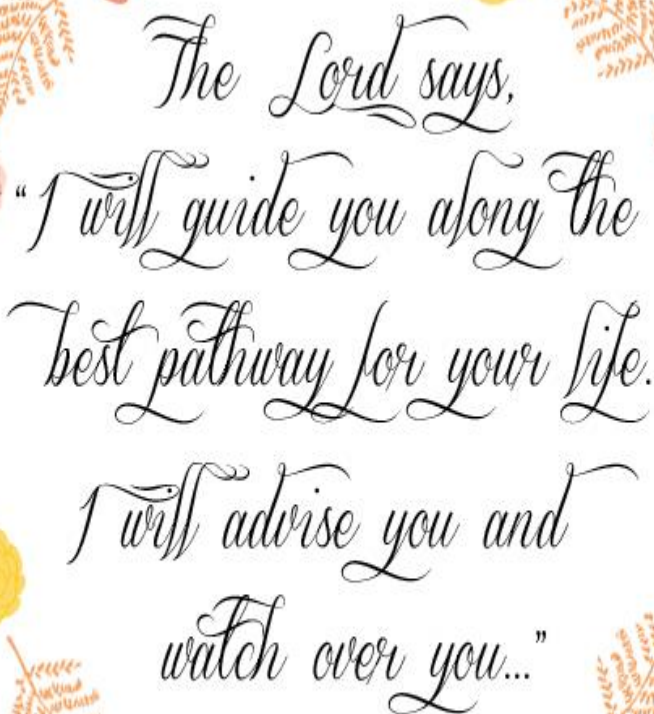


Elim Covenant Church

March 6, 2016



*The Lord says,
"I will guide you along the
best pathway for your life.
I will advise you and
watch over you..."*

PSALM 32:8 (NLT)

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

March 6, 2016

**"Praise now is one of the great duties of the redeemed. It will be their employment for ever."
(Albert Barnes)**

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 #113

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

HYMN #430

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

HYMN #372

"Change My Heart, O God"

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

"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)

ELIM CHOIR

"Victory Chant/Because We Believe"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

Psalm 32

*Scripture Reader, Juanita Arellanos
(Pages 584 or 549 in the red Bibles)*

MESSAGE

“The Blessings of the Redeemed”

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

#887 The Lord’s Prayer

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.

SONG #168 (silver book)

“In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Monday

Isaiah 54:8

Tuesday

Psalms 146:8

Wednesday

Haggai 2:4

Thursday

Psalms 73:25-26

Friday

Philippians 4:7

Saturday

1 John 2:12

TODAY’S GREETERS

John & Pam Thompson

HEAD USHER

Don Peterson

USHERS

Martin Bear, L.J. Cunningham, Tabatha Estes

SOUND SYSTEM

Josh Parrott

“The Blessings of the Redeemed”

Psalm 32

Key Text: *“Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered”* (Ps. 32:1)

Key Thought: When we are forgiven and redeemed, all of heaven rejoices with us!

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) Blessed forgiveness! (vv. 1-5) (cf. Lk. 15:11-32; 2 Cor. 5:17-18)
 - a. Wretched sinfulness (v. 3) (cf. Lk. 15:14-16)
 - b. Confession & repentance (v. 5) (cf. Lk. 15:21-24; 1 Jn. 1:9)
- 3) Intimacy with God (vv. 6-8)
 - a. Prayer (v. 6a) (cf. Eph. 6:18; 1 Ths. 5:17)
 - b. My hiding place (vv. 6b-7a) (cf. Ps. 23:4; 91; Isa. 43:1-3a)
Ps. 91:1,2- *“Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’”*
 - c. Surrounded by songs of deliverance (v. 7b) (cf. Zeph. 3:17; Lk. 15:24,32) *“The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”* (Zeph. 3:17)
 - d. God’s intimate mentoring (v. 8) (cf. Jn. 14:26; 1 Jn. 2:27)
“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” (Jn. 14:26)
- 4) Woes or love
 - a. The woes of the wicked (v. 9-10a) (cf. Rom. 2:8-9; Gal. 6:7-8)
“But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil...” (Rom. 2:8,9)
 - b. Surrounded by unending love & rejoicing (vv. 10b-11) (cf. Ps. 52:8; Php. 4:4; 1 Ths. 5:16) *“But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God’s unending love for ever and ever.”* (Ps. 52:8)
- 5) Conclusion

Questions for Reflection

- Is there any willful sin that is putting a strain on your relationship with God? Do you feel like God's hand is "heavy upon you"?
- Have you been redeemed by God? And have you found in God your shelter, your "hiding place"?
- Are you struggling with "woes," or flourishing under God's unfailing love?
- Are you wholeheartedly committed to God as your Lord and Savior?

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: **The Lord's unfailing love for us!**

Prayer Concerns: **Persecuted Christians.
Elim shut-ins.**

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

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***"I told you these things so that you can have peace in me.
In this world you will have trouble, but be brave!
I have defeated the world." John 16:33***

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 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



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

On Sunday, 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.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead Saturday night March 12th!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Will begin Sunday, March 13th.

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead so you won't be late to church next Sunday.

LOOKING AHEAD

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 6:00 p.m. CIU – Fourth Day Youth Meeting
Sat.	March 12	ESM Serving Dinner @ Christian Care in RI
Sun.	March 13	Daylight Savings Time Begins!!!! 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	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

March Birthdays

6 – Margaret Hasty
7 – Carol Jacks
10 – Hailey Wagner
12 – Marc Ellis
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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(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 = 40
CHILD CARE

Worship = 114

TODAY March 6

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Natalie Nipper)

Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Michelle DeArmond)

Nursery Leonna Ellis & Amanda Dang (Abby Peterson)

NEXT WEEK March 13

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Mariah DeArmond)

Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Cindy Minard)

Nursery Jennifer Sullivan & Ashley Brookhart (Rachel Cunningham)