

# Elim Covenant Church

## February 28, 2016

**But we know that  
when he appears,  
we shall be like him,  
for we shall see  
him as he is.**

1 John 3:2

# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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**"Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline. Communion without confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ."  
(Dietrich Bonhoeffer)**

## **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**      Victoria Fowler    Worship Facilitator

*"Now That You're Near"*

*"Come, Now Is the Time To Worship"*

*"Shout To the Lord"*

## **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**

Orlin Johnson

## **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**

1 John 3:1-10

*Scripture Reader, Susie Schaechter*

*(Pages 1279 or 1208 in the red Bibles)*

## **MESSAGE**

**“Faith Overhaul #9: Integrity”**

**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**

*“My Jesus I Love Thee”*

### **BENEDICTION**

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

*Sunday*

*Psalms 63:8*

*Monday*

*2 Corinthians 13:11*

*Tuesday*

*2 Timothy 2:19*

*Wednesday*

*Proverbs 3:12*

*Thursday*

*1 Corinthians 2:9*

*Friday*

*John 16:27*

*Saturday*

*Proverbs 18:10*

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**TODAY’S GREETERS**

Peggy Burkeybile & Beverly Reese

**HEAD USHER**

Gary Wells

**USHERS**

Felipe Cantu, Pat Hudson & Sandy Parrott

**SOUND SYSTEM**

Orlin Johnson

# “Faith Overhaul #9: Integrity”

## 1 John 3:1-10

**Key Text:** *“No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him”* (1 Jn. 3:6)

**Key Thought:** A true faith exercises true repentance; a saving faith results in holiness, for those who love God hate sin.

- 1) Intro & Context: E.g. Rules of the house
- 2) Truth #1: God hates sin (And so should we!) (cf. Ps. 97:10; Pr. 8:13; Rom. 12:9)
- 3) Truth #2: God punishes sin (cf. Hos. 8:13)
  - a. His wrath will come upon those who are unrepentant (cf. Rom. 1:18; 2:8; Eph. 5:6) *“Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God’s wrath comes on those who are disobedient”* (Eph. 5:6)
  - b. God’s love is NOT unconditional (Hos. 9:15; 2 Pt. 2:20-22) *“Because of their sinful deeds, I will drive them out of my house. I will no longer love them”* (Hos. 9:15)
- 4) Truth #3: God demands repentance (cf. 1 Cor. 15:34; Lk. 13:3; Acts 3:19; James 4:8)
- 5) Truth #4: God defines right and wrong (cf. Pr. 3:5-7; 26:12; Isa. 5:20-21; 1 Cor. 1:20)
- 6) Truth #5: God longs to redeem us
  - a. He is willing to forgive our sins (cf. Micah 7:18; Eph. 1:7; Col. 2:13)
  - b. He is willing to cleanse us of our sins (cf. Jer. 33:8; 1 Jn. 1:9)
  - c. He is willing to free us from our sins (cf. Rom. 6:1-14; Gal. 5:1; 1 Pt. 4:1)
- 7) Truth #6: Only those who are holy will enter heaven (cf. Mt. 5:20; Rom. 6:22; Heb. 12:14)
  - a. Set apart: Forgiven, cleansed & redeemed (cf. Acts 3:19; Rev. 22:14-15)
  - b. Robed in Christ’s righteousness (cf. 1 Cor. 1:30; 2 Cor. 5:21)
  - c. Sanctified by the Holy Spirit (filled, sanctified and controlled by the Holy Spirit) (cf. Rom. 15:16; 1 Cor. 6:11; 1 Ths. 4:3)
- 8) Closing

Questions for Reflection:

- Are you under Christ's control, or under the control of sin?
- Are you walking in sincere repentance? Do you hate sin (as God defines it)?
- Are you allowing Christ to help you be free from your besetting sin(s)?

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## **PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Praises:** Thank you for Dr. Walt Elwell's study.

**Prayer Concerns:** Tornadoes & storms throughout the south.  
School violence.

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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, Belva Van Norman, Pennie Knary, families that have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

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***"In a world full of limits, it's hard to imagine something that is never ending. But God's love is limitless and unconditional - He will never stop loving you."***

### **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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*This week the Elim Prayer Team is starting a new ministry project. Each week we will have a bag in a basket in the gathering area with crayons, a clip board, and a coloring page in it. It is our hope that these pages will help our children to think and learn about prayer. Before leaving each week, we would appreciate it if you could see that the bag with the clip board and crayons makes its way back to the basket where it came from so that we can put a new coloring page in it for the next week. If you would like to talk to your child throughout the week about our "Prayer Thought", we believe that would be an awesome way to encourage him or her to grow in the area of prayer. Thank you for your participation in this ministry and God Bless!*

*The Elim Prayer Team*

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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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## **Hebrews**

### **MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

The Men's Sunday School has just started a new study on the book of Hebrews. 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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### **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 Bivens if you can help out or have questions.*



## OUTSIDE WORK MORNING

The men's group is having the Men's Fellowship Breakfast next Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> @ 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.

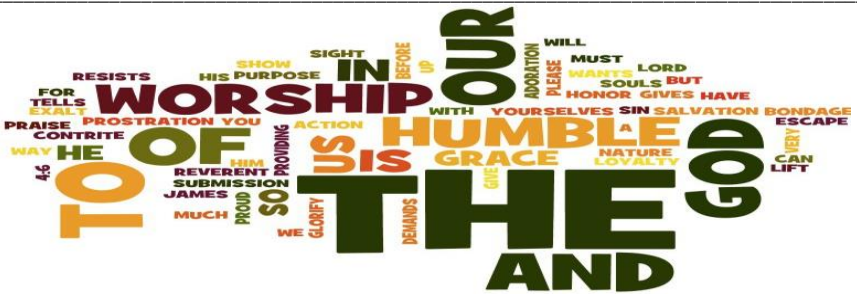
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## ESM REQUEST

*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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## LOOKING AHEAD

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. SPARK & AXIS 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
Mon.	March 7	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tues.	March 8	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	March 9	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. SPARK & AXIS 7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion
Thurs	March 10	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study 5:30 p.m. MLT Meeting

### February Birthdays

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

17 – Katie Clarke

20 – Ellie Wildermuth

### 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 = 37

Worship = 124

### CHILD CARE

TODAY Feb. 28

Jr. Church Natalie Hermann (Rachel Cunningham & Megan DeArmond)

Nursery Lori Smith & Diana Wood (Kate Schaechter)

NEXT WEEK March 6

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Natalie Nipper)

Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Michelle DeArmond)

Nursery Leonna Ellis & Amanda Dang (Abby Peterson)