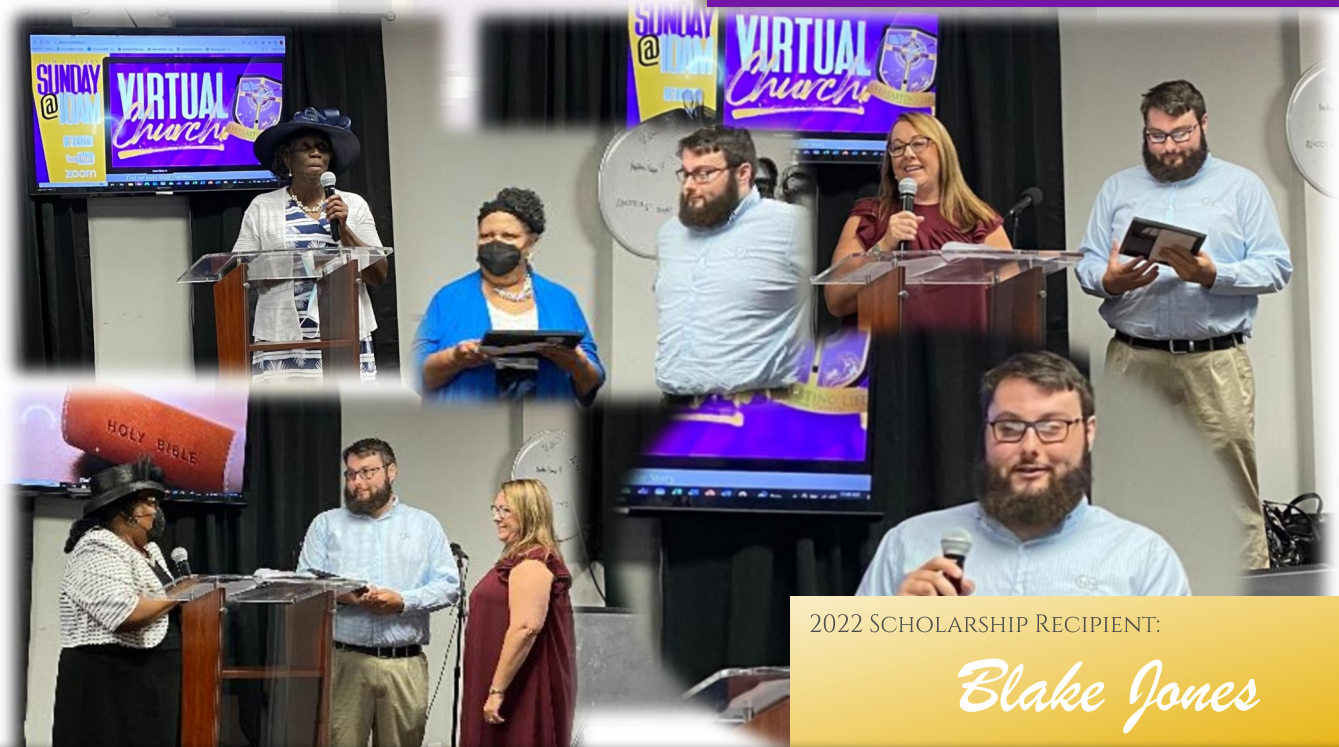
*(As stated on page 1, we are visiting ELCC land on Saturday, August 20th. Please [email](#) for more details.)*



NATIONAL RECORDING ARTIST:

*Keith 'Wonderboy' Johnson*

*Special guest & minister of music.  
Thank you for your continued support and  
friendship over the years!*



2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

*Blake Jones*

*The ELCC Scholarship Committee (Minister Wilson, Evangelist Bouknight, and Overseer Lyons) reviewed the application candidates, those who completed all the necessary requirements, including documentation.*

*Jeffrey "Blake" Jones, accompanied by his mother Amy Jones, earned the 2022 Academic Scholarship on Sunday, July 10, 2022. He is a Political Science and History major with minor in Religious Studies. He would like to pursue a degree in Law to serve those unable to secure a lawyer. Congratulations Jeffrey "Blake" Jones!*



# PASTOR WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT & STATE OF THE MINISTRY

PASTOR STEPHEN LYONS



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I want to start off by personally Congratulating our 2022 ELCC Scholarship Recipient – Mr. Jeffrey Blake Jones. This is Blake's 3rd year receiving our scholarship. I am proud of Blake and see the hand of God all over his life. Oh, the things that God has in store for this young man! We pray and wish him God speed in all his endeavors!

We are half-way through 2022 and the progress we have made is both tangible and inspirational! I am proud and pleased to announce that we've signed contracts with Steve Hall Architecture, PLLC and The Curry Engineering Group, PLLC. Steve Hall is working on our building design and permitting from the Town of Fuquay-Varina, while Don Curry is working to complete our Site Plan and obtain approval from the Town on it. None of this is cheap! We are looking at a total cost of \$45,000 for these services, but because of your liberal giving we have the funds in hand to cover these costs. Thank you and DON'T STOP GIVING!

I praise God because in the 2Q'22 Newsletter one of our goals was to combine the church's two lots into one; well, we accomplished this in June...and by the way our Surveyor – Wayne Mauldin – did it at NO cost to the ministry. Another major ministry milestone achieved!

Our goals for the remainder of the year are:

- Obtain Building Loan approval
- Sign agreement with Contractor
- Receive Building & Site Plan Permits from the Town of Fuquay-Varina

We recently joined a new social media platform – Tik Tok. Be on the lookout for content from our new Tik Tok account – username ELCChurchNC – in the early Fall of 2022.

Finally, I want to thank Keith "Wonderboy" Johnson for dropping in Sunday, July 10th and joining us in worship. He always blesses us when he comes through!

God continues to remind me and show me that He is with us and fighting for us. We can never go wrong obeying the voice of God and will never be disappointed with the outcome from our obedience to His voice.

The words of Nehemiah 2:20 gives me encouragement and strength in these times. As Nehemiah encouraged the Jews during the rebuilding of the walls and gates around Jerusalem, I want to encourage your hearts today. The God of heaven will help us succeed! We, His servants, will build this church! 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 come to pass!

