

# ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

August 31, 2014



# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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*"God is more concerned about our character than our comfort.  
His goal is not to pamper us physically but to perfect us  
spiritually."*

## **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

Zach Coil

*"You Are Good"*

*"Holy Is the Lord"*

*"Lord, Prepare Me"*

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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**

Romans 12:9-21

*Scripture Reader, Jim Carsell*



# “Words to Live By”

## Romans 12:9-21

1. Sincerity of love (vv. 9a, 10a) “Love must be sincere... Be devoted to one another in love.” (cf. Jn. 15:13; 1 Tim. 1:5; 1 Pt. 1:22; 1 Jn. 3:16)
2. Living in extremes (v. 9b) “Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.” (cf. Pr. 8:13; Amos 5:15a; Mt. 18:18; 1 Cor. 13:6; 1 Thes. 5:21-22). Note: Caution is Eccl. 7:16-18.
3. Right perspective (10b) “Honor one another above yourselves.” (cf. Phil. 2:3-8; 1 Pt. 5:5)
4. Christian zeal (v. 11) “Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.” Note: God loves the zealots! (i.e. Levites [Ex. 32:26; Deut. 33:9]; Phineas [Num. 25:6-13]; Elijah [1 Kg. 19:10]; disciples [Mt. 10:37; 19:27])
5. Powerful triad (v. 12) “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” (cf. Rom. 5:3-5; Heb. 10:32-39; 1 Pt. 4:12-19; Lk. 18:1-8; 1 Thes. 5:17)
6. Sharing and hospitality (v. 13) “Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” (cf. Pr. 22:9; Isa. 58:6-7; Heb. 13:2).
7. Response toward persecution (v. 14) “Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.” (cf. Mt. 5:38-48; Lk. 6:28; 1 Cor. 4:12). Note: Only possible thru the Holy Spirit.
8. A proper balance (v. 15) “Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.” (cf. Eccl. 3:1-8; Jn. 17:11,21,23; Acts 4:32). Note: Unity of heart is key & is God’s hope for us.
9. Humble toward others (v. 16) “Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.” (cf. Mt. 11:19; 1 Cor. 1:26-29; Phil. 2:1-8; Ja. 3:17)
10. Avoid revenge (vv. 17A; 19-20) “Do not repay anyone evil for evil... Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay,’ says the Lord. On the contrary: ‘If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.’” (cf. Lev. 19:18; Deut. 32:35; 1 Sam. 26 [David spares Saul’s life]; Pr. 25:21-22; Mt. 5:44).
11. Living in peace with others (vv. 17b-18) “Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” (cf. 2 Cor. 8:21; 2 Tim. 2:24-25; Tit. 2:7-8; 3:1-2)
12. Overcoming evil with good (v. 21) “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (cf. 1 Sam. 26; Lk. 6:27-36; 1 Cor. 4:12-13; 1 Pt. 2:15,23).

## **PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Praises:** “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” Psalm 139:14

**Prayer Concerns:** Elim Block Party!! Fall schedules.  
Labor Day Activities.

### **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, Lyle & Maurine Beresford, 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.



A  From the Choir Director

It's that time of year again when we gather together to lift our voices in praise to our God and King and prepare music for worship on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. I would like to extend a heartfelt invitation to everyone who would like to experience the making of joyful music to the Lord. Please join us on Wednesday evening, September 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:45 p.m. for our first choir practice. We will be warming up our vocal chords and practicing some awesome music as well as sharing fellowship, devotion and prayer time with the Lord.

Choir is a unique worship experience that you won't want to miss, so let me encourage you to try it out if you've ever given it any thought at all. We're holding a seat just for you!

Linda Gilmour

# THURSDAY NIGHT



The Julie Wells Thursday night Bible study will start off the fall season on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. There is a time change this year – so please be aware the study will start meeting at 5:30 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. You are welcome to bring a sack meal with you if you are coming from work and don't have time to go home first. Our topic will be "Joseph's Life: When God Sends Curve Balls – Hit 'Em Out of the Park!"

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## DINING TOURS BOOKS

We have the 2014-2015 Dining Tours Books available for sale in the church office. The price is still \$35.00 each & lots of new restaurants have been added. There is a list of the restaurants on the bulletin board. Like before the proceeds will be divided between youth & missions. See Judy if you would like to purchase a book.

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### *FUTURE DATES to NOTE*

- Oct. 5            Soup & Salad Luncheon following worship*
- Oct. 11 & 12    Silent Auction fundraiser for Juanita's Colombia trip*
- Oct. 26           Chips 'n Salsa following worship*
- Nov. 8           Operation Christmas Child packing party 9:00–11:00 am*
- Nov. 14          Ladies Holiday Tea*

