

# ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

January 1, 2017



**Elim Covenant Church**  
**5201 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Moline, IL. 61265**  
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# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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“You can't build a great building on a weak foundation. You must have a solid foundation if you're going to have a strong superstructure.” (Gordon B. Hinckley)

## 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

## HYMNS OF PRAISE

Worship Facilitator

Linda Gilmour

HYMN #190

“Christmas Has Its Cradle”

HYMN #451

“It Is Well with My Soul”

HYMN #177

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

## 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 goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.”

(1 Timothy 1:5)

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

## WORDS FROM GOD

Ephesians 5:15-17

Scripture Reader, Juanita Arellanos

(Red Bibles p.1159 or p.1227)

## **MESSAGE**

**“Deeper Than Resolutions”  
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 #13**

*“We Exalt Thee”*

## **BENEDICTION**

### *Scripture Readings for the Week*

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 15:51-58</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>John 14:12</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>1 John 3:1</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Isaiah 40:29-31</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Psalms 126:5</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>2 Timothy 1:12</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 1:8</i>

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## **TODAY’S GREETERS**

Maxine Barnes & Tasha Munger

## **HEAD USHER**

Mike Hermann

## **USHERS**

Chris Carsell, Tom Dang & Jim Nelson

## **SOUND SYSTEM**

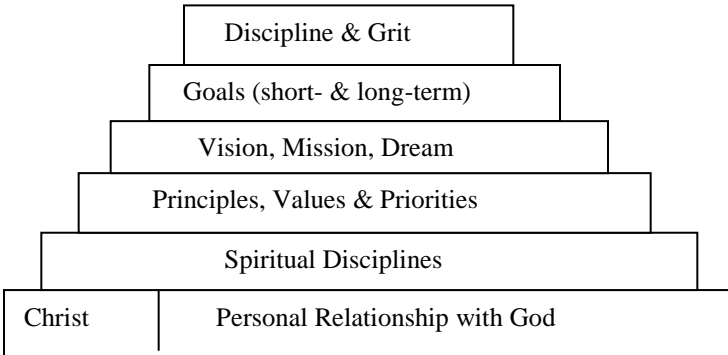
## **POWER POINT**

# “Deeper Than Resolutions”

## Ephesians 5:15-17

**Key Thought:** Going beyond “New Year’s Resolutions,” we must go deeper and determine the essence of who we are, and what our life’s purpose is.

### Establishing A Strong Foundation



- 1) Personal relationship with God (cf. Mt. 6:33; 7:24-27; Mk. 12:30)
  - Mt. 6:33 *“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”*
- 2) Spiritual disciplines (cf. Jn. 15:5; Eph. 6:18; Col. 3:16)
  - Jn. 15:5 *“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing”*
- 3) Principles, values & priorities
  - What you live for; what you’d be willing to die for
  - Influence what choices you make before taking action
  - Become deeply rooted in who you are
- 4) Vision, Mission, Dream
  - Define your life dream: The difference you plan to make before you die. This will energize you greatly! Know with certainty, “the purpose of my life is to \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - Discern & define three life-priorities: If you could only do three measurable things before you die, what would they be?
- 5) Goals (short- & long-term): 3x4 & 1x7
  - 3x4 Goals (12 total):
    - 3 goals for the next 90 days: “What are the 3 things you could do in the next 90 days that would make a 50% difference in the way you’ll end the year?”
    - 3 goals for this year (can have overlap w/ the 7 below)
    - 3 goals for the next 2 years
    - 3 goals for the next 5 years

- 1x7 Goals (7 total for this year):
  1. Family/marriage
  2. Financial
  3. Personal growth
  4. Physical
  5. Professional
  6. Social
  7. Spiritual

6) Discipline, perseverance & GRIT!! (cf. Heb. 12:1; Ja. 1:4; 1 Cor. 9:24-27)

- Heb. 12:1 “... *let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us*”

7) Recommendations for accomplishing this process

- Personal retreats: 1) 2-3 day retreats annually; 2) ½ day retreats monthly
- Mentoring: Ask one or more mature, godly, successful people to mentor you, & specifically to help you work this through
- Resources: Ask those mentors for recommendations on books, videos, CDs, etc. to help educate and guide you

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Praises:** Pastor Felipe Cantu is well on the mend following his back surgery.

**Prayer Concerns:** Elmer Marr (Cindy Minard’s dad) is still in the hospital. Our elderly/shut-ins during the cold weather.

### **Those in Need of God’s Strength and Healing:**

Juna Wortz, Arlene Miller, Margaret Hasty, Anna Swanson, Jay & Judie Stanley, John & Linda Hutchison, Lyle & Maurine Beresford, Ann Seyller, Belva Van Norman, Pennie Knary, Felipe Cantu, families that have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

### **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.

### **Prayer Gatherings**

Each Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. there is a prayer gathering held at Elim. Also, there is a Wednesday morning prayer group meeting in Pastor’s office @ 7:00 a.m. 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.



**You may take your poinsettia home after today's service if you wish. The protective sleeves are on the chair in the gathering area. Thank you for helping to make our sanctuary look so beautiful.**



**The mission team is still collecting gloves, mittens, hats and scarves for the needy. The plan is for sometime in January to go around to various bus stops and distribute them along with some hot chocolate/coffee. So please keep donating. See Juanita Arellanos with questions.**



**We still have several boxes waiting to be picked up on the table in the gathering area.**

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## **MLT RETREAT**

**Instead of the usual Thursday night MLT meeting the January meeting will be a retreat taking place on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - noon.**



**DAYTIME**

Tuesday, January 17<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. There is a sign up sheet.

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*The Chocolate Fantasy bakers will be serving a preview of some of the delicious chocolate treats they will be making for this year's Chocolate Fantasy event. Please join us for a sample tasting following worship on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.*



*Also, there will be a Chocolate Fantasies baking day here on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.*

*See Cheryl Bear or Meagan Bear with any questions.*

*This year our Chocolate Fantasy will be held on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.*

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**The next S.P.L.A.S.H. meeting will be Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. See Julie Wells with any ????**

## ***LOOKING AHEAD***

Sun.	Jan. 1	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration
Mon.	Jan. 2	Church Office Closed
Tues.-Fri.	Jan. 3-6	No Activities Scheduled
Sat.	Jan. 7	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
Sun.	Jan. 8	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration
Mon.	Jan. 9	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU – RIC Ministry Prayer Meeting
Tues.	Jan. 10	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	Jan. 11	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 7:30-9:00p.m Fusion
Thur.	Jan. 12	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Sat.	Jan. 14	9:00am-Noon MLT Retreat 3:00-6:00 p.m. CIU – Adams
Sun.	Jan. 15	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration 3:00-5:00p.m. Grief Share Meeting

### January Birthdays

7 – Victoria Fowler  
9 – Sandy Parrott  
10 – Anna Christy  
15 – Rebecca Christy  
16 – Natalie Hermann  
17 – Judie Stanley

### January Anniversaries

2 – Josh & Martha Collins  
28 – Don & Kathy Boggs

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Attendance Last Week      Sunday School = 0      Worship = 84

## **CHILD CARE SCHEDULE**

### TODAY January 1

Sunday Spark    Rachel Cunningham (John Thompson)  
Sunday Spark Jr.    Dora Beth Christy (Lacey Wagner)  
Nursery    Lori Smith & Rachel Peterson

### NEXT WEEK January 8

Sunday Spark    Victoria Fowler (Ashley Parrott)  
Sunday Spark Jr.    Dora Beth Christy (Cindy Minard)  
Nursery    Amanda Dang & Rachel Luong