

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
August 23, 2015

HELMET of Salvation

BREASTPLATE of Righteousness

put on the **armour**

clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ.

SHIELD of Faith **BELT** of Truth

SWORD of the Word

of **SANDALS** of Peace

ephesians six: ten to eighteen

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

August 23, 2015

"God will not look you over for medals,
degrees or diplomas but for scars." Elbert Hubbard

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

SONGSS OF PRAISE Greg Burney Worship Facilitator
"Our God"
"Man of Sorrows"
"Come Thou Fount"

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

Mike Hermann

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another,
God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

(1 John 4:12)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

Ephesians 6:13-18

Scripture Reader, Dewey Jacks

(Pages 1160 or 1228 in the red Bibles)

MESSAGE

“Dressed for Battle”

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

“Cornerstone”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday

Hebrews 6:11-12

Monday

Hebrews 11:11

Tuesday

Hebrews 11:17-19

Wednesday

Romans 4:20-21

Thursday

2 Peter 1:4

Friday

Matthew 4:19

Saturday

Matthew 11:28-30

TODAY’S GREETERS

John & Pam Thompson

HEAD USHER

Mike Hermann

USHERS

Chris Carsell, Pat Hudson, Jim Nelson

SOUND SYSTEM

Josh Parrott

“Dressed for Battle”

Ephesians 6:13-18

Key Text: “Put on the full armor of God...” (v. 11a)

Key Thought: In our confrontations with evil, we must depend on God and arm ourselves with His resources to fight the good fight, and to hold our ground.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) Standing in the day of evil (v. 13)
 - a. “The meaning is, ‘any time evil is encountered.’” (Klyne Snodgrass) (e.g. 1 Kgs. 18:16ff; Mt. 4:1-10; Acts 5:17-42)
 - b. Stand not in your power, but in God’s (cf. Ps. 44:3,6-7; 60:12; Pr. 21:31; Zech 4:6)
 - c. Victors will receive heavenly rewards (cf. Rev. 2:7,10; 3:5,12,21; 21:7-8) *“I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back”* (Heb. 10:38b)
- 3) The belt of truth (v. 14a) (cf. Isa. 11:5; Ps. 119:165; Eph. 4:15,25; 5:9)
- 4) The breastplate of righteousness (v. 14b) (cf. Job 29:14-17; Isa. 59:17; Rom. 4; 2 Cor. 6:7)
- 5) Feet fitted with readiness—a result of the gospel of peace (v. 15) (cf. Isa. 52:7; 2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Pt. 3:15)
- 6) The shield of faith (v. 16) (Ps. 91:4; Heb. 10:38; 11:6; 1 Jn. 5:4) *“... he shields all who take refuge in him”* (Ps. 18:30)
- 7) The helmet of salvation (v. 17a) (cf. Isa. 59:17; 1 Ths. 5:8-9; 1 Pt. 1:3-5)
- 8) The sword of the Spirit (v. 17b) (cf. Isa. 49:2; Heb. 4:12; Rev. 1:16; 2:12,16; 19:15)
- 9) Prayer: A powerful force (v. 18) (cf. Jn. 14:12; 15:7) *“The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective”* (Ja. 5:16b)
- 10) Declaring the gospel fearlessly (vv. 19-20) (cf. Acts 4:29; Rom. 1:16; 2 Tim. 1:7-8)
- 11) Conclusion

Questions for Reflection:

- When have you been aware of having a confrontation with evil? How did you handle it? Did you feel you came out “standing?”
- What resources of God must you sharpen your skill in so that you can “fight the good fight of faith?”
- In regards to a life of faith, are you fearless? Are you strong and courageous? What could you do to become so?

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: "Influence: Developing an Impactful Life" series has been well received & good attendance.
Praise God for Pastors Steve & Greg and their families.

Prayer Concerns: Lynette Marr hospitalized with pneumonia.
Arlene Miller – hip surgery Sept. 12th.
Jane Peterson traveling to help Ellie Wildermuth for a few days.
Students & teachers getting ready to go back to school.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Lynette Marr, Juna Wortz, Arlene Miller, Joann Potts, 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.**



“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.

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)	& cashews)
Garbanzo beans	Sunflower kernels
Butter/margarine	Coffee/creamer/tea bags
Sugar	Beef broth
Canned fruit/veggies	Bus tickets (IL & IA)
Men's razors	Men's new white socks
Hydrocortisone	Vitamin D
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

Tomorrow



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 – help save a life!!



**ELIM BLOCK PARTY
SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12TH!!!!**

ENVELOPES

Please indicate on your contribution envelopes when giving to our missionaries (Restrepo's or Velasco's) that way the funds will be distributed to the proper destination. Just marking missions will not go to the individuals, but to other mission areas. You need to note the names. Thank you.

CLEANING TEAMS ARE NEEDED

In order to keep our church looking beautiful – we need your help. If you have some time, please sign up and help.

**DINING TOUR BOOKS ARE IN FOR 2015-2016
\$35.00 EACH. WE GET \$10 FOR EACH ONE SOLD.
PROCEEDS GO TO THE MISSION TEAMS &
STUDENT MINISTRIES.**

**SEE JUDY IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.
ONLY 15 BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE THIS YEAR.**

LOOKING AHEAD

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		
Wed.	Sept. 2	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		

August Birthdays

31 – Tabatha Estes

September Birthdays

3 – Madeline Lumpkin

4 – Lila Ferry

4 – Austin Fowler

9 – Cathy Bear

12 – Sylvia Anderson

13 – Pat Hudson

16 – Josh Parrott

16 – Rolland Potts

18 – Phil Estes

18 – Sera Pirmann

September Anniversaries

5 – Don & Jane Peterson

9 – John & Pam Thompson

14 – Orlin & Karen Johnson

16 – Craig & Shannon Pirmann

17 – Martin & Cheryl Bear

22 – Steve & Margo Coil

25 – Dewey & Carol Jacks

26 – Dave & Miranda Vinar

27 – Dale & Linda Gilmour

CIU – means Church In Use

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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 = 38

Worship = 119

Mowing Schedule

Aug. 29 Mike Hermann & Jim Nelson

Sept. 5 Don Yoeckel & Jeff Parrott

CHILD CARE TODAY Aug. 23

NEXT WEEK Aug. 30

Nursery Susie Schaechter & Elizabeth Smith (Kate)

Lori Smith & Rachel L. (#1)

Jr. Church Elizabeth P. & Lori S. & Natalie Nipper

Rachel & LJ C. & (Megan DeA)

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