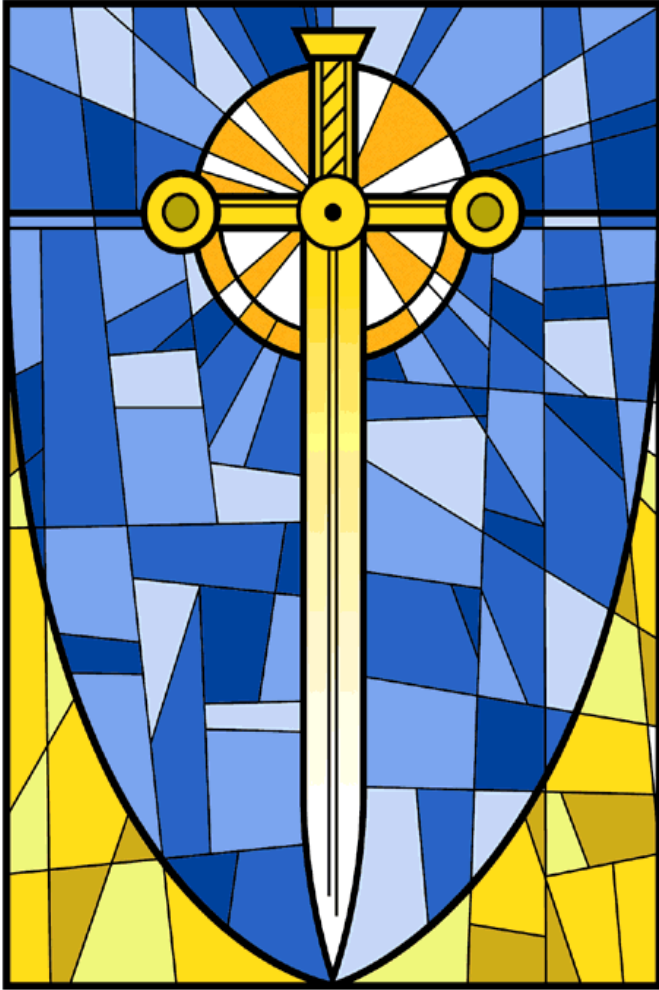


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

August 16, 2015

his mighty power. Put

Be strong in the Lord and in



on the full armor of God....

Ephesians 6:10-11a

MESSAGE
“Battle Ready: Part I”
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 #437

“How Firm a Foundation”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Galatians 3:16-18</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Romans 4:13-14</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Galatians 3:21-22</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Romans 4:16</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Hebrews 4:1-3</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Hebrews 4:9-10</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Hebrews 4:11</i>

TODAY’S GREETERS

Rodney & Judy Ouderkirk

HEAD USHER

Mike Hermann

USHERS

Chris Carsell, Pat Hudson, Jim Nelson

SOUND SYSTEM

Don Yoeckel

“Battle Ready: Part I”

Ephesians 6:11-24

Key Text: “...Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go” (Josh. 1:9)

Key Thought: We are called to develop deep fellowship with the Lord, in whose presence we will find strength and courage to resist any enemy and confront any obstacle.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) Encouraged to be strong: *“Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power”* (v. 10) (cf. Deut. 31:7-8; Josh. 1:6-9; 1 Chr. 22:13)
 - a. Faith & faithfulness are called for (cf. Jer. 42:10-18; 1 Cor. 16:13; Rev. 2:10)
 - b. Cowardice is not of God (cf. Num. 14:9; Rom. 8:15; Rev. 21:8) *“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity [cowardice], but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline”* (2 Tim. 1:7)
 - c. Courage is found in God’s presence (Ps. 27; 91; 121; Isa. 35:3-4; Rom. 8:31,35-39) *“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged... for there is a greater power with us than with him”* (2 Chr. 32:7)
- 3) Know your enemy: *“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood...”* (v. 12)
 - a. His tactics (cf. Jn. 8:44; 2 Tim. 2:25-26; 1 Pt. 5:8) *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy...”* (Jn. 10:10a)
 - b. His power (cf. Dan. 10:12-13; Mt. 4:8,9; Jn. 14:30; Heb. 2:14; 1 Jn. 5:19)
- 4) Know Whom you serve
 - a. God’s power (cf. 1 Sam. 5:1-4; 2 Kgs. 6:15-17; Mk. 5:1-20) *“Don’t be afraid... Those who are with us are more than those who are with them”* (2 Kgs. 6:16)
 - b. Jesus’ authority (cf. Mt. 28:18; Eph. 1:20-22; Php. 2:9-11) *“[Jesus] has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him”* (1 Pt. 3:22)
- 5) Practical Advice: Develop deep fellowship with God
 - a. Prayer: Connecting with God (Eph. 6:18; 1 Ths. 5:17)
 - b. God’s Word: Saturating your heart and mind (Ps. 119:9-16; Col. 3:16)
 - c. Stay next to your Bodyguard (Ps. 46; 91; 121)
- 6) Next week: Dressed like a warrior (vv. 11, 13-17)

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: Trivia fundraiser for the Elim block party.
Joy Wright home from the hospital.
Juna Wortz doing much better.

