

Elim Covenant Church
January 24, 2016



*The landscape frozen white,
the earth in stillness holds its breath,
waiting for God's footprints.*

*The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,
(and we beheld his glory).*

JOHN 1:14

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

January 24, 2016

“We have by innocence cast out anchors for our souls to keep them from shipwreck, though they be not kept from storm.”
(Jeremy Taylor)

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”
“Create In Me A Clean Heart”
“Give Me Faith”

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 John Thompson

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

“The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.”
(1 Timothy 1:5)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD Psalm 101:1-6

Scripture Reader, Orlin Johnson
(Pages 631 or 593 in the red Bibles)

MESSAGE

“Faith Overhaul: #4 – Purity”

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

“Give Us Clean Hands”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday

1 Corinthians 3:9

Monday

Luke 10:19

Tuesday

Isaiah 42:16

Wednesday

Psalms 119:114

Thursday

Proverbs 8:35

Friday

Deuteronomy 4:29

Saturday

Psalms 32:7

TODAY’S GREETERS

Juanita Arellanos & Tabatha Estes

HEAD USHER

Mike Hermann

USHERS

Chris Carsell, Jim Nelson, Zach Stulir

SOUND SYSTEM

Josh Parrott

“Faith Overhaul: #4- Purity”

Psalm 101:1-6

Key Text: *“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God”*
(Matt. 5:8)

Key Thought: Because our sinful habits grieve God and strain our relationship with Him, we should strive for purity in our lives.

1. Intro & Context

2. Our identity and relational strain with God

- (a) Holy and blameless in Christ (cf. Rom. 8:1; Eph. 1:4) *“But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation”* (Col. 1:22)
- (b) The effect of continuing in habitual sin (cf. Rom. 6:21-23; Heb. 10:26-31; 2 Pt. 2:20-22) *“What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death!”* (Rom. 6:21)

3. Striving for Purity

- (a) Of heart (cf. Ps. 24:3-4; Mt. 5:8; 1 Tim. 1:5; 2 Tim. 2:22) *“Create in me a clean heart, O God”* (Ps. 51:10)
- (b) Of mind (cf. Ps. 139:23; Jer. 4:14; Titus 1:15) *“... But we have the mind of Christ”* (1 Cor. 2:16)
- (c) Of eyes (cf. Ps. 101:3; Isa. 33:15; Mt. 6:22-23) *“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light”* (Mt. 6:22)
- (d) In relationships (cf. Ps. 101:3-4; 1 Cor. 5:11; 2 Cor. 6:14-15) *“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers”* (Ps. 1:1)

4. Conclusion

Questions for Reflection:

- What would improve in my life if I were to strive for purity? What would suffer?
- What do I value more? My sinful habit, or my relationship w/ God?

If my sin grieves God, and strains my relationship with Him, what will I do to uproot that sin?

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: Gary & Julie Wells are grandparents to a baby boy born Jan. 19th - 9 lbs. 5 oz. & 20" long. Congratulations!
Orlin Johnson is retired!!!

Prayer Concerns: Upcoming Elim events:
Trivia Night, Men's Breakfast, Annual Meeting,
Chocolate Fantasies.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Juna Wortz, Arlene Miller, Adolph Laurick, June Riley, Margaret Hasty, Anna Swanson, Vivian Smith, Marj Nelson, Gene & Ellie Wildermuth, Jay & Judie Stanley, John & Linda Hutchison, Lyle & Maurine Beresford, Ann Seyller, Joy Wright, Pennie Knary, families that have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

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"God is our safe place where we can rest and be encouraged."

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.



A.M. Prayer & Coffee Gatherings (coffee is optional)!

Every Wednesday morning, we're going to have a morning prayer gathering from 7:00- 7:45 a.m. It's a great opportunity for those who:

- **Want to counter-act stress with prayer.**
 - **Want to draw closer to Christ.**
- **Feel a call to join with others in intercessory prayer.**

For those who are able, we'll finish with conversation over coffee at Village Inn immediately following our prayer time.

