

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

June 28, 2015



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PSALM 14:5, ESV

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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"We are 100 percent responsible for the pursuit of holiness, but at the same time we are 100 percent dependent upon the Holy Spirit to enable us in that pursuit. The pursuit of holiness is not a pull-yourself-up-by-your-own-bootstraps approach to the Christian life." (Jerry Bridges)

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

Greg Burney

Worship Facilitator

"Our God"

"Made Alive"

"Prince of Peace"

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

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:17)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

Ephesians 5:1-7

Scripture Reader, Elizabeth Peterson

(Pages 1227 or 1159 in the red Bibles)

MESSAGE

**“Imitating God”
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

“Jesus Paid It All”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Hebrews 6:17-18</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Genesis 3:15</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Psalms 18:1-3</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Genesis 9:11</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Hebrews 13:5-6</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>James 4:13-15</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Genesis 12:1-3</i>

TODAY’S GREETERS

Maxine Barnes & Pam Thompson

HEAD USHER

Gary Wells

USHERS

Felipe Cantu, John Clarke, Sandy Parrott

SOUND SYSTEM

Orlin Johnson

“Imitating God”

Ephesians 5:1-7

Key Thought: We are called to imitate God in His love and righteousness.

Key Verse: “But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do”
(1 Pt. 1:15)

- 1) Intro & context
- 2) Imitating God (v. 1) (cf. Lk. 6:36; 1 Pt. 1:15-16) “Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Mt. 5:48)
- 3) Living a life of love (v. 2) (cf. Jn. 15:12-13; Gal. 5:6; 1 Cor. 16:14) “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you” (Jn. 15:12)
- 4) No hint of misconduct (v. 3) (cf. Mt. 5:27-32; Mk. 7:20-23; 1 Cor. 6:18-20; 2 Tim. 2:22) “Flee from sexual immorality...” (1 Cor. 6:18)
- 5) No foul talk (v. 4) (cf. Pr. 18:6; Mt. 12:36; Eph. 4:29; 5:19-20; Ja. 3:9-12) “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths...” (Eph. 4:29)
- 6) Warnings!!
 - a. All heaven is at stake (v. 5) (cf. Col. 3:5-6; Rev. 21:6-8)
 - b. Don’t get suckered by false prophets (v. 6a) (Jer. 6:12-15; 8:10-12; Ezek. 22:26-28; 2 Pt. 3:3-4,16-18)
 - c. God’s wrath will come of the disobedient (v. 6b) (cf. Jn. 3:36; Rom. 1:18-32; Gal. 5:19-21)
 - d. Don’t partner with the disobedient (v. 7) (cf. Pr. 1:10-15; 5:1-8; 7:24-27; Mt. 5:29-30; 1 Cor. 5:11; 2 Thes. 3:6,14)
- 7) Conclusion

Questions for Reflection

- Do you strive to imitate Christ?
- Is godly love a defining characteristic of your life?
- Do you struggle with integrity issues? Especially in the areas of sex, sexuality and greed? Do you use foul language?

Are you flippant about sin? Or do you have a healthy fear of God so as to stay away from sin?

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

**Praises: ESM Night Out Steak Dinner!!!
Celebrating our Independence on July 4th! God Bless America!!**

**Prayer Concerns: Margaret Hasty is in the hospital.
The violent weather/flooding & tornadoes.**

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Unspoken needs of our brothers & sisters: Rolland Potts, Zach Stulir, Arlene Miller, Dorothy & Adolph Laurick, June Riley, Margaret Hasty, Anna Swanson, Vivian Smith, Marj Nelson, Gene & Ellie Wildermuth, Jay Stanley, John & Linda Hutchison, Travis Ferry, Lyle & Maurine Beresford, Bob & Cindy Behrens, the Ferry family, families who have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

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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, & 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.

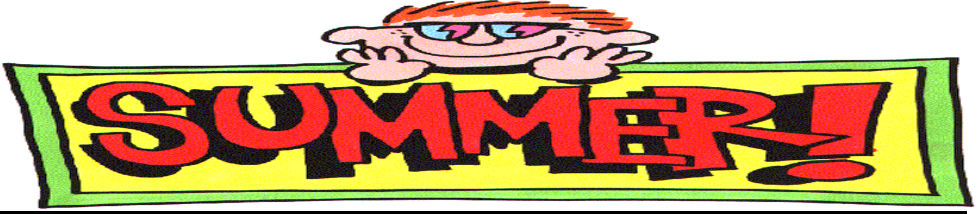
Prayer Chain

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.



CLEANING CREWS NEEDED

We need volunteers to sign up for chores during the months of July through December. Please help if you have some free time.



Our youth groups....SPARK/AXIS & Fusion will continue to meet on Wednesday nights all through the summer. There will still be Wednesday Dollar Dinners....so we have put out an extended Wednesday night sign-up sheet for baked goods/snacks/treats all summer. Feel free to sign up anytime.

