

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
APRIL 17, 2016

All
the
Believers
were one
in ***Heart***
and Mind.



Acts 4:32

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

April 17, 2016

"The radiant Christian is more concerned with carrying his cross than with complaining about his calluses. He remembers the harvests, not the hardships. He thinks about his friends, not his failures. He talks more about his blessings than his backaches, more about his opportunities than his operations." (William A. Ward)

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	Linda Gilmour	Worship Facilitator
HYMN #608	<i>"God of Grace and God of Glory"</i>	
Silver Book #173	<i>"You Shall Go Out with Joy"</i>	
HYMN #600	<i>"We Are God's People"</i>	

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

Dewey Jacks

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

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

ELIM CHOIR

"Breathe"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

Acts 8:1-8; 11:19-21

Scripture Reader, Shannon Pirmann
(Pages 1148 or 1085 in the red Bibles)

MESSAGE

**“The Error of Removing the Wolf”
Moisés Jaimes & 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 (Silver Book #151)

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday

Psalms 37:11

Monday

1 Thessalonians 5:8-9

Tuesday

Philippians 1:29

Wednesday

John 8:12

Thursday

John 8:31-32

Friday

Zechariah 4:6

Saturday

Isaiah 41:13

TODAY’S GREETERS

Rolland & Joann Potts

HEAD USHER

Mike Hermann

USHERS

Chris Carsell & Jim Nelson

SOUND SYSTEM

Orlin Johnson

“The Error of Removing the Wolf”

Acts 8:1-8; 11:19-21

Key verse: “I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death” (Phil. 3:10)

Key Thought: It’s probable that the early church would not have survived even 100 years if it hadn’t been for the crises it went through. The Church can become a victim of its own success. Everything would have fallen apart with the infighting over doctrine & religious customs, ethnic fighting & group factions, etc. The same has been true in modern church history. God uses the tough circumstances—the uncomfortable, tragic and incomprehensible experiences—to unsettle and move His flock, and so fulfill the Great Commission.

A Conversation with Moisés Jaimes, a missionary to the Muslim community in Spain, serving with International Teams

- 1) So, you think crises in the church (i.e. persecution, conflict, division) have a positive effect on the spread of the gospel?
- 2) What do you see happening—both in Scripture and in the modern-day church—when we experience times of peace and prosperity?
- 3) Is there a difference between a God-directed crisis, and one that’s not? How would we know the difference?
- 4) What are the marks of a church (and/or individual) on fire? What makes for good, powerful witnessing?
- 5) Why does God need to “upset the nest,” and even move people out so as to spread the gospel?
- 6) Is God so cruel that He would allow us to suffer, so His work can be furthered? What biblical examples do you have that speak to this issue?
- 7) Tell us of your experience: How did God light a fire under you for evangelism and missions? How have the crises in your life resulted in God’s growth (growth in you and in the gospel)?
- 8) What’s this story you have about moose and wolves? How is this relevant to our conversation?
- 9) What challenge would you give us as we consider our personal call to witness and to tell the world about Jesus Christ?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Have you experienced church conflict? How did it affect you?
- How can you ensure that God’s sovereign will is done when you go through conflict?

- Are you on fire for Christ? What will God need to do to grow your passion for Him?
- Have you consecrated your life to God? Have you died to yourself that He may live thru you?

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises:

**Moisés Jaimes;
Great Girls Night Out!!
Thank you Cindy Minard and all the volunteers &
donators & buyers!**

Prayer Concerns: Our Elim shut-ins & those hospitalized.

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, 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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***"Our greatest glory consist not in never falling,
but in rising every time we fall.." Oliver Goldsmith***

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.

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!





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

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

MEETING

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.



VBS...coming sooner than you think!

June 20-24 Monday-Friday 5:30-7:30

See Victoria Fowler to find out how
you can partner with our VBS team
this year! Quick, before you miss out!

LOOKING AHEAD

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
Mon.	April 18	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tues.	April 19	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	April 20	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. <i>SPARK & AXIS</i>
		7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion
Thur.	April 21	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Sat.	April 23	9:00-11:00 am S.P.L.A.S.H. Meeting
Sun.	April 24	9:15 a.m. Sunday School
		10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
		12 Noon Congregational Meeting following Worship
Mon.	April 25	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
		6:30 p.m. CIU – REC Ministry Prayer Meeting
Tues.	April 26	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

April Birthdays

17 – Jayvan Fowler
 18 – Cindy Minard
 19 – Rachel Luong
 20 – Pat Hansen
 23 – DeWayne Edwards
 24 – Pennie Knary
 24 – Jane Peterson

April Anniversaries

27 – Rolland & Joann Potts
 30 – Gary & Pat Hansen

CIU – means Church In Use

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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 53 Worship = 139

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY April 17

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

NEXT WEEK April 24

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Sandy Parrott)
 Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Lacey Wagner)
 Nursery Karen Johnson & Rachel Peterson

MOWING SCHEDULE

April 23 Chris Carsell, Jim Carsell & Joe Schaechter
 April 30 Mike Hermann & Jim Nelson