“Exploring Depression and Suicide”

Depression affects 1 in 10 Americans, and is the #1 factor in suicide. On Wednesday, January 20th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. & Sunday, January 24th from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Josh Parrott will be hosting a class in the sanctuary on exploring this widespread, yet widely overlooked, topic. Learn how you can recognize the warning signs and symptoms, and how you can be a beacon of hope for someone in need. See Josh for details/questions.

TRIVIA NIGHT ?

January 30th, 2016

Doors open at 4:30 - Trivia Starts at 5:00 - \$10/Person

Concessions will be for sale!

Nursery will be available for children 4 and younger!

All proceeds go directly to Elim Student Ministry!

CHRISTIAN CARE'S CURRENT NEEDS

Salad ingredients
Yogurt, eggs, milk, sliced cheese
Butter/margarine
Sugar/Powdered milk
Breakfast foods
Beef broth
Men's new white t-shirts
Men's winter gloves
Deodorant
Any cleaning products
Bleach/dish soap

Fresh fruits/potatoes/veggies
Canned fruits/veggies
Coffee/creamer/tea bags
Salad dressing/Ketchup
Pork & Beans/Chili beans
Bus tickets (IL & IA)
Men's size 11 tennis shoes
Tooth paste/shaving cream
Paper towels/toilet paper
33 Gallon Trash bags
Laundry soap



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The first Men's Fellowship Breakfast of the year will be held on Saturday, February 6th, 2016 @ 8:00 a.m.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area. See Don Peterson with any ???

ANNUAL MEETING/NEW MEMBERS ALL CHURCH POTLUCK

Our Annual Meeting and new members recognition will be held on Sunday, February 7th following worship. We will have a potluck – there is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area, please indicate what you will be bringing for the potluck.



CHOCOLATE TAKES the GOLD!

Chocolate Fantasies tasting & bake sale event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. There are sign-up sheets in the gathering area. Tickets are \$6.00 per person or \$12 for per family (a parent and children).

See Cheryl Bear with ????

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun.	Jan. 24	9:15 a.m. Sunday School
		10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
		2:00-4:00 p.m. CIU – Thompson Family
		4:00-5:30 p.m. “Exploring Depression & Suicide”
Mon.	Jan. 25	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tues.	Jan. 26	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	Jan. 27	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner
		5:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study
		6:00-7:30p.m. <i>SPARK & AXIS</i>
		7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion
Thurs.	Jan. 28	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Sat.	Jan. 30	5:000 p.m. Trivia Fundraiser for ESM/Doors open @ 4:30 p.m.
Sun.	Jan. 31	9:15 a.m. Sunday School
		10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon.	Feb. 1	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tues.	Feb. 2	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	Feb. 3	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner
		5:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study
		6:00-7:30p.m. <i>SPARK & AXIS</i>
		7:30-9:00p.m. Fusion
Thurs.	Feb. 4	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Sat.	Feb. 6	8:00 a.m. Men’s Fellowship Breakfast
Sun.	Feb. 7	9:15 a.m. Sunday School
		10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration/New Members Recognized
		12 Noon Annual Meeting & All Church Potluck
Mon.	Feb. 8	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tues.	Feb. 9	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (MLT will be held on Thurs. Feb. 11)

January Birthdays

27 – Pastor Darren Olson

February Birthdays

1 – Steve Parrott

4 – Marilyn Smith

9 – Sheila Yoeckel

10 – Alyssa Coil

13 – Maria Cantu

15 – Diana Wood

17 – Damian Burns

23 – Natasha Munger

25 – Rachel Peterson

28 – Jessica Sandholm

January Anniversaries

28 – Donald & Kathy Boggs

February Anniversaries

7 – Steve & Sandy Parrott

15 – Lisandro & Patty Restrepo

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 = 36

Worship = 110

CHILD CARE TODAY Jan. 24

NEXT WEEK Jan. 31

Nursery Susie Schaechter, Rachel L. (Kate S.)

Lori Smith, Diana Wood (Abby P.)

Jr. Church Dora Beth (Lori S. Rachel P.)

Rachel C. (Natalie H. & Megan DeA.)