

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
APRIL 24, 2016

*If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me ...*



Psalms 139:9-10

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

April 24, 2016

“When you find your definitions in God, you find the very purpose for which you were created. Put your hand into God's hand, know His absolutes, demonstrate His love, present His truth, and the message of redemption and transformation will take hold” (Ravi Zacharias)

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

Worship Facilitators

Scott & Victoria Fowler

“My Hope is Built”

“Holy is the Lord”

“The Stand”

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)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

Colossians 1:9-14

Scripture Reader, Pam Thompson
(Pages 1233 or 1165 in the red Bibles)

MESSAGE

“The Apostle’s Prayer, Pt. 2”

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

“Amazing Grace”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday

Psalms 149:4

Monday

Acts 16:31

Tuesday

Psalms 30:5

Wednesday

1 Corinthians 7:14

Thursday

Luke 11:28

Friday

Psalms 145:15-16

Saturday

Isaiah 43:1

TODAY’S GREETERS

Rolland & Joann Potts

HEAD USHER

Mike Hermann

USHERS

Chris Carsell & Jim Nelson

SOUND SYSTEM

Orlin Johnson

The Apostle's Prayer, Pt. 2"

Colossians 1:9-14

Key Text: *"For he has rescued us from the dominion [tyranny] of darkness and brought [transferred] us into the kingdom of the Son he loves"* (Col. 1:13)

Key Thought: Having been rescued from the tyranny of darkness, God has established us as His children of light, and has called us to the ministry of reconciliation.

- I. Intro & Context: Paul's prayer for them
- II. Qualified to share an incredible inheritance (v. 12b) (cf. Mt. 25:34; 1 Pt. 1:4; Rev. 21:1-7) *"Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children"* (Rev. 21:7)
 - A. "This is a qualification for inheritance due solely to the grace of God" (Johnson).
 - B. Jesus' sacrifice made it possible "B/c by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy" (Heb. 10:14)
- III. Rescued from the dominion of darkness (v. 13)
 - A. Jesus' purpose (cf. Isa. 9:2; 42:7; 61:1; Jn. 1:4-5,9) *"I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness"* (Jn. 12:46)
 - B. Paul's calling: *"to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God"* (Acts 26:18)
 - C. Our calling, identity & purpose (cf. 1 Ths. 5:5; 1 Pt. 2:9) *"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light"* (Eph. 5:8)
- IV. In Jesus, we have redemption & forgiveness (v. 14) (cf. Acts 26:18; Eph. 1:7)
 - A. Our redemption is through grace, and in Christ Jesus (cf. Rom. 3:24; Eph. 1:7,14)
 - B. Forgiveness (Mt. 26:28; Lk. 1:77; Acts 13:38)
 - C. Our call to this "ministry of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5:18)
- V. Conclusion

Questions for Reflection

- Do you understand—truly understand—what God has done for you in rescuing you from the tyranny of darkness? Does your love, admiration, honor and worship of God reflect that?
- Do you have the strong assurance of your "qualification" for the inheritance of the saints?

- Are you walking in the light? Or do you still spend too much time in darkness?
- Do you understand God's call to share this good news with others who are under the enemy's tyrannical control? How are you actively responding to that call?

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: Our God is an awesome God!
8 boxes of canned goods delivered to Christian Care from GNO!!

Prayer Concerns: Congregational Meeting today.

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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"The Word of God is.....an infallible guiding light for hearts."

Owen Ford Faulkenberry

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY 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!



Elim family and friends are invited to help celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of Rolland & Joann Potts. The open house will be held here at Elim on Saturday, April 30th from 12 noon - 3:00 p.m. No gifts please.



The Missions Team will be having their annual
Cinco de Mayo taco fundraiser on
Thursday, May 5th from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
See Juanita Arellanos with any questions.



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!

THANK YOU



FOR HELPING BUILD THE PAPER HOUSE.
THE PAPER PRODUCTS DONATED WILL BE
DELIVERED TO CHRISTIAN CARE IN ROCK ISLAND.

Elim Missions.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun.	April 24	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 11:45 a.m. Congregation 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
Wed	April 27	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 28	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Sat.	April 30	CIU – Potts 60 th Anniversary Open House
Sun.	May 1	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon.	May 2	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tues.	May 3	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

April Birthdays

24 – Pennie Knary

24 – Jane Peterson

May Birthdays

2 – Steve Coil

13 – Lorraine Carsell

15 – Margo Coil

16 – Juanita Arellano

17 – Dave Christy

22 – Bill Minard

28 – Jim Ogden

29 – Jay Stanley

30 – Kate Schaechter

April Anniversaries

27 – Rolland & Joann Potts

30 – Gary & Pat Hansen

CIU – means Church In Use

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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 47 Worship = 120

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY April 24

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Sandy Parrott)

Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Lacey Wagner)

Nursery Karen Johnson & Rachel Peterson

NEXT WEEK May 1

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Natalie Hermann)

Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Cindy Minard)

Nursery Leonna Ellis & Amanda Dang

MOWING SCHEDULE

April 30

Mike Hermann & Jim Nelson

May 7

Travis Ferry & Don Yoekel