

# ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

March 15, 2015

Know that the **LORD**  
is **God.**

It is he **who made us,**  
... we are his people.

Psalm 100:3



# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

## March 15, 2015

“Fellowship is a place of grace, where mistakes aren’t rubbed in but rubbed out. Fellowship happens when mercy wins over justice.” ~ Rick Warren ~

### **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

*“Holy Is the Lord”*

*“The Heart of Worship”*

### HYMN #600

*“We Are God’s People”*

*CCLI #2005052*

### GREETING ONE ANOTHER

### **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

“Do everything in love.” (1 Corinthians 16:14)

### ELIM CHOIR

### CHILDREN’S SERMON

*(Children dismissed for Children’s Church, please for ages 3 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade only).*

### WORDS FROM GOD

Psalm 133

*Scripture Reader, Pat Hudson*

**MESSAGE “Thriving Through Fellowship”**  
**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.

**HYMN #581**                      *“Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire”*

**BENEDICTION**

***Scripture Readings for the Week***

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 15:14</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 15:56-57</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 15:58</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>John 11:25-26</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>1 Peter 1:3</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Colossians 2:12-13</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Ephesians 1:18-20</i>

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**TODAY’S GREETERS**

Katie Clarke & Gary Wells

**HEAD USHER**

Gary Wells

**USHERS**

Felipe Cantu, Sandy Parrott, Tom Dang

**SOUND SYSTEM**

Don Yoeckel

# “Thriving Through Fellowship”

## Ps. 133

Key Thought: Through healthy, Christian fellowship we will be nurtured, strengthened, edified and blessed—and we will THRIVE!

Key Text: “Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind” (Php. 2:2)

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) God’s delight: United in mind & heart (Ps. 133) (cf. Jn. 17:11,21-23; 1 Cor. 12:12-27; Eph. 4:3)
- 3) How it happens
  - a. “Love one another” (Jn. 13:34) (cf. Jn. 15:12,17; 1 Cor. 13:1-3; 1 Ths. 4:9; 1 Pt. 1:22; 1 Jn. 3:11,23; 4:7)
  - b. Obedience to the Word (cf. Jn. 15:10; 17:17; Col. 3:16; 1 Jn. 1:7)
  - c. Living by the Spirit (cf. Rom. 8:5-16; Gal. 5:16-26)
  - d. Humility (cf. Rom. 12:3,10; Eph. 4:2; Php. 2:1-4; 1 Pt. 5:5-6)
- 4) What it looks like (Acts 2:42-47; 5:32-33)
  - a. Worshiping together (cf. Jn. 4:23-24; 1 Cor. 14:26; Heb. 10:24-25)
  - b. Praying together (as often as we come together) (cf. Eph. 6:18; 1 Tim. 2:1; Ja. 5:13-16; Rev. 5:8; 8:3-4)
  - c. Studying together (i.e. Sunday school, small groups, Bible studies, etc) (cf. Deut. 30:8-10; 32:46-47; 1 Tim. 4:13; 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17) “They are not just idle words for you—they are your life” (Deut. 32:47a)
  - d. Eating together (i.e. Potlucks, dining in, dining out, cookouts, etc) (cf. Acts 2:42,46; 1 Cor. 11:33; Jude 12)
  - e. Playing together (i.e. Games, sports, camping, etc)
- 5) Dangers to our unity
  - a. Hatred (cf. Pr. 10:12; Tit. 3:3; 1 Jn. 2:9-11; 3:12,15; 4:20)
  - b. Gossip (cf. Pr. 16:28; Rom. 1:29; 2 Cor. 12:20)  
“...a gossip separates close friends” (Pr. 16:28)
  - c. Conflict (cf. Pr. 6:16-19; 2 Cor. 12:20)
  - d. Deceit (cf. Pr. 13:5; 6:14; 1 Jn. 4:1,6)
- 6) Safeguarding the unity
  - a. Protect from lies (cf. Eph. 4:25; Col. 3:9; 1 Jn. 2:4-6)
  - b. Protect from wolves (cf. Mt. 7:15; Acts 20:29)
  - c. Protect from heart disease (cf. Ps. 24:3-4; 101:4; Pr. 4:23; 11:20; Mt. 5:8; Col. 3:15)

