

**ELIM COVENANT CHURCH**  
**September 14, 2014**



# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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"We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love."

(Martin Luther King, Jr.)

## 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

*"Blessed Be Your Name"*

*"One Thing Remains"*

*"Cornerstone"*

*CCLI #2005052*

## 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

*"The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."*

*(1 Timothy 1:5)*

## DAVE CHRISTY TESTIMONY

## 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, Natalie Hermann*

## **RESPONDING TO GOD**

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

**MESSAGE**      **“Words to Live By (Part 3)”**  
**Pastor Steve Peterson**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*“God is bigger than our weaknesses, but remember God is also bigger than our strengths!” Pray that God will help you with what you are “strong” at, not just what you are “weak” at.*

### **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**

*“Come Thou Fount”*

### **BENEDICTION**

#### *Scripture Reading for the Week*

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Sunday</i>    | <i>Philippians 3:20</i>   |
| <i>Monday</i>    | <i>2 Corinthians 5:17</i> |
| <i>Tuesday</i>   | <i>Jeremiah 29:13</i>     |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Romans 8:31</i>        |
| <i>Thursday</i>  | <i>Hebrews 4:9-10</i>     |
| <i>Friday</i>    | <i>Psalms 91:11</i>       |
| <i>Saturday</i>  | <i>2 Corinthians 1:20</i> |

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**TODAY’S GREETERS**

Don Peterson & Gary Wells

**HEAD USHER**

Tom Dang

**USHERS**

L.J. Cunningham, Josh Parrott & Don Peterson

**SOUND SYSTEM**

Josh Parrott

# “Words to Live By” (Part 3)

## Romans 12:9-21

- 1) Intro & Context: Developing a solid, Christian character
- 2) 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)
- 3) 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; Pr. 25:21-22; Mt. 5:44).
  - **Only if** controlled by the Holy Spirit
  - **Only if** heaven dominates your perspective
  - **Only if** you know justice will come in God’s time
  - **Only if** you believe in God’s redeeming power
- 4) 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)
- 5) 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). E.g. Quotes by Martin Luther King, Jr:
  - “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”
  - “Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend.”
  - “I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.”
- 6) Conclusion

## PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

**Praises:** Thanking our Lord for gifts unimaginable!

**Prayer Concerns:** Elim shut-ins; Upcoming mission events – Don Neer’s mission trip Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>; Three from Mexico coming in Oct.; Juanita Arellanos mission trip in Nov.

### **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.

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# Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



*Please join Carol & Dewey Jacks in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary for a cake reception following worship on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations!!*

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will have a congregational meeting on Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> following worship & during the soup & salad time. There will be a Q&A time again during the meeting.

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### Colombia

Please join Juanita Arellanos at her residence 509- 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Silvis for a Pampered Chef open house on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monies raised from this event will help Juanita in her quest to raise funds for her mission trip to Colombia this coming November.

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### S.P.L.A.S.H. MEETING

The next S.P.L.A.S.H. meeting will be held on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. There is much to discuss and plan, so your comments and input is important. Please try to attend and share your ideas for upcoming events and activities. See Julie Wells with any questions. Thank you.

# MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY, OCT. 4<sup>TH</sup>.

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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 & mission trip accounts.

See Judy if you would like to purchase a book.

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## TRAILBLAZERS



**All children in grades Pre School - 5<sup>th</sup>**

6pm - 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights. Pizza will be served

We look forward to a season of fun as we blaze the trail of life with Jesus as our guide! **Bring your friends!!**

Fun lessons

Games

Service Projects

Crafts

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## SOUP & SALAD LUNCHEON

We are having a free soup & salad lunch at Elim on Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> right after worship. If you can volunteer to make soup or a salad for this event, please contact Mary Bivens or Cheryl Bear. Please let them know ASAP.

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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (SHOEBOX PROJECT) PACKING PARTY!!

*Mark your calendar! Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Plenty of school supplies were donated – so thank you! Items still needed: stuffed animals, coloring books, toothpaste/toothbrushes, hard candy (dum-dums are good!), Ziplock bags (sandwich & snack size). Monetary donations are welcome too for shipping costs necessary to mail the shoeboxes. Thank you.*

## ***LOOKING AHEAD***

|      |         |  |
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| Sun  | Sept 14 | 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation<br>10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service   |
| Mon  | Sept 15 | 5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering  |
| Wed  | Sept 17 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. Trailblazers<br>6:30 p.m. Youth<br>6:45 p.m. Choir Practice   |
| Thur | Sept 18 | 9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study<br>5:30 p.m. Julie Wells Women's Bible Study   |
| Sat  | Sept 20 | CIU – Private Wedding  |
| Sun  | Sept 21 | 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation<br>10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service<br>11:45 a.m. Collection for CF following worship<br>12 noon Cake Reception for Carol & Dewey's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. |
| Mon  | Sept 22 | 5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering  |
| Tue  | Sept 23 | 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice   |
| Wed  | Sept 24 | 6:00-7:30pm Trailblazers<br>6:30 p.m. Youth  |
| Thur | Sept 25 | 9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study<br>5:30 p.m. Julie Wells Women's Bible Study   |
| Sat  | Sept 27 | 9:00-11:00am S.P.L.A.S.H. Meeting  |
| Sun  | Sept 28 | 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation<br>10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service   |
| Mon  | Sept 29 | 5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering<br>6:00 p.m. Sound Tech Meeting  |
| Tue  | Sept 30 | 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice   |
| Wed  | Oct. 1  | 6:00-7:30pm Trailblazers<br>6:30 p.m. Youth  |
| Thur | Oct. 2  | 9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study<br>5:30 p.m. Julie Wells Women's Bible Study   |

### *September Birthdays*

16 – Josh Parrott  
16 – Rolland Potts  
18 – Phil Estes  
18 – Sera Pirmann  
23 – Lee Kinney  
23 – Joann Potts  
25 – Felipe Cantu  
28 – Don Yoeckel

### *September Anniversaries*

14 – Orlin & Karen Johnson  
16 – Craig & Shannon Pirmann  
17 – Martin & Cheryl Bear  
22 – Steve & Margo Coil  
25 – Dewey & Carol Jacks  
26 – Dave & Miranda Vinar  
27 – Dale & Linda Gilmour

CIU – means Church In Use

**(309) 764-6920**

Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 45      Worship = 119

Mowing Schedule Sept. 19 C. Carsell & J. Schaechter      Sept. 26 D. Yoeckel & J. Parrott

**CHILD CARE      THIS WEEK**

**NEXT WEEK**

Nursery Judy Martel & Juanita Arellanos

Lori & Elizabeth Smith

Children's Church 3-6 yrs L.J. & Rachel Cunningham

Mary Bivens & Michelle D.

Children's Church 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades N. Hermann & K. Schaechter

M. Burney & Megan D.

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