

# Elim Covenant Church

## February 14, 2016



*We have  
this treasure in*

### JARS OF CLAY

to show that this all-surpassing power  
is from God and not from us.

We are hard pressed on every side, but not  
crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;  
persecuted, but not abandoned;  
struck down, but not destroyed.

2 Corinthians 4:7-9 (NIV)

# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

February 14, 2016

**"Shame on the Christianity of (today); it's a weak and sickly thing. Would to God we had a few men like Daniel living here today." (D. L. Moody)**

## **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

*"Forever"*

*"Arms of Love"*

*"Jesus Paid It All"*

## **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**

Juanita Arellanos

## **MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

**"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."**

**(John 8:36)**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*(Children dismissed for Children's Church, please for ages 3 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade only).*

## **WORDS FROM GOD**

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

*Scripture Reader, Marilyn Smith*

**(Pages 1144 or 1210 in the red Bibles)**

# **MESSAGE**

**“Faith Overhaul #7: Suffer Willingly”**

**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**

*“Desert Song”*

### **BENEDICTION**

#### ***Scripture Readings for the Week***

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Ephesians 1:22-23</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>1 John 5:1</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Psalms 37:39</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Matthew 11:28-30</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>2 Samuel 22:2-3</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Isaiah 58:11</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Revelation 7:17</i>

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### **TODAY’S GREETERS**

Rodney & Judy Ouderkirk

### **HEAD USHER**

Gary Wells

### **USHERS**

Felipe Cantu, Pat Hudson & Sandy Parrott

### **SOUND SYSTEM**

Josh Parrott

# “Faith Overhaul #7: Suffer Willingly”

## 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

**Key Text:** *“Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude...”* (1 Pt. 4:1)

**Key Thought:** Our faith will never be strong and true until we are willing to suffer for Christ and for His Kingdom.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) Suffer willingly (Mt. 5:11-12; 1 Pt. 2:23; 4:1; Acts 14:22; Php. 3:10-11)
  - a. Ready to lay down our lives for Him (cf. Jn. 15:13; 1 Jn. 3:16)
  - b. Set our faces like flint (cf. Isa. 50:7; Ezek. 3:7-9)
- 3) Delight in trials (Ps. 119:71; 2 Cor. 12:10)
  - a. Recognize the significant GROWTH we experience thru trials (cf. Rom. 5:3-5; Ja. 1:2-4)
  - b. Delight in the GLORY that will be ours (cf. Rom. 8:17-18; 2 Cor. 4:17-18)
- 4) Bearing disgrace (Heb. 13:12,13; 1 Pt. 2:19-24; 4:1-4)
  - a. Jesus' example
  - b. Our calling
- 5) Conclusion

### Questions for Reflection

- What has been your attitude toward suffering? Have you resented God for allowing it?
- If suffering for God's Kingdom would be your lot, would you still follow Him?
- What is gained? What is lost? As you count the cost, is it worth it?
- Will you commit yourself to Christ, and even to suffer for Him?

## PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

**Praises:** The “Chocolate Takes the Gold” chocolate fantasy event.

**Prayer Concerns:**

**Dr. Walt Elwell’s study of Ephesians next Saturday.**

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### **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 created you and has a purpose for your life. If the Creator of the universe fashioned you, you can know that you have infinite worth!”*

**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 northwest classroom behind the sound system booth.

### **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.

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# 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  
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

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## MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Men's Sunday School is starting a new study on the book of Hebrews beginning Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>.

They meet @9:15 a.m. There will be coffee, tea & donuts.

Join us as we grow closer to God and with each other.

