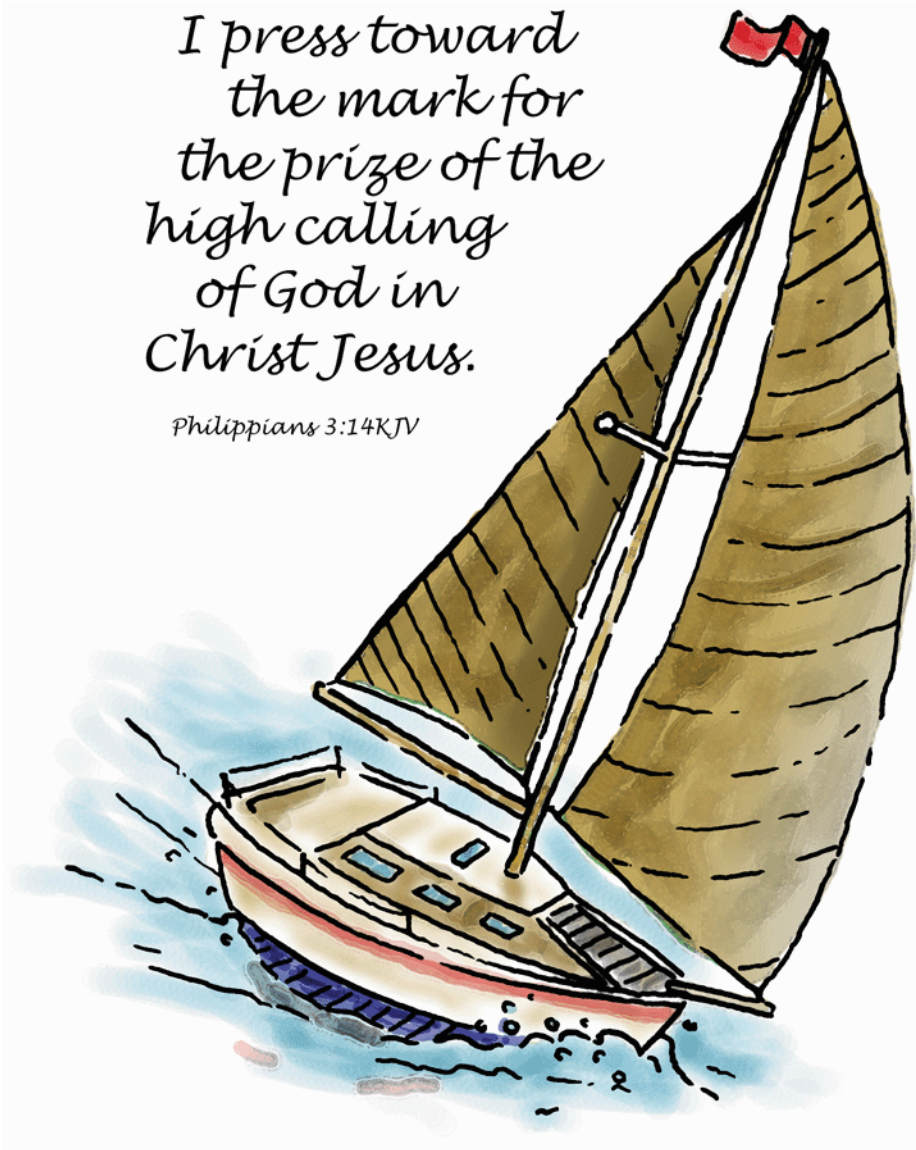


Elim Covenant Church

March 13, 2016

I press toward
the mark for
the prize of the
high calling
of God in
Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:14KJV



WORSHIP CELEBRATION

March 13, 2016

"The resurrection of Jesus is an exploding flare announcing to all sincere seekers that it is safe to believe! Because of the resurrection, everything changes." (Max Lucado)

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
"In the Secret"

HYMN #222 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
"In Christ Alone"

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

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

MISSION MOMENT

Christian Care

Marilyn DeMay

WORDS FROM GOD

Philippians 3:4a-14

Scripture Reader, Natalie Hermann
(Pages 1163 or 1231 in the red Bibles)

MESSAGE
"Pressing On"
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 # 226

"What Wondrous Love"

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Jeremiah 31:3</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Hebrews 9:15</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Psalms 96:10</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Romans 8:38-39</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 4:16-18</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Proverbs 2:8</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Nahum 1:7</i>

TODAY'S GREETERS

John & Pam Thompson

HEAD USHER

Don Peterson

USHERS

Martin Bear, L.J. Cunningham, Tabatha Estes

SOUND SYSTEM

Orlin Johnson

“Pressing On”

Philippians 3:4a-14

Key text: “... I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me” (Php. 3:12)

Key Thought: In Christ, we have the promise of true life; so we are called to press on to take hold of that life and of our heavenly reward.

