

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
August 17, 2014



**“It is good
for us to
be here.”**

MARK 9:5

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

August 17, 2014

"If you want to become fully mature in the Lord, you must learn to love truth. Otherwise, you will always leave open a door of deception for the enemy to take what is meant to be yours." Joyce Meyers

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

We are invited into the presence of God!

Please turn your cell phones off

Please sign the register book & pass it on.

PRELUDE

HYMNS OF PRAISE

Worship Facilitator

Mary Bivens

HYMN #57

"This Is My Father's World"

HYMN #61

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

HYMN #68

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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HEARING FROM GOD

We give our attention to God by opening our lives to His Word!

We invite God's Spirit to take this Word into our lives that we might be formed into the image and likeness of Jesus!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ." (Philippians 1:27a)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Children dismissed for Children's Church, please for ages 3 thru 5th grade only).

WORDS FROM GOD

Matthew 15:21-28

Scripture Reader, Pat Hudson

RESPONDING TO GOD

Now that God has spoken to us, it is time for us to speak to Him!

MESSAGE

“Jesus’ Cold Heart”
Pastor Steve Peterson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.”

(Ephesians 4:29 NLT) Watch the words you say to others.

Pray that God will control your thoughts and tongue.

OFFERTORY

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

BEING SENT BY GOD

God sends us out into the world that he desperately loves.

His presence goes with us. We leave as God’s agents of grace and mercy.

HYMN #13

“We Exalt Thee”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Reading for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Romans 6:5</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Hebrews 13:6</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Psalms 119:90</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Acts 2:38</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>1 John 4:4</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Matthew 28:20</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 12:9</i>

TODAY’S GREETERS

Pat Hudson & Karen Johnson

HEAD USHER

Orlin Johnson

USHERS

Chris Carsell, Josh Parrott, Gary Wells

SOUND SYSTEM

Don Yoeckel

“Jesus’ Cold Heart”

Matthew 15:21-28

- A) Intro & Context
- B) God’s harshness ends in mercy
 - a. Hagar & Ishmael thrown out by Sarah (Gen. 21:17-18)
 - b. Joseph’s brothers sell him into slavery (Gen. 45:5-7)
 - c. Hezekiah’s prayer: “Surely it was for my benefit that I suffered such anguish. In your love you kept me from the pit of destruction; you have put all my sins behind your back.” (Isa. 38:17)
 - d. Disobedient Israel will receive mercy: “Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God’s mercy to you.” (Rom. 11:30-31)
 - e. Key verse: “For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.” Rom. 11:32
 - i. John Nordstrom: “We have all been set up to need mercy.”
 - ii. Our wrong expectation: As if we could skate thru life w/ no failures, no shame—tied to original sin: “to be like God”
 - iii. Bound to disobedience, bound to fail: Fail & fall hard >> shame>> blaming or self-loathing
 - iv. God’s next step: MERCY!! Eph. 2:8-9 is key.
- C) Shedding light on our hardships
 - a. Evaluate if sin is the source of your suffering (cf. Num. 14:34; Ps. 16:4; 107:17; Rev. 2:22) “Some became fools through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction because of their iniquities” (Ps. 107:17)
 - b. Recognize that suffering is a normal factor in life (Rom. 8:17; 2 Cor. 1:5-7; Phil. 1:29) “For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to **suffer** for him” (Phil. 1:29)
 - c. Suffering cleanses us of sin (1 Pt. 4:1) (cf. Isa. 38:17; 58:1-10; Rom. 6:18) “...he who has suffered in his body is done w/ sin” (1 Pt. 4:1)
 - d. Suffering develops character in us (Rom. 5:3-5; Ja. 1:3-4) “...suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope” (Rom. 5:3b-4)

- e. Rejoice in suffering (Mt. 5:10-12; Acts 5:41; Rom. 5:3; Ja. 1:2-4; 1 Pt. 3:14; 4:12-14) "Consider it pure joy... whenever you face trials of many kinds" (Ja. 1:2)
- f. Consider our present suffering compared to our future glory (2 Cor. 4:7-18) (cf. Ps. 30:5; Rom. 8:18; 1 Pt. 4:13) "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all" (2 Cor. 4:17)
- g. In suffering, it's all right to be angry (cf. Ps. 6:3; 13:1-2; 22:1-2) "How long will you hide your face from me?" (Ps. 13:1b)

D) Conclusion

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: Another successful Trivia Night!

