

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

January 11, 2015



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(Isaiah 40:31)

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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~ O. Hallesby ~

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

"Sing To the King"

"Desert Song"

"Glorious Day"

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

"Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always."

(1 Chronicles 16:11)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

Isaiah 30:8-18

Scripture Reader, Mike Hermann

“Thriving: Quiet Strength”

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Key Verse: “...In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength...” (Isa. 30:15)

Key Thought: We will establish amazing inner strength (of heart and spirit) if we develop the practices of silence and solitude before God.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) Soul care (cf. Mk. 1:35; Acts 10:9) “But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed” (Lk. 5:16) “Contact with the world and with the multitude distracts us and scatters our thoughts. For that reason it is necessary for us to withdraw at regular intervals and enable our souls to attain that quietude and inward composure which are essential if we would hear the voice of God.” (Hallesby)
- 3) A jealous God: “Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained” (1 Sam. 2:30) “God will not compete for our attention. We must arrange time for our communion with Him as we draw aside in solitude and silence.” (Willard)
- 4) Making the time: “For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose hearts are completely His.” (2 Chr. 16:9) “The truth is you don't have time *not* to practice solitude and silence. No time is more profitably spent than that used to heighten the quality of an intimate walk with God.” (Dallas Willard)
- 5) The results: “But those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint” (Isa. 40:31). “Faith, hope, love, & peace... abundantly characterize those living in the presence of God.” (Willard)
- 6) Putting it into practice:
 - a. Make the time and schedule it
 - i. Daily quiet times
 - ii. Personal retreats
 - b. Choose a quiet place to be alone (at home, in nature, etc)
 - c. Keep close at hand your Bible, a good book on prayer, a journal and a pen.
 - d. Ask God to be your tutor
- 7) Conclusion

What is more important in your life than God? _____

Does your schedule reflect that? _____
If God is asking you to spend more time with Him, will you? _____

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: **Baptism of baby Grayson Ellis;**
6 new members joining Elim. Most college students back safely.

Prayer Concerns: **Dee Pritchard – oral surgery Jan. 14th .**
Extreme cold & the homeless.

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, the Ferry family, 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.

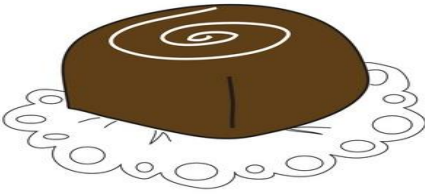


Monday Evening Prayer Gathering

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.



CHOCOLATE FANTASY MEETING TODAY

Cheryl Bear is holding a Chocolate Fantasy planning meeting following worship on Sunday, January 11th.

Here is the new address for Phil – please send a note or card – he would like that.

**AB Estes Phillip A
321 TRS/FLT 117 (Dorm 4D1)
1320 Truemper Street Unit 369610
Lackland AFB, TX 78236-6432**

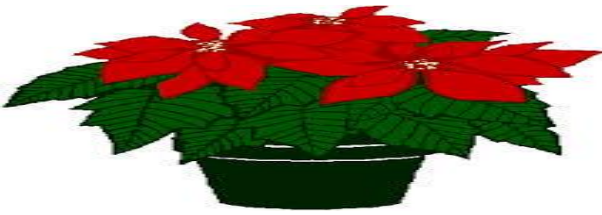


CHOCOLATE FANTASY WORKSHOP

There will be a practice Chocolate Fantasy Workshop @ the Elim kitchens on next Saturday, January 17th @ 9:00 a.m. See Cheryl Bear with any questions.

TRIVIA NIGHT WITH ALEX

Mark your calendars and plan on coming to "Trivia Night with Alex on Saturday, Jan. 17th @ 5:00 p.m. Bring a snack to share. Beverages will be provided. Come and see how much you know about Alex, missions, Merge, and ministry, and have a great time of food, fun, and fellowship. See Sandy Parrott.



You may take home your poinsettia plant – they are in the gathering area. Protective bags are on the table.



**S.P.L.A.S.H.
MINI RETREAT**

**OK ladies.....get ready.....sign-up!!
“Clear the Stage” is about to commence!!!**

**That’s the theme of the next
S.P.L.A.S.H. mini retreat taking place on
Saturday, Jan. 24th**

@ 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Please bring a sack lunch.

There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area.

**It’s a must be there event,
so clear your calendars!!!**

MLT MEETING Jan. 13th, 2015

**There has been a time change for the MLT meetings.
The meetings will now begin at 5:45 p.m. Thank you.**

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun	Jan. 11	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 11:45 a.m. Chocolate Fantasy Meeting following Worship
Mon	Jan. 12	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	Jan. 13	5:45 p.m. MLT Meeting 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	Jan. 14	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. SPARK & AXIS 7:30 p.m. Fusion
Thur	Jan. 15	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Sat	Jan. 17	9:00 a.m. Chocolate Fantasy Workshop 5:00 p.m. Trivia Night With Alex
Sun	Jan. 18	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 11:45 a.m. Collection for Christian Friendliness/Youth Hope 1:00-3:00pm CIU – Thompson Family
Mon	Jan. 19	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	Jan. 20	6:45 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	Jan. 21	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. SPARK & AXIS 7:30 p.m. Fusion
Thur	Jan. 22	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Sat	Jan. 24	9:00a-2:00pm S.P.L.A.S.H. Women's Mini-Retreat
Sun	Jan. 25	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon	Jan. 26	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering

January Birthdays

*15 – Rebecca Christy
16 – Natalie Hermann
17 – Judie Stanley
19 – Karter Thompson
21 – Jordan Pirmann
21 – Dale Gilmour
23 – Gene Wildermuth
27 – Pastor Darren Olson*

January Anniversaries

28 – Kathy & Donald Boggs

**CIU – means Church In Use
(309) 764-6920**

Church office office@elimqc.org

Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 40

Worship = 129

CHILD CARE THIS WEEK

Nursery Lori & Elizabeth Smith
Children's Church 3-6 yrs Rachel Cunningham
Children's Church 2nd-5th grades Rachel Cunningham
Pastor's e-mail pastor@elimqc.org
Church office e-mail office@elimqc.org

NEXT WEEK

Karen Johnson & Judy Martel
Rachel Cunningham
Rachel Cunningham
Greg's e-mail youth@elimqc.org
Website elimqc.org