- d. Protect from strife (Manage conflict well) (cf. Pr. 10:12; Mt. 18:15-20; Php. 4:2-3)
- e. Protect from bitterness (Forgive) (cf. Mt. 6:14; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13)

7) Conclusion

Questions for reflection:

Are you surrounded mostly by people who edify you, or by those who tear you down? \_\_\_\_\_

How can you get more plugged into our faith community? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anyone you need to be reconciled with? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything you need to repent of, which is damaging your fellowship with others (in your family or in the church)? \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Praises:            God’s Amazing Grace!! Flowers!! Friends!!**

**Prayer Concerns:    Racial tensions in our country. Sympathy to the family of Carol McCormick (former member of Elim).**

**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, Dillon, the Ferry family, families who have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

**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.**



## 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 – 11:00 a.m.

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Rock Island Christian Care Immediate Needs

Updated:

Paper products, bath tissue, trash bags (13 or 30 gallon size), Re-sealable bags all sizes, personal care products – soaps, body wash, deodorants, tooth paste, shampoos. Christain Care continues to appreciate all of our contributions – their thank you notes are always posted on the bulletin board in the side hallway by the office if you would like to read the postcard.

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**WORKSHOP!!**

**"CRAFTING YOUR TESTIMONY"**

**WEEK 2**

Pastor Steve is presenting this 2<sup>nd</sup> week workshop on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Please sign up if you plan on attending the Dollar Dinner @ 5:30 p.m. on the night of the workshop.

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The youth of Elim are once again inviting the congregation and friends to an Easter Pancake Breakfast. The event will begin on Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m. and stopping right before worship time @ 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome and donations will be accepted.



Bring the children to our Easter Egg Hunt!! We will have an Easter Egg hunt right after worship on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. We are asking for donations of non-chocolate candies, individually wrapped (if possible) that we can put into the eggs for hiding. You may put your donations on the table in the gathering area.



*"Girls Just Wanna Share Fun"*

6th Annual Girls Night Out

Elim Covenant Church

Friday, April 17th, 2015

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.



Free Admission ~ Silent Auction Fundraiser ~ Lots of New Attractions ~ Pamper yourself with great company and lots of snacks! Bring your friends, neighbors, co-workers and anyone needing a little time for themselves! Please feel free to come and go as you please!!!

## *LOOKING AHEAD*

Sun	March 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	March 16	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	March 17	Happy St. Patrick's Day!! 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	March 18	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00-7:30pm Crafting Your Testimony Workshop 6:00 p.m. SPARK & AXIS 7:30 p.m. Fusion
Thur	March 19	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Sun	March 22	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon	March 23	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	March 24	6:45 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	March 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	March 26	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study 5:30-8:30pm MLT Mini Retreat
Sat	March 28	9:00-11:00am S.P.L.A.S.H. Meeting
Sun	March 29	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship Celebration
Mon	March 30	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	March 31	6:45 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	April 1	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

### March Birthdays

17 – Katie Clarke  
20 – Ellie Wildermuth  
26 – Claudine Patton  
28 – Jon Estes

### April Birthdays

7 – Burnie Sutter  
8 – Dee Pritchard  
9 – Tucker Burney  
9 – L.J. Cunningham

### March Anniversaries

16 – Jim & Danielle Ogden  
23 – Jay & Judie Stanley  
29 – Jon & Tabatha Estes

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Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 45

Worship = 139

### CHILD CARE THIS WEEK

Nursery Karen Johnson & Judy Martel

Children's Church 3-6 yrs Rachael Ferry & Rachel Luong

Children's Church 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades Thao Luong & Amanda Dang

### NEXT WEEK

Carol Jacks & Rachel Peterson

Lori Smith & Michelle DeA.

Thao Luong & Amanda D.