

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

February 15, 2015

WHY SPEND
MONEY ON
WHAT IS NOT
BREAD,
AND YOUR LABOR ON
WHAT
DOES NOT SATISFY?



WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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“What are you waiting for to put God first? Whatever it is, it’s not worth waiting for, or putting God in line behind other things.” ~ Barry Cameron~

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

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

HYMN #376

*“When We Walk with the Lord” or
“Trust and Obey*

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

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

Malachi 3:6-18

Scripture Reader, Elizabeth Peterson

MESSAGE “Thriving: God’s Treasured Possession”
Pastor Steve Peterson

RESPONDING TO GOD

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Acts 14:26-27</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 9:8</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Ephesians 2:10</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Colossians 1:5-6</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Jude 3-4</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Zechariah 4:6-7</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Ezra; 36:26-27</i>

TODAY’S GREETERS

Rodney & Judy Ouderkirk

HEAD USHER

Mike Hermann

USHERS

Chris Carsell, Pat Hudson & Jim Nelson

SOUND SYSTEM

Josh Parrott

“Thriving: God’s Treasured Possession”

Malachi 3:6-18

Key verse: “‘They will be mine,’ says the Lord Almighty, ‘in the day when I make up my treasured possession’” (Mal. 3:17a)

Key thought: For those who are in Christ, Jesus is our Lord. In all practical matters, therefore, He has lordship over all we are and have, and that includes all our possessions.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) The essence of Christian stewardship. “No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money” (Lk. 16:13) (cf. Mt. 25:14-30; Mk. 13:32-37; Lk. 16:1-15)
- 3) God’s amazing promises and His bold dare (Mal. 3:10-12) (cf. Mt. 6:33; Ps. 37:4)
- 4) Faith: the critical component. “And without faith it is impossible to please God” (Heb. 11:6a) (cf. Gal. 5:6)
 - a. The test of faith (Mal. 3:10)
 - b. Putting faith into action (cf. Lk. 6:46-49; Rom. 2:13; Ja. 1:22; 2:14-26)
 - c. Faithful steward’s goal: Bring glory to God (cf. Ps. 34:3; 86:12; Mt. 5:16)
- 5) All that encompasses my “treasures” “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Mt. 6:21)
 - a. My income
 - b. My savings (incl. retirement)
 - c. My assets (house, car, stamp collection, etc)
- 6) What about my debts?! “You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of human beings” (1 Cor. 7:23) (cf. Pr. 22:7)

Recommendations and great resources:

- a) Give your tithes and offerings (Pr. 3:9; Mal. 3:9-12)
 - b) Make a budget (“Failing to plan is planning to fail”)
 - c) Learn to live on less than your income
 - d) Strategically pay off your debts (Rom. 13:8)
 - e) Save and invest (Pr. 6:6-11)
 - Dave Ramsey: <http://www.daveramsey.com/>
 - Crown Financial Ministries: <http://www.crown.org/>
 - Family Life Resources: <http://www.flrministry.com/>
- 7) Conclusion

Questions for reflection:

- Do you consider Jesus to be your Lord? Does He, therefore, have lordship over your money and possessions? _____
- Do you trust God to guide you in how to align all you are and all you have to conform to His will? _____
- What areas in your financial life need work? _____
- Will you commit to working on those areas? _____

Will you take a step of faith and give your full tithe and offerings to the Lord and His work? _____

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: Chocolate Fantasies!! Thank you to Cheryl & Meagan Bear and all the bakers & byers & workers!! Thank you to the working guys who finished making our fellowship hall look so great – new closets & fresh paint!!!!

Prayer Concerns: Betty Lindberg, Charlie Bess, John Hutchison, Claudine Patton.

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, Charlie Bess, Claudine Patton, Dillon, the Ferry family, families who have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

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.



SERVICE FEBRUARY 18, 2015 @ 6:30 P.M.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST



The next men's fellowship breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, March 7th @ 8:00 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area.

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

Ladies, the next S.P.L.A.S.H. meeting will take place on Saturday, March 28, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

LOVE-HOPE PROJECT

The Love-Hope project group are collecting items for the State Testing time in March. They are helping 2 elementary schools and maybe more in challenging neighborhoods.

The 2 schools are Freance Willard and Rock Island Academy.

Donations needed:

- Cases of water (at least 50) Boxes of granola bars
- Packages of cheese crackers
- Boxes of individually wrapped fruit snacks
- Big bags of pretzels Boxes/bags of Gold Fish crackers
- Boxes of graham crackers

Cash donations in order to buy pencil boxes and items not donated. Checks may be made out to

The Love-Hope Project. The mailing address is:

3900 18th Ave. Rock Island, IL. 61201

Donations accepted thru Wed. Feb. 25th.



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Rock Island Christian Care Immediate Needs
Paper products, antacids, razors, underwear (all sizes),
trash bags (13 or 30 gallon size), men's thermal wear.



BEAUTIFUL CHURCHES DON'T JUST HAPPEN!

CLEANING VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!

We have sign-up sheets in the gathering area for
cleaning crews...but we need members to sign-up to
help keep our church clean and beautiful!

Please sign-up for a task-the rewards are great &
it's a good thing! Thank you.



Hey everyone! We love that you love the youth and children at Elim! Thanks for all your hard work and support of these ministries! We feel that we have a large responsibility here at Elim to make sure that our children are well cared for. We

also feel it is vital that we give our children a safe place that families can feel confident leaving their children under our care. Part of that responsibility is to ensure that all of our child care workers meet today's standards for training and child safety. This is just as much for the safety of our kids as it is for the safety of our workers. With all this being said there are two VERY important things we need everyone who works with minors at Elim to do for us. First is a background check. We need to be able to tell anyone and everyone who might inquire that we have done our part to be accountable for the people who spend time with the kids of Elim. The second is a child protection training class. This class will take place from 10-Noon on February 28th. Everyone who works with minors will be required to do both of these steps. If you have any questions please contact

Greg Burney, Rachel Cunningham or Pastor. Thanks again!

You are all such a blessing! Please don't hesitate to ask questions as we
move forward in this process!

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun	Feb. 15	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 11:45 a.m. Collection for CF/Youth Hope
Mon	Feb. 16	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	Feb. 17	6:45 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	Feb. 18	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. SPARK & AXIS 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m. Fusion
Thur	Feb. 19	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Fri	Feb. 20	5:00 p.m. CIU – Pampered Chef Party
Sat	Feb. 21	1:00-5:00p.m. CIU – Reynolds Baby Shower
Sun	Feb. 22	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon	Feb. 23	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	Feb. 24	6:45 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	Feb. 25	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	Feb. 26	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Sat	Feb. 28	10:00-Noon Child Protection Training
Sun	March 1	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon	March 2	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	March 3	6:45 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	March 4	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	March 5	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Sat	March 7	8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast

February Birthdays

15 – Diana Wood
17 – Damian Burns
23 – Tasha Munger
25 – Rachel Peterson
28 – Kathy Brothers

February Anniversaries

15 – Lisandro & Patty Restrepo
CIU – means Church In Use
(309) 764-6920

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Church website elimqc.org

Pastor's e-mail pastor@elimqc.org

Greg's e-mail youth@elimqc.org

Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 41

Worship = 124

CHILD CARE THIS WEEK

Nursery Karen Johnson & Judy Martel
Children's Church 3-6 yrs Kristen B & Meagan D.
Children's Church 2nd-5th grades Natalie H & Kate S.

NEXT WEEK

Amanda Dang & Leonna Ellis
Lori & Elizabeth Smith
Natalie H. & Kate S.