

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

March 22, 2015

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AND MAKE
DISCIPLES OF ALL
nations.

MATTHEW 28:19



WORSHIP CELEBRATION

March 22, 2015

“Our calling is not simply to change the world, but perhaps as important, our calling is to be changed ourselves.....I fear that we’re asking God to move mountains, forgetting that God also wants to move us. And in fact, it may be possible that WE are the mountains that need to be moved.” ~ Eugene Cho ~

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

“My Redeemer Lives”

“Man of Sorrows”

“I Love To Tell the Story”

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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)

MEXICO MISSION WORK UPDATE

Chris Gouzoules

CHILDREN’S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

Isaiah 58:2-11

Scripture Reader, Juanita Arellanos

MESSAGE

**“Reaching Out to Thrive”
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

“Shout To the North”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Philippians 3:8</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Philippians 3:10</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Philippians 3:11</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 1:8-10</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Acts 4:1-2</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Ephesians 1:7</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Ephesians 2:13</i>

TODAY’S GREETERS

Maxine Barnes & Marilyn Smith

HEAD USHER

Gary Wells

USHERS

Felipe Cantu, Sandy Parrott, Tom Dang

SOUND SYSTEM

Orlin Johnson

“Reaching Out to Thrive”

Isaiah 58:2-11

Key Thought: Our faith grows and flourishes as we reach out to others with Christ's love and the hope of the gospel.

Key Text: “The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me'” (Matt. 25:40)

1. Intro & Context
2. Defining Outreach: “Reaching out to those in need with love and compassion” (i.e. social concern)
3. Defining Missions: “Taking the gospel to people and culture groups where Christ is unknown” (cf. Acts 13:2; 26:17-18; Rom. 15:20-21)
4. Our call to outreach (Ex. 22:22; Jer. 22:16; Mt. 25:31-46) “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world” (Ja. 1:27)
5. Our call to missions (cf. Mt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8)
Jesus’ strategic plan looks like concentric circles extending out: From Jerusalem, to Judea, to Samaria, to the ends of the earth
6. Illustration of Dead Sea vs. Sea of Galilee
7. Practical suggestions
 - (a) Jerusalem: At home—your own family & church family
 - (b) Judea: Your community (i.e. school, work, where you shop, dine, etc)
 - (c) Samaria: Youth Hope, Love Hope, X'n Cares, etc.
 - (d) World: Mission trips, support of missionaries, support of mission/compassion projects
8. God’s peculiar math—it doesn’t add up!
9. Conclusion

Questions for Reflection:

Are you active in outreach and missions? _____

Will you commit to be involved in the outreach and mission ministries of our church? _____

What is one practical step you can take this week to get more involved in missions and outreach? _____

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: **Baby Easton James DeBroeck born @ Unity Point in Bettendorf on Sunday, March 15th weighing 5 lbs. 9 oz. & 18" long. Congratulations Tim & Teri. Karen is back!!! Yeah!!!**

Prayer Concerns: **Sympathy to the family of Carol Johnson a former member who passed away in Batavia, IL. March 15, 2015. Please pray for the DeBroeck family & new baby.**

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 Notes:

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.

Rock Island Christian Care Immediate Needs

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.



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 5th @ 9:00 a.m. and stopping right before worship time @ 10:15 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 5th. We are asking for donations of non-chocolate candies, indivially wrapped (if possible) that we can put into the eggs for hiding. You may put your donations on the table in the gathering area.

ATTENTION!!!

MLT Mini-Retreat Thursday, March 26th 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.



Easter Lily Sign-Up

The Easter Lily sign-up sheet is on the table in the gathering area for anyone interested in purchasing a plant to beautify our sanctuary during the Easter season. The plants are \$7.50 each and the money may be given to Mary Bivens or the church office. The plants will be delivered on Thursday, March 26th and you may take them home after Easter Sunday, April 5th.



"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 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
Thur	April 2	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Fri	April 3	Good Friday
Sat	April 4	8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Sun	April 5	9:00-10:15am Easter Pancake Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Celebration 12 noon Kid's Easter Egg Hunt
Mon	April 6	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	April 7	6:45 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	April 8	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	April 9	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
	<u>March Birthdays</u>	<u>March Anniversaries</u>
	26 – Claudine Patton	23 – Jay & Judie Stanley
	28 – Jon Estes	29 – Jon & Tabatha Estes
	<u>April Birthdays</u>	CIU – means Church In Use
	7 – Burnie Sutter	(309) 764-6920
	8 – Dee Pritchard	Church office office@elimqc.org
	9 – Tucker Burney	Church website elimqc.org
	9 – L.J. Cunningham	Pastor's e-mail pastor@elimqc.org
		Greg's e-mail youth@elimqc.org

Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 51

Worship = 126

CHILD CARE THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK

Nursery Carol Jacks & Rachel Peterson

Meagan Bear & Diana Wood

Children's Church 3-6 yrs Lori Smith & Michelle DeA.

Easter Kids Sunday

Children's Church 2nd-5th grades Thao Luong & AmandaDang

Easter Kids Sunday