1. Intro & Context
2. The righteousness that comes from faith
 - (a) Self-righteousness... rubbish!! (vv. 7-8) (cf. Isa. 64:6; Lk. 11:39-52; 18:9-14)
 - (b) Found in Christ (v. 9) (cf. Rom. 3:21-24; Gal. 5:5) *“Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes”*(Rom. 10:4)
3. Knowing Christ more deeply (v. 10)
 - (a) Knowing the power of His resurrection (Jn. 11:25-26; Acts 4:33; Eph. 1:18-20)
 - (b) Knowing His sufferings (cf. Rom. 8:17; 2 Cor. 1:5; Col. 1:24) *“We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body”* (2 Cor. 4:10)
4. Pressing on
 - (a) Toward God's designs for me (v. 12) (cf. Eph. 2:10; Php. 2:12-13)
 - (b) Forgetting what is past, straining ahead (v. 13) (cf. 1 Cor. 9:24-27; Heb. 6:4-6) *“Jesus replied, ‘No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.’”* (Lk. 9:62)
 - (c) To win the heavenly prize (v. 14) (cf. Jn. 17:3; 1 Tim. 6:12)
5. Conclusion

Questions for reflection

- What is the basis of your being right before God—your own goodness, or Christ’s redeeming work?
- Are you striving to know Christ more deeply? How is that evidenced in your weekly schedule?
- What practical steps can you take to “press on” and “fan into flame” your faith? What 1 or 2 things can you do to increase your knowledge of Christ and zeal for Him?

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: Greg, Mallory, Paige & Tucker Burney!!

Prayer Concerns: Severe flooding in the southern states.
Traveling mercies for our snowbirds & spring breakers.

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, Patrick Henry, Joe DeSchepper, families that have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

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*"May the Lord of peace himself always give you his peace
no matter what happens." 2 Thessalonians 3:16*

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.



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

CHRISTIAN CARE'S CURRENT NEEDS

Salad ingredients

Yogurt, eggs, milk, sliced cheese

Butter/margarine

Sugar/Powdered milk

Breakfast foods

Beef & chicken broth

Men's new white t-shirts

Men's winter gloves

Deodorant

Any cleaning products

Dish soap

Gently used cookware

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

13 & 33 Gallon Trash bags

Laundry soap




We will be putting out a new church phone directory book in April. If you have any updates or changes to be made, please let the church office know. If you are new and want your information in the directory, please make sure you turn in your information to the office. This includes name, address, phone numbers (home, cell, & or work #'s) and e-mail info. Thank you.



SAY GOODBYE TO GREG & FAMILY

Today, March 13th we will have a goodbye luncheon following worship to say goodbye to Greg, Mallory and Paige & Tucker. This will be his last day at Elim as they will be moving to Texas to take a new youth pastor position there. We will miss you all!!

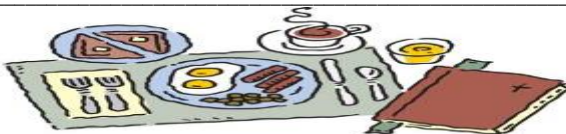
S.P.L.A.S.H. MEETING



The next S.P.L.A.S.H. meeting will be held on Saturday, March 19th so as not to interfere with Palm Sunday and Easter. The meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. thru 11:00 a.m.



I would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and calls during my recent rib injury. I appreciate your thoughts. Belva Van Norman



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next men's breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 2nd @ 8:00 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area. See Don Peterson with questions.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun.	March 13	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 12 Noon Goodbye Luncheon for the Burney's
Mon.	March 14	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU – RIC Ministry Prayer Meeting
Tues.	March 15	1:00-5:00 p.m. CIU – YMCA Meeting 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	March 16	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 17	Happy St. Patrick's Day & Happy Birthday Katie!! 9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Sat.	March 19	9:00-11:00 am S.P.L.A.S.H. Meeting 3:30 p.m. New Men's Bible Study
Sun.	March 20	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship & Choir Cantata 11:45 a.m. Collect for CF/Youth Hope
Mon.	March 21	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tues.	March 22	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	March 23	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

March Birthdays

17 – Katie Clarke
20 – Ellie Wildermuth
26 – Claudine Patton
28 – Jon Estes
30 – Nick Wagner

March Anniversaries

16 – Jim & Danielle Ogden
23 – Jay & Judie Stanley
29 – Jon & Tabatha Estes

CIU – means Church In Use

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Church website elimqc.org

Pastor's e-mail pastor@elimqc.org

Greg's e-mail youth@elimqc.org

Attendance Last Week

Sunday School = 44
CHILD CARE

Worship = 124

TODAY March 13

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Mariah De Armond)

Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Cindy Minard)

Nursery Mallory Burney & Mary Bivens

NEXT WEEK March 20

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Rachel Peterson)

Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Natalie Nipper)

Nursery Lori Smith & Diana Wood