

Elim Covenant Church

February 7, 2016

“Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness...”

2 Corinthians 9:10

(New American Standard Bible)



***“Faith Overhaul: #6-
Joyful Generosity”***

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

February 7, 2016

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life
by what we give." (Sir Winston Churchill)

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 #342 *"Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"*
Hymn #72 *"To God Be the Glory"*

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

Song *"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"*

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)

ELIM CHOIR

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Scripture Reader, Mike Hermann
(Pages 1147 or 1213 in the red Bibles)

MESSAGE

“Faith Overhaul: #6 – Joyful Generosity”

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Call to Communion

#878 The Apostles’ Creed

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

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 #75

“There Is a Redeemer”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday

1 Thessalonians 5:2

Monday

Philippians 1:6

Tuesday

John 15:16

Wednesday

John 6:40

Thursday

Isaiah 35:10

Friday

Titus 3:4-5

Saturday

Psalms 147:14

TODAY’S GREETERS

Rodney & Judy Ouderkirk

HEAD USHER

Gary Wells

USHERS

Felipe Cantu, Pat Hudson & Sandy Parrott

SOUND SYSTEM

Don Yoeckel

“Faith Overhaul: #6- Joyful Generosity”

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Key Verse: “...God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7)

Key Thought: Joyful generosity is one of the key factors in a healthy faith and a loving relationship with God.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) The danger of greed (cf. Pr. 15:27; Isa. 57:17; 1 Cor. 6:10; Eph. 5:3-5)
“No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God” (Eph. 5:5)
 - a. It is idolatry (Mt. 6:24; Lk. 12:16-21; Col. 3:5)
 - b. How we rob God (Mal. 3:6-18) *“You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me”* (Mal. 3:9)
 - c. A false hope (cf. Pr. 15:27; 23:4-5; Lk. 16:19-31; 1 Tim. 6:9-10)
- 3) A Juxtaposition (Lk. 6:20 vs. Pr. 10:22; Mk. 12:41-44 vs. 2 Cor. 9:6)
 - a. “Blessed are the poor” vs. “The blessing of the Lord brings wealth”
 - b. “the widow’s mite” vs. “Whoever sows generously, will also reap generously”
- 4) Giving and receiving
 - a. Those who need to be on the receiving end
 - b. Those who can, but don’t (in the danger zone)
 - c. Those who can, and do (in the blessing zone)
 - d. Those who excel in giving (cf. Lk. 8:1-3; Rom. 12:6,8)
- 5) The Goal
 - a. To excel in joyful generosity (cf. Deut. 15:10-11; Acts 10:1-2; 1 Tim. 6:17-19) *“...so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life”* (1 Tim. 6:19)
 - b. No greed, no fanfare, no manipulation (cf. Pr. 30:8-9; Mt. 6:1-4) *“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven”* (Mt. 6:1)
- 6) Conclusion

Questions for Reflection:

- Do you enjoy giving to help others in their need?
- Is there greed in your heart? Do you understand how it pits you against God and endangers your relationship with Him?
- What practical steps (maybe just one or two) could you take to grow your heart in the area of generosity?

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: Gary Wells does not need surgery for his broken knee.
Tabatha's dad is doing better. New members!!! Sandy is retired!
Prayer Concerns: Annual Meeting;
Chocolate Fantasies;
Dr. Walt Elwell's study of Ephesians.

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.

"Jesus is the Light of the World...the lighthouse that draws us toward the hope of heaven."

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.

ANNUAL MEETING/NEW MEMBERS ALL CHURCH POTLUCK TODAY

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

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 ????



MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Men's Sunday School is starting a new study on the book of Hebrews beginning 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.



“An In-Depth Study of Ephesians”

A multi-part series, continues

Saturday, February 20, 2016

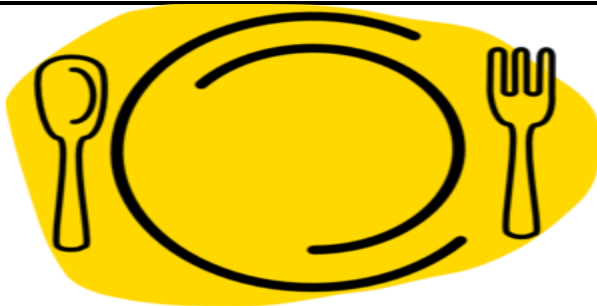
Time: 9:00 am to Noon

Optional lunch available.

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.



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.

LOOKING AHEAD

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)
Wed.	Feb. 10	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. 11	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study 5:30 p.m. MLT Meeting Set-up for Chocolate Fantasy Event
Fri.	Feb. 12	
Sat.	Feb. 13	2:00-4:00 p.m. Chocolate Takes the Gold Tasting/Bake Sale
Sun.	Feb. 14	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon.	Feb. 15	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tues.	Feb. 16	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	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 & AXIS</i> 7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion
Thurs.	Feb. 18	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Sat.	Feb. 20	9:00am-Noon Study on Ephesians with Dr. Walt Elwell
Sun.	Feb. 21	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon.	Feb. 22	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering

February Birthdays

9 – Sheila Yoeckel
 10 – Alyssa Coil
 13 – Maria Cantu
 15 – Diana Wood
 17 – Damian Burns
 23 – Natasha Munger
 25 – Rachel Peterson
 28 – Jessica Sandholm

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 = 45

Worship = 118

CHILD CARE TODAY Feb. 7

NEXT WEEK Feb. 14

Nursery Leonna E & Amanda D. (Elizabeth S.)

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

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