Prayer Concerns:
Students & teachers getting ready to go back to school..

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Juna Wortz, Joann Potts, Arlene Miller, Dorothy & Adolph Laurick, June Riley, Margaret Hasty, Anna Swanson, Vivian Smith, Marj Nelson, Gene & Ellie Wildermuth, Jay Stanley, John & Linda Hutchison, Lyle & Maurine Beresford, Ruth Armstrong, Joy Wright, Travis Ferry, the Ferry family, Ruth Armstrong, families that 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.

**CHOIR PRACTICE IS STARTING ON TUESDAY,
AUGUST 25TH 6:30 P.M.
(SORRY, HAD THE WRONG DATE IN LAST WEEK).**



Elim is on the lookout for a 12' fiber glass step ladder. If anyone has one that they are not using and would like to donate it to the building, we would be grateful. See Mike Hermann or Tom Bivens.



“Influence: Developing an Impactful Life”
Pastor Steve is conducting a 5 week series with the option of attending on Wednesdays or Sundays.

*The sessions will begin on
Wednesday, Aug. 12th (6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.)
or on Sunday, August 16th (4:00 – 5:15 p.m.)
Child care will be provided.*

**The August Lamplighter is on the table in the gathering area for those who pick it up at the church.
(It's in color on the website & the bulletins are too)!**

Missing a jacket? We have 1 woman's jacket that has been hanging on the coat racks for sometime now. If not claimed we will donate to Goodwill.

S.P.L.A.S.H. Meeting
Saturday, August 22nd 9:00-11:00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN CARE'S CURRENT NEEDS

Fresh fruit – all kinds

Salad ingredients

**(dark leafy greens,
Spinach,lettuce,tomatoes)**

Yogurt, eggs, milk

Fresh potatoes

Nuts (walnuts, almonds & cashews)

Sunflower kernels

Garbanzo beans

Coffee/creamer/tea bags

Butter/margarine

Beef broth

Sugar

Bus tickets (IL & IA)

Canned fruit/veggies

Men's new white socks

Men's razors

Vitamin D

Hydrocortisone

Paper towels/TP

33 Gallon Trash bags

Deodorant

Bleach/dish soap

Laundry soap

All size re-sealable bags

Windex glass cleaner

Lysol spray

All kinds tape

Cleaning products

Disinfecting wipes

Light bulbs/pliers

BLOOD DRIVE TIME



The Mississippi Regional Blood Center is holding a blood drive here at Elim. It is scheduled for Monday, August 24th from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area. Please give.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun.	Aug. 16	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 11:45 a.m. Collection for CF/Youth Hope 4:00-5:15 p.m. "Influence – Developing an Impactful Life" Series
Mon.	Aug. 17	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Wed.	Aug. 19	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00-7:15 pm "Influence: Developing an Impactful Life" Series 6:00 p.m. <i>SPARK & AXIS</i> 7:30 p.m. Fusion
Sat.	Aug. 22	9:00-11:00am S.P.L.A.S.H. Meeting
Sun.	Aug. 23	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 4:00-5:15 pm "Influence: Developing an Impactful Life" Series
Mon.	Aug. 24	3:30-6:30 pm Blood Drive @ Elim
Tues.	Aug. 25	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	Aug. 26	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00-7:15p.m. "Influence: Developing an Impactful Life" Series 6:00 p.m. <i>SPARK & AXIS</i> 7:30 p.m.. Fusion
Sun.	Aug. 30	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 4:00-5:15 p.m. "Influence: Developing an Impactful Life" Series
Mon.	Aug. 31	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tues.	Sept. 1	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

August Birthdays

17 – Tracy Austin

18 – Jim Carsell

20 – Chris Carsell

21 – Dewey Jacks

31 – Tabatha Estes

August Anniversaries

21 – Jim & Carolyn Carsell

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Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 45

Worship = 102

Mowing Schedule

Aug. 22 Cecil Grimes & John Clarke

Aug. 29 Mike Hermann & Jim Nelson

CHILD CARE TODAY Aug. 16

NEXT WEEK Aug. 23

Nursery Lori Smith & Meagan Bear (#1)

Susie Schaechter & Elizabeth Smith (Kate)

Jr. Church Elizabeth P. (Mary B. & Michelle De)

Elizabeth P. & Lori S. & Natalie Nipper

There is now only 1 Jr. Church class since we are low on volunteers. Helpers appear in ().