

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
August 24, 2014

“MORE POWERFUL THAN DEATH”

**I WILL BUILD
MY CHURCH**

and the gates of hell
will not overpower it

Matthew 16:18

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

August 24, 2014

"Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste of death but once." (William Shakespeare)

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

SONGS OF PRAISE

Worship Facilitator

Greg Burney

"O Praise Him"

"Peace of God"

"Cornerstone"

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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 16:13-20

Scripture Reader, Dewey Jacks

RESPONDING TO GOD

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

MESSAGE “More Powerful Than Death” Pastor Steve Peterson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Pray that you can be content with where you are and what you have.
“Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with
whatever I have.” (Philippians 4:11 NLT)*

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.

SONG “How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Reading for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Isaiah 57:17-18</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Revelation 3:19</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Ephesians 2:14</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Psalms 55:22</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>1 Peter 2:5</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Matthew 28:20</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>John 14:2-3</i>

TODAY’S GREETERS	Rachel Cunningham & Mike Hermann
HEAD USHER	Orlin Johnson
USHERS	Chris Carsell, Josh Parrott, Gary Wells
SOUND SYSTEM	Josh Parrott

“More Powerful Than Death”

Matthew 16:13-20

- 1) Exodus 1:8-2:10 “... the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites and worked them ruthlessly” (v. 12b-13a)
 - a. Racial tension, strong prejudice: Fears give way to violence and injustice. Sound familiar?!
 - b. Foul breezes: The possibility of dark days ahead (e.g. economic unrest, political unrest, int’l politics—wars, genocide, etc) (Mt. 24:32; Lk. 21:29-31; Rom. 13:11; Ja. 5:8)
 - c. My commitment: To prepare you for tribulation (Mt. 5:10-12; 24:9-13, 42-46; Mk. 13:5-37; Eph. 4:11-12; 2 Tim. 2:2, 21; 3:17; Rev. 2:10-11) “He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death” (Rev. 2:11b)
- 2) Psalms 124 “If the Lord had not been on our side...” (v. 1)
 - a. Richard Rohr’s “Five Essential Truths”
 - i. Life is hard (Jn. 16:33; 2 Tim. 3:12)
 - ii. You are not that important (Rom. 12:3; 1 Pt. 5:5)
 - iii. Your life is not about you (Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:21)
 - iv. You are not in control (Pr. 20:24; Jer. 10:23)
 - v. You are going to die (Pr. 11:7; Heb. 9:27)
 - b. It’s all about God’s sovereignty (Jer. 29:11; Rom. 8:28; 11:36; Eph. 1:11)
 - c. It’s all about eternity (Eccl. 3:11; Dan. 4:3,34; Jn. 3:16,36; 5:24; 6:27; 12:25; Rom. 6:22; 2 Cor. 4:17-18; 5:1; Jude 1:21) “Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for **eternal life**” (Jn. 12:25)
- 3) Matthew 16:13-20 “... I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it” (v. 18)
 - a. Jesus is the Messiah: That is SUCH GOOD NEWS!! (Mk. 1:1; Jn. 11:27; 20:31; Acts 5:42)
 - b. Jesus has established His Church (Eph. 1:23; 2:20; 4:11-16)
 - c. Stronger than death (Jn. 11:25; 1 Cor. 15:54-55,57; Eph. 4:8; Rev. 1:18; 20:14). Note: “Gates of Hades” = “power of death” (cf. Job 17:16; 38:17; Ps. 9:13; Isa. 38:10; 61:1)
- 4) Rom. 12:1-8 “Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship” (v. 1)

- a. From brokenness to mercy (Rom. 9:23; 11:32; Eph. 2:4-5; Titus 3:3-5)
 - b. From mercy to holiness (Rom. 12:1; 1 Pt. 2:9-10)
 - c. The resulting transformation (1 Tim. 1:16; Titus 3:5-7; 1 Pt. 1:3)
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PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: Fall activities are starting up soon @ Elim!

Prayer Concerns: Our Elim shut-ins: The Block Party.

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



Juanita would like to thank everyone who helped, purchased and ate tacos for her mission trip fundraiser. Thanks to our efforts she is at 46% of her goal.

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FOR THE BABY SHOWER

Abigail Akpla would like everyone to know how much she appreciates her Elim family for the shower they gave her for baby Oriane. They are most grateful.





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.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for the great turnout for Christmas in July. Because of your generosity we collected many items and donations for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Look for future announcements about a packing party.

Phone Directory Correction

The correct e-mail address for Scott & Tracy Sandholm should be: scottandtracy1310@yahoo.com

If there are any other corrections – please let the church office know & pick-up your directory.

