

The background features a stylized American flag with the stars and stripes. Overlaid on the flag is a faint, large-scale image of the Statue of Liberty. The text is superimposed on the upper portion of the image. The words 'LAND OF THE' and 'HOME OF THE' are in a white, serif font. The words 'Free' and 'Brave' are in a large, white, cursive script font. A red horizontal band is behind the word 'Free'.

LAND OF THE *Free*
HOME OF THE *Brave*

Our fathers trusted in thee. —Psalm 22:4

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

July 3, 2016

“Any endeavor beyond the status quo is fraught with the possibilities of failure.” (Tod Bolsinger)

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 Facilitator

Linda Gilmour

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

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

Mike Hermann

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

“The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.” (Psalm 103:8)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

Colossians 3:1-11

Scripture Reader, Shannon Pirmann
(Pages 1235 or 1167 in the red Bibles)

MESSAGE

“Eyes on Heaven”

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Call to Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

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 #3)

“Jubilate, Everybody”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday

Isaiah 26:12

Monday

Psalms 121:7

Tuesday

2 Timothy 1:7

Wednesday

Isaiah 53:5

Thursday

Proverbs 29:25

Friday

Amos 9:13-15

Saturday

John 14:26

TODAY’S GREETERS

Maxine Barnes & Tasha Munger

HEAD USHER

Mike Hermann

USHERS

Chris Carsell, Tom Dang, Jim Nelson

SOUND SYSTEM

Don Yoeckel

POWER POINT

“Eyes on Heaven” Colossians 3:1-11

Key Text: *“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things”* (Col. 3:2)

Key Thought: In Christ we are now citizens of heaven, and we must allow the Spirit of God to work in us the character of Christ and leave behind our life of sin.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) A heavenly perspective (vv. 1-2) (cf. Php. 3:20; Heb. 11:1,10,13-15; 1 Pt. 1:17; 2:11) *“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus”* (Eph. 2:6)
- 3) Our life in Christ (vv. 3-4) (cf. Rom. 6:4-13; 8:10-11; Gal. 2:20)
 - a. We died to our earthly nature (cf. 2 Cor. 4:10; Gal. 5:24; 6:14; Col. 2:12,20)
 - b. We were resurrected and our life is now hidden in Christ (cf. Jn. 3:36; 11:25-26; 1 Jn. 5:11-12,20)
- 4) Slaying the earthly nature (vv. 5-9a) (cf. Mt. 5:29-30; 18:8-9; Eph. 4:31; Col. 2:11)
 - a. Sinful desires (v. 5b) (cf. Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 4:25-31; 5:2-6)
 - i. Sexual immorality [ANY intercourse outside of marriage] (cf. 1 Cor. 6:18-20), impurity (“the contamination of character”), lust (“any overmastering passion”)
 - ii. Evil desires (temptations “fondled and cherished”), greed (which is idolatry) (a breeding ground for other evil desires, cf. 1 Tim. 6:10)
 - b. Risking God’s wrath (v. 6) (cf. Jn. 3:36; Rom. 1:18; 2:5-8; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Eph. 5:6)
 - c. Hostility (v. 8) (cf. Pr. 29:22; Eccl. 7:9; Mt. 5:22)
 - i. Anger, rage *“Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires”* (James 1:19b-20)
 - ii. Malice, slander (cf. Lev. 19:16; Ps. 15:1-3; Pr. 10:18)
 - d. A wicked tongue (v. 8-9a) (cf. Mt. 12:36; Ja. 3:2-12)
 - i. Filthy language (cf. Eph. 4:29; 5:4 [“obscenity, foolish talk, coarse joking”])
 - ii. Lying (cf. Ps. 5:6; Pr. 19:5,9; 26:28; Eph. 4:25) *“The Lord detests lying lips...”* (Pr. 12:22)
- 5) Our changing character (vv. 9b-10)
 - a. The old self (cf. Rom. 6:6; Gal. 5:24; Eph. 5:22)

- b. The new self (cf. Rom. 6:4; 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:10; 5:23-4)
6) Christ, the Equalizer (v. 11) (cf. Acts 10:34-35; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:26-29)
7) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Do you live for yourself, or for God? Do you live as a citizen of earth, or a citizen of heaven?
- Is the Holy Spirit alive and working in you? Is the character of Christ being formed in you?
- What is your attitude toward your sin? Do you coddle and cherish it? Or do you hate it and work with the Spirit inside you to crucify it?

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: God and Country!

Prayer Concerns: Terrorism.

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, Sean & Ashley Cosgrove, families that have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

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“In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.”

2 Peter 3:13

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.



The church office will be closed tomorrow. Have a safe holiday.



Saturday, July 9th @ 8:00 a.m.

(Note the date change because of the 4th 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

CURRENT NEEDS
for
CHRISTIAN CARE

Salad ingredients	Fresh fruits/potatoes/veggies
Yogurt, eggs, milk, sliced cheese	Canned fruits/veggies
Butter/margarine	Coffee/creamer/tea bags
Sugar/Powdered milk	Salad dressing/Ketchup
Breakfast foods	Pork & Beans/Chili beans
Beef broth	Bus tickets (IL & IA)
Men's new white t-shirts XL-4X	Foot powder
Tooth paste/shaving cream	Gently used cookware/utensils
Deodorant	Paper towels/toilet paper
Any cleaning products	13 & 33 Gallon Trash bags
Dish soap	Laundry soap
	Kitchen Hand /Dish Towels

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

Christmas
in July 

Saturday, July 23rd.

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Details to follow.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun.	July 3	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon.	July 4	Church Office Closed for the 4 th of July
Wed.	July 6	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
Sat.	July 9	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
Sun.	July 10	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon.	July 11	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU – RIC Prayer Gathering
Wed.	July 13	7:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Gathering 5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 6:00-7:30p.m. SPARK & AXIS 7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion
Thurs.	July 14	5:30 p.m. MLT Meeting

July Birthdays

5 – Don Peterson
8 – John Hutchison
11 – Dora Beth Christy
16 – Rachel Peterson
17 – Grayson Ellis
23 – Arlene Miller
31 – Gary Hansen
31 – Pastor Steve Peterson

July Anniversaries

17 – Joe & Susie Schaechter
CIU – means Church In Use

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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 43 Worship = 125

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY July 3

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

NEXT WEEK July 10

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Rachel Peterson)
Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Mary Parrott)
Nursery Carol Jacks & Karen Johnson

MOWING SCHEDULE

July 9 John Clarke & Cecil Grimes
July 16 Orlin Johnson & Nick Wagner