S.P.L.A.S.H. NOTICE

There will be no S.P.L.A.S.H. meeting for the month of June and July's meeting will be only from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. because we are having

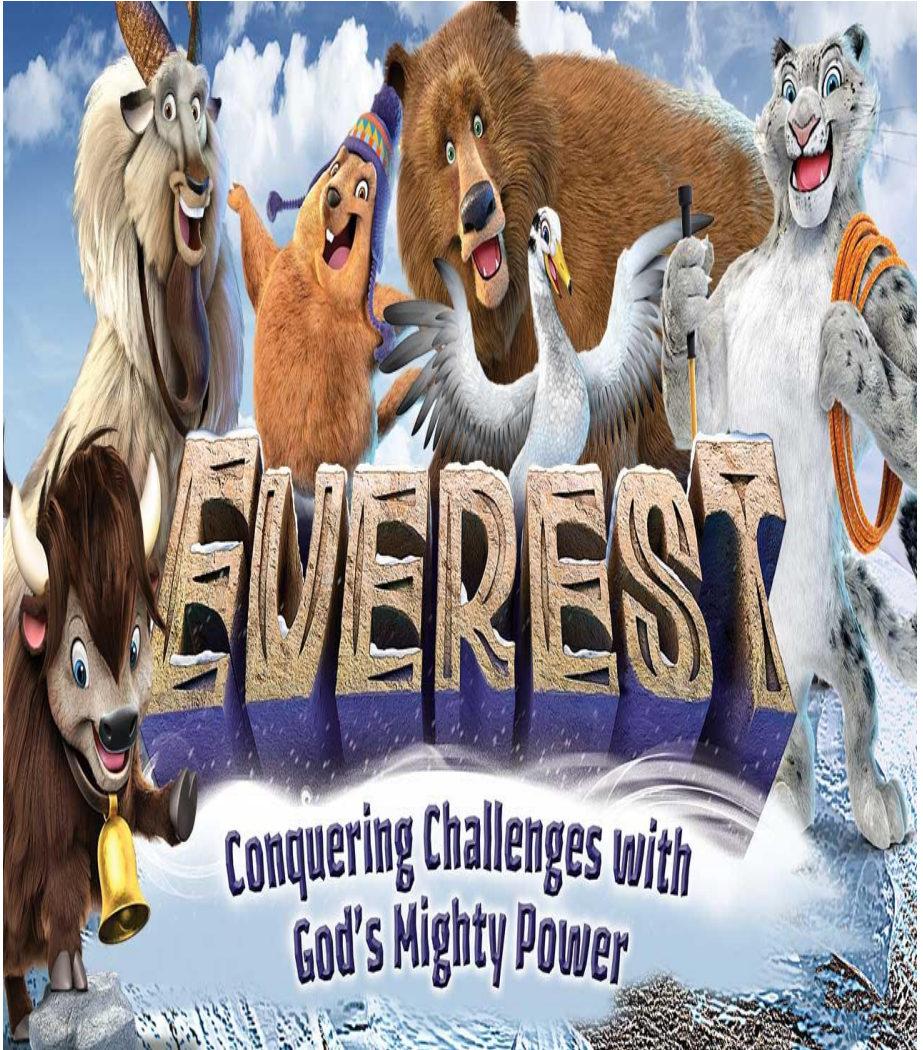


***from 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon.
Details to follow.***

VBS WEEK

SUNDAY – FRIDAY

JULY 12TH – 17TH



Don't forget to sign up!!

Also, there is a wall of VBS needs – if you can help out, we would appreciate it. Thank you

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun	June 28	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon	June 29	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Wed	July 1	9:00 a.m. CIU – YMCA Meeting 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/Wed	July 2-8	Pastor on Vacation
Sun	July 5	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 p.m. Worship Service with Pastor Bernie Windmiller
Mon	July 6	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Wed	July 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
Sat	July 11	5:00 p.m. Glenn Kaiser Concert @ Elim
Sun	July 12	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration with Glenn Kaiser Speaking 5:00 p.m. VBS Week Begins
Mon/Fri	July 13-17	5:00 p.m. VBS Week
Sun	July 19	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 11:45 a.m. Collect for CF/Youth Hope

June Birthdays

28 – Rebecca Schaechter
30 – Finley Vinar

July Birthdays

2 – Dave Vinar
5 – Don Peterson
8 – John Hutchison
11 – Dora Beth Christy
11 – Hilda Enderton
16 – Rachel Peterson
17 – Grayson Ellis
23 – Arlene Miller
24 – Dorothy Laurick
31 – Gary Hansen
31 – Pastor Steve Peterson

June Anniversaries

30 – Cecil & Carolyn Grimes

July Anniversaries

14 – Greg & Mallory Burney
17 – Joe & Susie Schaechter

CIU – means Church In Use

Church office office@elimqc.org
309) 764-6920

Church website elimqc.org

Pastor’s e-mail pastor@elimqc.org

Greg’s e-mail youth@elimqc.org

Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 45

Worship = 110

Mowing Schedule

July 4 John Clarke & Cecil Grimes

July 11 Mike Hermann & Jim Nelson

CHILD CARE TODAY June 28

NEXT WEEK July 5

Nursery Judy Martel & Diana Wood

Lori Smith & Meagan Bear

Children’s Church 3-6 yrs Cindy Minard & Rachel P.

Kristen Burnes & Megan DeA.

Children’s Church 2nd-5th grades Mallory B. & Natalie N.

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