Prayer Concerns: Hot weather – just in time for the students going back to school! Adjustments & safety for college students.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Unspoken needs of our brothers & sisters: Dorothy & Adolph Laurick, June Riley, Anna Swanson, Vivian Smith, Gene & Ellie Wildermuth, Betty Lindberg, Marj Nelson, Jay Stanley, John Hutchison, Travis Ferry, families who have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

Prayer Notes:



Sunday Prayer Following Worship

Please feel free to take your burden or praise to one of the Elim Prayer Team members available to pray with you. Team members include: Julie, Linda, Carolyn, Juanita, Dee & Tasha and can be easily found at the back of the sanctuary in the northeast classroom.



Monday Evening Prayer Gathering

Each Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. there is a prayer gathering held at Elim. You are encouraged to come and pray with the team members and share your requests/praises.

Prayer Chain

The prayer network is used when special needs arise during the week. Call Judy at the church 764-6920 Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. otherwise call or text Tasha Munger @ (309) 281-8784 with your request. If no answer, you may leave your concern on the answer machine and it will be relayed ASAP.



TACO FUNDRAISER TODAY

Please join us today following worship for Juanita's taco fundraiser. Juanita is raising funds for her upcoming mission trip to Colombia in November.



S.P.L.A.S.H.

Ladies: please try to attend the next S.P.L.A.S.H. meeting on Saturday, Aug. 23rd
@ 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.....

there is something different in the air!!

Come and see!!!!



I would like to express my gratitude to everyone for all the thoughts and prayers on my behalf. Travis Ferry



Women's Fall Fellowship Retreat
Dates are: September 12-14 or
September 19-21.

There is a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 and the remaining fee is due by August 22, 2014. More information and registration rates and forms are on the round table in the gathering area.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun	Aug 17	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 11:45 a.m. Collection for CF following worship 12 Noon Taco Fundraiser for Juanita's Colombia Trip
Mon	Aug 18	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Wed	Aug 20	6:00 p.m. Dollar Dinner 6:30 p.m. Youth
Sun	Aug 24	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon	Aug 25	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Wed	Aug 27	8:30-11 a.m. CIU – YMCA Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dollar Dinner 6:30 p.m. Youth
Sun	Aug 31	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon	Sept 1	Labor Day – Church Office Closed
Tue	Sept 2	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. MLT Meeting
Wed	Sept 3	6:00 p.m. Dollar Dinner 6:30 p.m. Youth
Sat	Sept 6	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 11:00a-2:00 p Elim Block Party
Sun	Sept 7	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon	Sept 8	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Wed	Sept 10	6:00 p.m. Dollar Dinner 6:30 p.m. Youth
Thur	Sept 11	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study 5:30–7:00 pm. Julie Wells Women's Bible Study(note time change)
Fri	Sept 12	5:00 p.m. CIU – Pampered Chef Party

August Birthdays

18 – Jim Carsell
20 – Chris Carsell
21 – Dewey Jacks
21 – Cheri Nelsen
31 – Tabatha Estes

September Birthdays

3 – Madeline Lumpkin
4 – Austin Fowler

August Anniversaries

21 – Jim & Carolyn Carsell

September Anniversaries

5 – Don & Jane Peterson
9 – John & Pam Thompson

CIU – means Church In Use

Office e-mail office@elimqc.com

Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 30 Worship = 135

Mowing Schedule Aug. 22 Jim Nelson & Mike Hermann Aug. 29 John Clarke & C. Grimes

CHILD CARE THIS WEEK

Nursery Lori & Elizabeth Smith

Children's Church 3-6 yrs Cindy Minard & Amanda Dang Cheryl Bear & Juanita Arellanos

Children's Church 2nd-5th grades Dora Beth & P. Thompson Mary Bivens & M. DeArmond

Pastor's e-mail pastor@elimqc.org Greg's e-mail youth@elimqc.org 764-6920

NEXT WEEK