

# *ELIM COVENANT CHURCH*

*June 26, 2016*



*Because of his great love for us,  
God, who is rich in mercy,  
made us alive with Christ ....*

*Ephesians 2:4-5*

# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

## June 26, 2016

"I hope, by God's grace, that I am truly a Christian, not deviating from the faith, and that I would rather suffer the penalty of a terrible death than wish to affirm anything outside of the faith or transgress the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Jan Hus)

### 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

Victoria & Scott Fowler

*"Come, Now Is the Time To Worship"*

*"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*

*"Open the Eyes of My Heart 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

Marilyn Smith

### MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

*"Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins." (James 4:17)*

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

*(Children dismissed for Children's Church, please for ages 3 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade only).*

### WORDS FROM GOD

Colossians 2:13-23

*Scripture Reader, John Thompson*  
(Pages 1234 or 1166 in the red Bibles)

## **MESSAGE**

**“The Colossian Heresy”  
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 #744**

*“Because He Lives”*

## **BENEDICTION**

### ***Scripture Readings for the Week***

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Ephesians 2:22</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Psalms 37:23-26</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>1 Timothy 4:4-5</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Philippians 2:13</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Psalms 103:12</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>John 14:3</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Zephaniah 3:17</i>

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## **TODAY'S GREETERS**

Maxine Barnes & Tasha Munger

## **HEAD USHER**

Don Peterson

## **USHERS**

Martin Bear, L.J. Cunningham, Tabatha Estes

## **SOUND SYSTEM**

Orlin Johnson

## **POWER POINT**

Josh Parrott

# “The Colossian Heresy”

## Colossians 2:13-23

**Key Text:** “... After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?” (Gal. 3:3)

**Key Thought:** Beware of false religious teachings that draw us away from Christ. Instead, follow the Holy Spirit and grow in grace.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) Warning against legalism (13-17)
  - a. In sin, dead; in Christ, alive— sins forgiven (13) (cf. Jn. 5:24; Rom. 6:1-14; Eph. 2:1-6)
  - b. Written code canceled thru Jesus’ death (14) (cf. Gal. 3:13, 23-25; Eph. 2:15; Heb. 9:15; 10:1-18)
  - c. He disarmed the powers & authorities, making a public spectacle of them (15) (cf. Mt. 12:28; Lk. 10:18-19; Rom. 16:20; Eph. 6:12)
  - d. THEREFORE, don’t be judged by legalistic standards (16) (cf. Mt. 7:1-5; Rom. 14:1-23; Ja. 4:11-12) *“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let your-selves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery”* (Gal. 5:1)
  - e. The shadow vs. Christ’s reality (17) (cf. Heb. 8:5-6; 10:1-15)
- 3) Warning against angel worship (18-19)
  - a. Don’t be disqualified by those w/ false humility & worship of angels (18) (cf. Gal. 1:8; 2 Pt. 2:1-22; Jude)
  - b. Those who have lost connection w/ the head (19) (cf. 1 Jn. 2:20-23; 4:1-6)
- 4) Warning against asceticism (20-23)
  - a. Died to law, so don’t submit any longer to it (20) (cf. Gal. 2:17-21; 5:1)
  - b. Human commands & teachings (21-22) (cf. Mt. 15:7-9; Gal. 3:2-3)
  - c. Appearance of wisdom in self-imposed worship, false humility, harsh treatment of body (23a) (E.g. 1 Kgs. 18:28)
  - d. Lacking value in restraining sensual indulgence (23b) (cf. Rom. 5:20-21; 7:10; 8:1-4; Gal. 3:10)
- 5) Conclusion

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Have you been exposed to either extreme: Hyper-religious legalism, or God-denying humanism? Have you been “infected” by any of that thinking?

- Are you following the law, or grace, in your struggle against sin?
- Have you experienced a “true circumcision of the heart,” done by the Spirit, such that you have put off your sinful nature?
- Have you died to yourself (and so to your sinful nature) that you might live for Christ, and so live in freedom, strengthened by grace, and led by the Holy Spirit?

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**PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Praises: VBS week!!**  
**Thank you to all the VBS leaders and volunteers.**

**Prayer Concerns: Sympathy to the family of Hilda Enderton**  
**who passed away on June 22, 2016.**

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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, The Wildermuth family, The Enderton family, Jay & Judie Stanley, John & Linda Hutchison, Lyle & Maurine Beresford, Ann Seyller, Belva Van Norman, Pennie Knary, Felipe Cantu, Patrick Henry, Sean & Ashley Cosgrove, families that have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

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*“Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is Christ.”*  
***Epehsians 4:15***

**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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# TRIVIA Tuesday!

*Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> Doors open @ 11:00 -  
Game starts @ 11:30 a.m. ends @ 2:00 p.m.  
Bring a sack lunch. \$5.00 per person.  
Fundraiser for Elim Kitchen Supplies.  
There is a sign-up sheet.*

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## REMEMBER



**The church office will be closed on  
Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Have a safe holiday.**

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**Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.  
(Note the date change because of the 4<sup>th</sup> of  
July weekend). There is a sign-up sheet.**



## TEXT PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

If anyone is interested in joining the text prayer chain or the phone prayer chain please call the church office, or call Tasha at home or cell phone #, or send her a text message. Also, if you would like to be removed please contact Tasha. Tasha's home # is 309-797-3886, her cell # is 309-281-8784.

Also, as a reminder – all requests given through the text prayer chain are also placed on the phone prayer chain and vice versa. If you wish to have your request placed only on the text or phone prayer chain please let me know at the time of your request.

Thank you, Tasha Munger

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## CURRENT NEEDS for CHRISTIAN CARE

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.	June 26	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon.	June 27	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU – RIC Prayer Meeting
Tues.	June 28	11:30 a.m. Tuesday Daytime Trivia (Doors open @ 11:00 a.m.)
Wed.	June 29	7:00 a.m. “Amped” Prayer Gathering 5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 6:00-7:30 p.m. SPARK & AXIS 7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion
Sun.	July 3	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon.	July 4	Church Office Closed for 4 <sup>th</sup> of July
Wed.	July 6	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 6:00-7:30p.m. SPARK & AXIS 7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion
Sat.	July 9	8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast

### June Birthdays

26 – Vivian Smith  
27 – Peggy Burkeybile  
27 – Daniel Christy  
28 – Rebecca Schaechter  
30 – Finley Vinar

### June Anniversaries Listed

30 – Cecil & Carolyn Grimes

### July Anniversaries

17 – Joe & Susie Schaechter

CIU – means Church In Use

### July Birthdays

2 – Dave Vinar  
5 – Don Peterson  
8 – John Hutchison  
11 – Dora Beth Christy

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Church Office Phone # 309-764-6920

Attendance Last Week      Sunday School = 41      Worship = 128

## CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

### TODAY June 26

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

### NEXT WEEK July 3

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

## MOWING SCHEDULE

July 2                      Curt Jackson & Don Peterson  
July 9                      John Clarke & Cecil Grimes