

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

May 29, 2016

# Memorial Day



**All gave some...  
Some gave all**

**Remember them this  
Memorial Day**

# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

May 29, 2016

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved." Helen Keller

## 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

*"Jesus Loves Me"*

*"Jesus Paid It All"*

*"10,000 Reasons"*

## 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

## HONORING OUR VETERANS

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade only).*

## VIDEO TESTIMONY

Dori Cosgrove

## WORDS FROM GOD

Colossians 1:24-28

*Scripture Reader, Juanita Arellanos*  
(Pages 1234 or 1166 in the red Bibles)

## MESSAGE

**“Suffering for the Gospel”  
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.

## **HYMN #222**

*“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

## **BENEDICTION**

### *Scripture Readings for the Week*

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Matthew 7:11</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>James 1:12</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Romans 5:3-5</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Hebrews 13:5</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Psalms 112:1</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Acts 2:38-39</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Psalms 22:26</i>

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## **TODAY’S GREETERS**

Peggy Burkeybile & Beverly Reese

## **HEAD USHER**

Gary Wells

## **USHERS**

Felipe Cantu, Pat Hudson, Sandy Parrott

## **SOUND SYSTEM**

Josh Parrott

## **POWER POINT**

Josh Parrott

## “Suffering for the Gospel” Colossians 1:24-28

**Key Text:** “... Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God” (2 Tim. 1:8)

**Key Thought:** We are called by God to grow to full maturity of faith, to be faithful to our calling, and to be willing to suffer for the sake of His gospel.

1. Intro & Context
2. The willingness to suffer (v. 24)
  - (a) Jesus’ suffering (cf. Isa. 52:13-53:12; Mt. 16:21; Acts 3:18) *“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed”* (Isa. 53:5)
  - (b) Paul’s call to suffering (cf. Acts 9:16; 2 Cor. 11:16-29; Php. 3:10)
  - (c) Our call to suffer for the gospel (cf. Rom. 8:17; 1 Pt. 2:21; 2 Tim. 2:3) *“For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him”* (Php. 1:29)
  - (d) Richard Wurmbrand’s example
3. Paul’s commission: To serve as an envoy for Christ to the Gentiles (v. 25) (cf. Acts 9:15; 13:47; 22:21; Gal. 2:7-9)
4. The mystery now revealed: Christ in you, the hope of glory (vv. 26-27) (cf. Rom. 11:25; 16:25-26; Eph. 1:8-10; 3:4-10)
5. The goal: Full maturity in Christ (v. 28) *“...perfecting holiness in the fear of God”* (2 Cor. 7:1)
  - (a) A call to perfection (cf. Eph. 4:13; Php. 3:12; Heb. 6:1) *“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect”* (Mt. 5:48)
  - (b) Suffering linked to maturity (cf. Rom. 5:3-5; James 1:2-4; 1 Pt. 4:1)
6. Paul’s energy source (v. 29) (cf. 1 Cor. 15:10; Heb. 13:21) *“I can do all things through him who gives me strength”* (Php. 4:13)
7. Conclusion

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- I. On a scale of 1-10, how mature is your faith? What are you doing to grow your faith? Is there more you should be doing?
- II. What is the risk of a weak, lukewarm faith? What is the gain of investing (time, energy, money) in growing your faith?

III. Are you willing to carry your cross, in following Jesus? Are you willing to suffer for the gospel? Where or how might God be calling you to a greater level of sacrifice?

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## **PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Praises: The United States of America and all the many Veterans!!**

**Prayer Concerns: The Gene Wildermuth family upon his passing Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.**

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### **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, The Wildermuth family, Jay & Judie Stanley, John & Linda Hutchison, Lyle & Maurine Beresford, Ann Seyller, Joy Wright, Belva Van Norman, Pennie Knary, Felipe Cantu, families that have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

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***"Of all the forces that make for a better world,  
none is so indispensable, none so powerful, as hope."***

***Charles Sawyer***

### **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.

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**With Honor & Gratitude**  
**We Remember**

Remember those who served before.  
Remember those who are no more.  
Remember those who serve today.  
Remember them as we eat and play.  
Remember our protectors-  
who are not home today.  
Remember them all on Memorial Day.  
Emily Toma

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

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***CONFIRMATION SUNDAY***  
***is June 5<sup>th</sup>.***

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

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**S.P.L.A.S.H. BAKE SALE DATE CHANGE**

**(Social-Prayerful-Ladies-Always-Seeking-Him)**  
There will be a bake sale following worship on **June 12<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Daytime Trivia is coming.....Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.**

# W.I.L.D. GOLF OUTING

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

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## GARDEN WALK

We are having a garden walk again this year per Anna's request. We will meet here at Elim @ 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. If you know of a garden you would like to have on our tour, please let Judy know as we do not have many on our little list of gardens to view. There is a sign-up sheet.

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## 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!”

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## 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

## ***LOOKING AHEAD***

Sun.	May 29	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon.	May 30	5:30 p.m. Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
Wed	June 1	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
Sat	June 4	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
Sun.	June 5	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration/Confirmation Sunday 11:45 Confirmation Recognition/Pie Celebration
Mon.	June 6	9:30 a.m. W.I.L.D. Golf Outing (Arrive by 9:15 a.m.) 5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Thurs.	June 9	5:30 p.m. MLT Meeting
Fri.	June 10	10:00 a.m. Garden Walk – Meet @ Elim

### May Birthdays

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

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Attendance Last Week      Sunday School = 45      Worship = 119

## **CHILD CARE SCHEDULE**

### TODAY May 29

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

### NEXT WEEK June 5

Sunday Spark    Victoria Fowler (Natalie Hermann)  
Sunday Spark Jr.    Dora Beth Christy (Cindy Minard)  
Nursery    Jennifer Sullivan & Ashley Brookhart

## **MOWING SCHEDULE**

June 4                      Tom Dang & Giao Luong  
June 11                     Chris Carsell, Jim Carsell & Joe Schaechter