

Elim Covenant Church

February 21, 2016

How *beautiful* on the mountains
are the *feet of the messenger*
who brings *good news*,
the *good news* of
peace and salvation.

Isaiah 52:7, NLT



WORSHIP CELEBRATION

February 21, 2016

"A ship is safe in harbor, but that's not what ships are for." (William G.T. Shedd)

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

HYMNS OF PRAISE

Mary Bivens Worship Facilitator

HYMN # 433

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

"Rock of Ages"

HYMN #451

"It Is Well with My Soul"

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

"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 5th grade only).

WORDS FROM GOD

Numbers 13:26-33

Scripture Reader, Don Peterson

(Pages 153 or 143 in the red Bibles)

MESSAGE

“Faith Overhaul #8: From Cowardice to Courageous”
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

“I Surrender All”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Ephesians 2:7</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Psalms 57:3</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>1 Peter 2:9</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Micah 7:7</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>James 1:5</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Romans 5:1</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Exodus 33:19</i>

TODAY’S GREETERS	Peggy Burkeybile & Beverly Reese
HEAD USHER	Gary Wells
USHERS	Felipe Cantu, Pat Hudson & Sandy Parrott
SOUND SYSTEM	Don Yoeckel

“Faith Overhaul #8: “From Cowardice to Courageous”

Numbers 13:26-33

Key Text: *“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you”* (Deut. 31:6)

Key Thought: When we have a deep, abiding relationship with God, His perfect love casts out all fear, and we move from cowardice to courage.

1. Intro & Context

2. The fear factor

(a) The deceptiveness of fear (e.g. Num. 13:31-33;) *“We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them”* (Num. 13:33)

(b) Fear's debilitating effects (e.g. Num. 14; 1 Sam. 17:11,24; Lk. 22:54-62)

i. *“... they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden”* (Gen. 3:8)

ii. *“... they all fled from [Goliath] in great fear”* (1 Sam. 17:24)

iii. *“And they said to each other, “We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt”* (Num. 14:4)

3. Profiles in courage

(a) Caleb facing the giants (Num. 14:6-9; Josh. 14:6-14)

(b) David facing the giant (1 Sam. 17)

(c) Elijah taking on the 450 prophets of Baal (1 Kgs. 18:16-40)

(d) Peter & John before the Sanhedrin (Acts 4:1-22)

(e) They KNEW God would show up! Because they KNEW God, & knew Him to be faithful!

4. Growth in godly courage

(a) An intimate relationship with God: *“Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the Lord...”* (1 Chr. 22:19)

(b) Daily meditation in His Word: *“Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night...”* (Josh. 1:8)

(c) Prayer without ceasing: *“Pray continually”* (1 Ths. 5:17)

(d) Saturated with the Holy Spirit: *“Do not put out the Spirit's fire”* (1 Ths. 5:19)

(e) Good mentoring & counseling

5. Closing

Questions for Reflection

- I. Do you struggle with debilitating fears (i.e. of death, disease, failure, rejection, etc)?
- II. Are you saddened (sickened, angered) by fears that have altered your God-given identity?
- III. Are you ready to move from cowardice to courageous? Are you ready to go deeper, then, with God?

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: **Dr. Walt Elwell's study of Ephesians.
God loves us!**

**Prayer Concerns: Enrique speedy healing from his surgery.
All the Bible study groups.**

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Juna Wertz, 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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***"The LORD hears his people when they call to him for help.
He rescues them from all their troubles." Psalm 34:17***

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.

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



MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Men's Sunday School is starting a new study on the book of Hebrews beginning today, Feb. 21st. They meet @9:15 a.m.

There will be coffee, tea & donuts.

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

S.P.L.A.S.H

The S.P.L.A.S.H. meeting will be held next Saturday, February 27th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

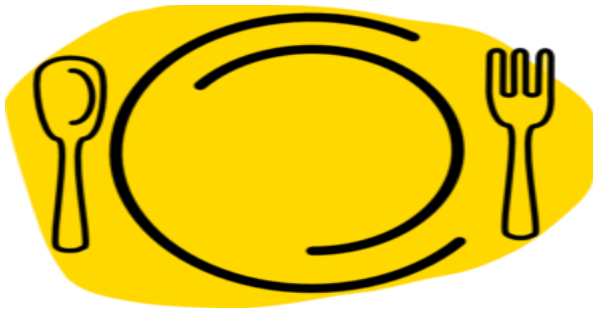
Also, the March meeting will be on Saturday, March 19th so as not to interfere with Easter weekend.



OUTSIDE WORK MORNING

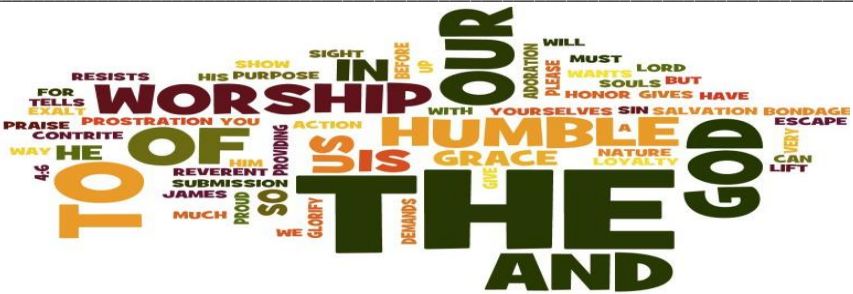
The men's group is having the Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, March 5th @ 8:00 a.m. Following the breakfast they will be working on clearing the brush from around the playground equipment area. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area. Men of all ages are encouraged to join in for food & service.

See Don Peterson with any questions.



ESM REQUEST

On Saturday, March 12th 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.



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.

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

Sun.	Feb. 21	9:15 a.m. Sunday School	10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service	11:45 a.m. Collect for CF/Youth Hope
Mon.	Feb. 22	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering		
Tues.	Feb. 23	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice		
Wed.	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 & AXIS</i>	7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion	
Thurs.	Feb. 25	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study		
Sat.	Feb. 27	9:00-11:00 am S.P.L.A.S.H. Meeting		
Sun.	Feb. 28	9:15 a.m. Sunday School	10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service	
Mon.	Feb. 29	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering		
Tues.	March 1	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice		
Wed.	March 2	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 & AXIS</i>	7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion	
Thurs.	March 3	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study		
Fri.	March 4	3:30 p.m. CIU – Pampered Chef		
Sat.	March 5	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast/Clearing brush afterwards	3:30 p.m. Dave Christy's New Men's Bible Study Group	
Sun.	March 6	9:15 a.m. Sunday School	10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service	

February Birthdays

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*

March Anniversaries

16 – *Jim & Danielle Ogden*

23 – *Jay & Judie Stanley*

29 – *Jon & Tabatha Estes*

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 = 28

Worship = 72

CHILD CARE TODAY Feb. 21

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

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

NEXT WEEK Feb. 28

Lori S. & Diana W. (Kate S.)

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