

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
MAY 22, 2016

Graduation

*Thus saith the LORD,
Stand ye in the ways,
and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way,
and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.*

JEREMIAH 6:16

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

May 22, 2016

"No man should desire to be happy who is not at the same time holy. He should spend his efforts in seeking to know and do the will of God, leaving to Christ the matter of how happy he should be." ~

A.W. Tozer

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

SONGSS OF PRAISE

Worship Facilitators

Scott & Victoria Fowler

"My Redeemer Lives"

"Draw Me Close"

"Give Me Jesus"

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

Juanita Arellanos

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

(Mark 10:15)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

Colossians 1:21-23

Scripture Reader, Susie Schaechter

(Pages 1233 or 1165 in the red Bibles)

MESSAGE

“From Enmity to Holiness”

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

“A Mighty Fortress”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday

Galatians 6:8-9

Monday

Isaiah 66:13

Tuesday

Revelation 21:7

Wednesday

Exodus 19:5

Thursday

Psalms 61:6-7

Friday

1 Peter 5:7

Saturday

Nahum 1:7

TODAY’S GREETERS

Rodney & Judy Ouderkirk

HEAD USHER

Gary Wells

USHERS

Felipe Cantu, Pat Hudson, Sandy Parrott

SOUND SYSTEM

Don Yoeckel

POWER POINT

Dave Christy

“From Enmity to Holiness”

Colossians 1:21-23

Key Text: *“But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life”*
(Rom. 6:22)

Key Thought: Through Christ, our relationship with God moves from hostility to holiness, from condemnation to reconciliation, and from dread to hope.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) Our former status with God (v. 21)
 - a. Alienated from God (cf. Isa. 59:2; Eph. 2:12; 4:18)
 - b. Enemies of God in our minds (cf. Isa. 63:10; Rom. 8:5-8; Ja. 4:4)
 - c. Our evil behavior (cf. Rom. 1:21-32; Col. 3:5-9) *“...filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity”* (Rom. 1:29)
- 3) Our current position before God (v. 22)
 - a. Reconciled to God (cf. Rom. 5:10-11; 2 Cor. 5:18-20)
 - b. Holy in His sight (cf. Eph. 1:4; 5:25-27) *“... without holiness no one will see the Lord”* (Heb. 12:14)
 - c. Free from accusation (cf. Rom. 8:1,34; 1 Jn. 4:17-18)
- 4) IF... (v. 23a) (cf. Ezek. 33:12-16; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 6:4-6; 10:26-27)
 - a. We must continue in our faith (cf. Mt. 24:13; 3 Jn. 3-4) *“... but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved”* (Mt. 10:22)
 - b. Established & firm in the faith (cf. 1 Cor. 16:13; Rev. 2:7,10,17,26)
 - c. Not moved from our hope (cf. Heb. 3:6; 10:23)
- 5) The gospel already revealed to all mankind (v. 23b) (cf. Rom. 1:18-20; 2:13-16 >> Mt. 8:10-11; Acts 10:34-35) *“... what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them”* (Rom. 1:19)
- 6) Paul, the servant (v. 23c) (cf. Rom. 1:1; 1 Cor. 3:5; Php. 1:1; Titus 1:1)
- 7) Conclusion

Questions for Reflection

- How do you believe God views you? Does He see you as holy in His sight? Or do you believe He’s still angry and/or disappointed with you?
- Do you stand before God as one under condemnation? Or, because of Christ’s sacrifice, do you stand before Him free from accusation?

- If your position with God is not what you'd like it to be, what are you going to do about it? If your life is not as it should be, what are you going to do to change it?

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: **Our high school grads:**
Elizabeth Smith, Alexis Willey, Jacob Wright.
College grads: RaeAnne Caldwell, Zach Coil & Martha Collins.

Prayer Concerns: **Our upcoming VBS week.**

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, Randy, families that have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right.”
2 Timothy 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.

GRADUATION SUNDAY TODAY!!!



This year Elim will honor our high school graduates **Elizabeth Smith, Alexis Willey & Jacob Wright TODAY**, Sunday, May 22nd following worship service. We will serve appetizers, cupcakes and punch. Please join us to celebrate this milestone with our graduates.

We also have 3 college graduates:

Martha Peterson Collins, Zach Coil & RaeAnne Caldwell.

Congratulations to all three!!



This year the John Deere Classic takes place August 8th-14th. We have the entry forms on the table in the gathering area (**our forms are the black & white copies**) for this year's Birdies for Charity contest. Our donations will be matched and our matched contribution will go to Elim Student Ministries. **Last year the total birdies was 1990 & in 2014 it was 2040.** So make your guesses and support our youth and community at the same time.

S.P.L.A.S.H. BAKE SALE

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

There will be a bake sale following worship on June 5th.



You are invited! Grace & Helen Wiborg will be singing and playing the guitar and piano in the

Community Room @ Morning Star Residence

3601 – 6th Avenue Moline

Today, Sunday, May 22nd @ 2:00 p.m.

Please come and enjoy a relaxing Sunday afternoon with some beautiful music!

CREATION MUSEUM

Prepare to believe.

“Answers in Genesis is dedicated to upholding the authority of God’s word from the very first verse, especially Genesis 1:11. We’re planning a large group trip to their multi-million dollar museum in Petersburg, KY. next Memorial Day weekend (2017). Please see Dadid Christy if you are even remotely interested, and block your calendar now!”

**Men's Breakfast is Saturday,
June 4th @ 8:00 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet.**

W.I.L.D. GOLF OUTING

The W.I.L.D. golf outing will take place on Monday, June 6th. First Covenant Church is this year’s host. Information is on the bulletin board & there is a sign-up sheet.



TEXT PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

Since Tasha will be out of town until May 24th the texting prayer chain will be out of comission. During that interval, please contact the church office @ 764-6920 or Pastor’s cell phone # 815-915-5093 with your prayer requests. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY is June 5th.

Ralene Luong, Abigail Peterson, Kate Schaechter, James Wright & Jason Wright will be recognized with an ice cream/sherbert pie celebration following worship.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun.	May 22	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 12 Noon. Graduation Celebration/Cupcakes & Appetizers 4:30 – 6:30pm CIU – Pastor Brothers School Packing Group
Mon.	May 23	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tues.	May 24	6:30 a.m. Choir Practice
Wed	May 25	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.	May 26	9:30 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study/Potluck Day
Sun.	May 29	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon.	May 30	Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
Tues.	May 31	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

May Birthdays

22 – Bill Minard
28 – Jim Ogden
29 – Jay Stanley
30 – Kate Schaechter

June Birthdays

3 – Karen Johnson
3 – June Riley
8 – Scott Fowler
8 – Ashley Parrott
8 – Abigail Peterson

June Anniversaries Listed

13 – Jr. & Cathy Bear
15 – Mike & Natalie Hermann
17 – Dave & Dora Beth Christy
25 – Nick & Lacey Wagner
30 – Cecil & Carolyn Grimes

CIU – means Church In Use

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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 51 Worship = 129

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY May 22

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Rachel Peterson)
Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Mary Parrott)
Nursery Diana Wood & Rachel Luong

NEXT WEEK May 29

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Sandy Parrott)
Sunday Spark Jr. Mary Parrott & (Rachel Peterson)
Nursery Leonna Ellis & Amanda Dang

MOWING SCHEDULE

May 28 Orlin Johnson & Nick Wagner
June 4 Tom Dang & Giao Luong