

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
APRIL 10, 2016

Colossians

1:13-14

**"For he has rescued us from the dominion of
darkness and brought us into the kingdom
of the Son he loves, in whom we have
redemption, the forgiveness of sins."**

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

April 10, 2016

"May God see our eager desire. May the Lord Jesus Christ look at the purpose of our mind and faith. He will give the larger rewards of His glory to those with a greater desire for Him!" (Cyprian, a 3rd century bishop of Carthage)

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

"There is Power In the Blood"

"Worshipful Medley"

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 then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord,
continue to live in him." (Colossians 2:6)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

TESTIMONY

Ann Seyller

WORDS FROM GOD

Colossians 1:9-14

Scripture Reader, Orlin Johnson
(Pages 1165 or 1233 in the red Bibles)

MESSAGE

**“The Apostle’s Prayer, Pt. 1”
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

“Be Thou My Vision Medley”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday

Psalms 5:12

Monday

1 Corinthians 1:18

Tuesday

John 15:5

Wednesday

2 Corinthians 6:17-18

Thursday

Isaiah 25:4

Friday

Psalms 147:6

Saturday

Ephesians 1:13

TODAY’S GREETERS

Dewey Jacks & Tasha Munger

HEAD USHER

Mike Hermann

USHERS

Chris Carsell, Jim Nelson, Zach Stulir

SOUND SYSTEM

Don Yoeckel

“The Apostle’s Prayer, Pt. 1”

Colossians 1:9-14

Key Text: “...We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives” (Col. 1:9)

Key Thought: In Paul’s prayer, we see revealed the godly hope he has for the church in Colossae, and gain insight into God’s hope for us.

1. Intro & Context

- I. Paul’s prayer for them: “... to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding” (v. 9) (cf. Rom. 12:2; Eph. 5:17)
 - A. Defining “spiritual wisdom” (cf. Pr. 1:2-4; 1 Cor. 1:20; James 3:17)
 - B. The value of wisdom: (Pr. 2:12,16; 3:4,17; 4:7,22; 8:18; 9:11; 16:16) *“Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding”* (Pr. 4:7)
 - C. How to grow in wisdom (cf. Pr. 1:7; 2:1-6; 9:10) *“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him”* (James 1:5)
 - D. Wisdom leads to understanding God’s will “His good, pleasing and perfect will” (Rom. 12:2)
- II. “Live a life worthy of the Lord” (v. 10a) (cf. Mt. 10:37-38; Eph. 4:1; Php. 1:27)
- III. “Please Him in every way” (vv. 10b-12a)
 - A. Bearing fruit in their works (cf. Jn. 15:2,4-5,8,16)
 - B. Growing in the knowledge of God (intertwined w/ spiritual wisdom & understanding)
 - C. Being strengthened w/ God’s power (2 Cor. 12:9-10; Php. 4:12-13)
 - D. Having great endurance & patience (cf. 1 Ths. 1:3; Rev. 1:9; 13:10)
 - E. Joyfully giving thanks to the Father (cf. Eph. 5:20; 1 Ths. 5:16-18)
- IV. Conclusion

Questions for Reflection

- Do you have a clear understanding of God's will for your life? Would that help give your life clearer purpose & more meaning?
- What opportunities do you need to avail yourself of in order to “fill you” with spiritual knowledge & wisdom?

- Are you living “a life worthy of the Lord?” Is it your aim to “please Him in every way?” If not, why?
- What are the benefits of living a life consecrated to the Lord? What are the costs? Is it worth it to you?

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: **Ann Seyller’s testimony!**
Praise and thank you to all the many prayer warriors at Elim.

Prayer Concerns: Families who are going through struggles.
Unspoken requests.

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, Hilda Enderton, Gene & Ellie Wildermuth, Jay & Judie Stanley, John & Linda Hutchison, Lyle & Maurine Beresford, Ann Seyller, Joy Wright, Belva Van Norman, Pennie Knary, Joe DeSchepper, families that have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

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“I am thankful for my struggle because without it I wouldn’t have stumbled across my strength.” Alex Elle

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.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

7th Annual Girls Night Out
This coming Friday - April 15th

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Come and "Recharge" with others. Please bring 2 canned goods for admission. Crafts, games, food, fellowship, chocolate, sharing fairy garden-time, nail painting & more! We will have a Silent Auction. Bring neighbors, friends, relatives & especially those that need some "Recharge" time.

See Cindy Minard with any questions.

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 XL-4X
Tooth paste/shaving cream
Deodorant
Any cleaning products
Dish soap
Kitchen Hand /Dish Towels

Fresh fruits/potatoes/veggies
Canned fruits/veggies
Coffee/creamer/tea bags
Salad dressing/Ketchup
Pork & Beans/Chili beans
Bus tickets (IL & IA)
Foot powder
Gently used cookware/utensils
Paper towels/toilet paper
13 & 33 Gallon Trash bags
Laundry soap

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, APRIL 24th FOLLOWING WORSHIP.**

Your tie goes here



Starting April 17, "vote" on what tie Pastor Steve has to wear Sunday, May 15!

Tie with the most money in its jar WINS!



"How to Be Salt and Light for God's Kingdom"
taught by **Moisés Jaimes**.

Saturday, April 16th, 9:00 a.m. – Noon.

Moisés Jaimes currently serves as a missionary in Spain. His ministry focus is evangelism and discipleship in the community where he and his family live. They formerly served in one of the Muslim countries in the Eastern Block of the former Soviet Union.

"Moisés is an extraordinarily gifted, creative person who has served God faithfully for many years in very difficult places. He is a delight to be around, as he brings energy and joy wherever he goes." **There is a sign-up sheet.**



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

(Social-Prayerful-Ladies-Always-Seeking-Him)

Attention ladies: the next S.P.L.A.S.H. meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd.

from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

All women are welcome & encouraged to attend.

LOOKING AHEAD

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| Sun. | April 10 | 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service |
| Mon. | April 11 | 5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU – RIC Ministry Prayer Meeting |
| Tues. | April 12 | 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice |
| Wed | April 13 | 7:00 a.m. “Amped” Prayer 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 |
| Thur. | April 14 | 9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study 5:30 p.m. MLT Meeting |
| Fri. | April 15 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. Girls Night Out |
| Sat. | April 16 | 9:00-Noon Salt & Light Class conducted by Moisés Jaimés 3:30 p.m. New Men’s Bible Study |
| Sun. | April 17 | 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 11:45 a.m. Collect for CF/Youth Hope |

April Birthdays

11 – Linda Hutchison
15 – Greg Burney
17 – Jayvan Fowler
18 – Cindy Minard
19 – Rachel Luong
20 – Pat Hansen
23 – DeWayne Edwards
24 – Pennie Knary
24 – Jane Peterson

April Anniversaries

11 – Lyle & Maurine Beresford
16 – Wiley & Maxine Barnes
27 – Rolland & Joann Potts
30 – Gary & Pat Hansen

CIU – means Church In Use

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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 42 Worship = 115

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY April 10

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Cindy Minard)
Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Mariah DeArmond)
Nursery Leonna Ellis & Amanda Dang

NEXT WEEK April 17

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Mary Bivens)
Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Rachel Peterson)
Nursery Lori Smith & Diana Wood

MOWING SCHEDULE

April 16 Tom Dang & Giao Luong
April 23 Chris Carsell, Jim Carsell & Joe Schaechter