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### “An In-Depth Study of Ephesians”

A multi-part series, continues

**Saturday, February 20, 2016**

**Time: 9:00 am to Noon**

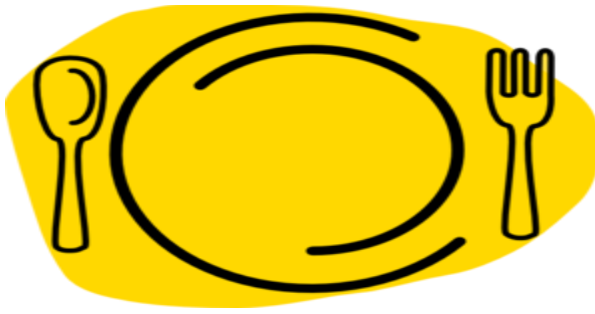
**Optional lunch at Village Inn following mtg. for those who would like to go.**

Dr. Walt Elwell is professor emeritus of Bible and Theology at Wheaton College where he taught from 1975 to 2003. He has authored and edited many books, but is most known for

his editing the *Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology*. Pastor Steve says, “Walt is a rare individual, with a world-class theological mind and a first-rate pastor’s heart. He can take the deepest biblical truth and communicate it with such simplicity, and inspire you to walk in that truth.”

*There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area.*

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## **ESM REQUEST**

*On Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> the ESM (Elim Student Ministry) group is serving dinner @ Christian Care in Rock Island. They need dessert donations. See Tom Bivens or Greg if you can help out. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area.*

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## **WOMEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

The Women's Sunday School class will begin a new study on "Words in the Word" – what a word study means to us today. The women's Class meets Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. in the east hallway Classroom.

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## **S.P.L.A.S.H**

The next S.P.L.A.S.H. meeting will be held on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Also, the March meeting will be on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> so as not to interfere with Easter weekend.

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## **HELP WANTED**

*The dollar dinner needs volunteers to help serve on Wednesday nights @ 5:30 p.m. Tom will not be able to manage with mowing season coming up. Please see Tom or Greg if you can help out or have questions.*

## ***LOOKING AHEAD***

<b>Sun.</b>	Feb. 14	9:15 a.m. Sunday School	10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
<b>Mon.</b>	Feb. 15	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering	
<b>Tues.</b>	Feb. 16	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	
<b>Wed.</b>	Feb. 17	7:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer/Coffee Gathering	
		5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner	
		5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	
		6:00-7:30 p.m. <i>SPARK &amp; AXIS</i>	
		7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion	
<b>Thurs.</b>	Feb. 18	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study	
<b>Sat.</b>	Feb. 20	9:00am-Noon Study on Ephesians with Dr. Walt Elwell	
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb. 21	9:15 a.m. Sunday School	
		10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service	
		11:45 a.m. Collect for CF/Youth Hope	
<b>Mon.</b>	Feb. 22	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering	
<b>Tues.</b>	Feb. 23	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	
<b>Wed.</b>	Feb. 24	7:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer/Coffee Gathering	
		5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner	
		5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	
		6:00-7:30 p.m. <i>SPARK &amp; AXIS</i>	
		7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion	
<b>Thurs.</b>	Feb. 25	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study	
<b>Sat.</b>	Feb. 27	9:00-11:00 am S.P.L.A.S.H. Meeting	
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb. 28	9:15 a.m. Sunday School	
		10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service	

### February Birthdays

15 – Diana Wood  
 17 – Damian Burns  
 23 – Natasha Munger  
 25 – Rachel Peterson  
 28 – Jessica Sandholm

### March Birthdays

1 – Skylar-Vienna Elizabeth Jackson  
 3 – Cheryl Bear  
 3 – Ryan Sellevold  
 6 – Margaret Hasty  
 7 – Carol Jacks  
 10 – Hailey Wagner  
 12 – Marc Ellis

### February Anniversaries

15 – Lisandro & Patty Restrepo  
March Anniversaries  
 16 – Jim & Danielle Ogden  
 23 – Jay & Judie Stanley  
 29 – Jon & Tabatha Estes

CIU – means Church In Use

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Greg's e-mail [youth@elimqc.org](mailto:youth@elimqc.org)

Attendance Last Week

Sunday School = 45

Worship = 128

**CHILD CARE** TODAY Feb. 14

Nursery Jennifer S. & Karen J. (Abby P.)

Jr. Church Natalie H. (Cindy M. & Mariah DeA.)

**NEXT WEEK** Feb. 21

Susie S./Ashley B. (Rachel P.)

Natalie H. (Mary B. & Natalie N.)