

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

December 25, 2016

*For unto you is born this day*



*Christ the Lord*

**Worship Celebration**  
**December 25, 2016**  
**“Just Think About It”**

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN:           “O Come, All Ye Faithful”           #147

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE #1-           The Angel Gabriel visits Mary  
Luke 1:26-38

MESSAGE #1-           Mary’s Dilemma  
Victoria Fowler

SOLO                   “Mary, Did You Know?”  
Jeff Fowler

MESSAGE #2-           Mary’s Parents’ Dilemma  
Pastor & Elizabeth

HYMN:                 “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” #153

SCRIPTURE #2-           Joseph’s Angelic Visit  
Matt. 1:18-21

MESSAGE #3-           Joseph’s Dilemma  
Scott Fowler

SOLO "Joseph's Song"  
Pastor Steve

SCRIPTURE #3- Herod & the Magi  
Matt. 2:1-18

MESSAGE #4- Herod's Dilemma  
Scott Fowler

HYMN: "We Three Kings"  
(See overhead screen)

MESSAGE #5- Wise Men's Distress  
Adam Hermann

HYMN: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #157

GROUP SHARING & PRAYER

MESSAGE #6- The Perfect Christmas Gift  
Pastor Steve

CLOSING HYMN: "Joy to the World!" #146

BENEDICTION

\*\*\*\*\*

**TODAY'S GREETERS** Rodney & Judy Ouderkirk  
**HEAD USHER** Don Peterson  
**USHERS** Martin Bear, L.J. Cunningham, Tabatha Estes  
**SOUND SYSTEM** Josh Parrott  
**POWER POINT** Dave Christy

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

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Matthew 1:21</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Isaiah 9:6</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Matthew 5:44-45</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Psalms 46:1</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Isaiah 43:1-2</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>John 10:27-28</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 15:55-58</i>

---

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Praises:     The birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!**

**Prayer Concerns:                     2017.**

---

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

Juna Wertz, Arlene Miller, Adolph Laurick, June Riley, Margaret Hasty, Anna Swanson, Jay & Judie Stanley, John & Linda Hutchison, Scott Sandholm, Lyle & Maurine Beresford, Ann Seyller, Belva Van Norman, Pennie Knary, Elmer Marr, Felipe Cantu, Kathy, Konrad, families that have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

.....

### **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.**

#### **Prayer Gatherings**

**Each Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. & Wednesday mornings @ 7:00 a.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 poinsettias that are brightening our sanctuary are to bless those we love and to honor those who are gone this Christmas season. Thank you.

*Provided By*

*Juanita Arellanos*

*Jim & Carolyn Carsell*

*Katie Clarke*

*Daniel & Dori Cosgrove*

*Morgan, Bobby & Joey Dunn*

*Joey Dunn*

*Tabatha Estes*

*Travis Ferry*

*Patricia Guinn*

*Pat Hansen*

*Pat Hudson*

*Dewey & Carol Jacks*

*Tom & Annette Lancial*

*Levi, Kirsten, Tara, Little Rollie*

*Bill & Cindy Minard*

*Rodney & Judy Ouder Kirk*

*Claudine Patton*

*Rolland, Becky, & Byron*

*Lori Smith*

*Marilyn Smith*

*Gary & Julie Wells*

*Sheila Yoeckel*

*In Honor or Memory Of*

*Parents*

*Our parents*

*Bob*

*Adelyn*

*Bartola McCune*

*Wanda J. White*

*Roy Estes & Mary Christian*

*Ryan Ferry*

*Swansons & Ann Hansen*

*Parents & Tom*

*Christy Jacks*

*Parents & Dax*

*Joann Potts*

*Lynette Marr  
& Shirley Anderson*

*Parents & Tommy*

*Charley*

*Joann Potts*

*Brad & The Fowler's*

*Bill & Brad*

*Our parents*

*Harold Nelsen*





**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.**



---

## **CHRISTIAN CARE CURRENT NEEDS**

**Sample/travel size shampoo, bath soap, shower gel and lotion. Day planners/appointment books for the residents, paper towels & dinner napkins. Thank you.**

---



**The first men's breakfast of the 2017 year will be on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.**

---

**MLT – No Thursday Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting – instead there will be a retreat on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – noon.**



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**The church office will be closed on  
Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.**

Tuesday thru Saturday Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>  
there are no activities scheduled, however Pastor and  
Judy will be in the office during these days.

\*\*\*\*\*

**The office will also be closed on  
Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Tuesday thru Friday Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>  
there are no activities scheduled, however Pastor and  
Judy will be in the office during these days.

\*\*\*\*\*



## **VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS**

**There is a new volunteer sign-up sheet on the table  
in the gathering area. We need volunteers for  
Usher Teams, Greeters, Children's Church,  
Nursery, Sound Techs & Power Point,  
Scripture Readers, and announcement readers.  
Please sign up ASAP so the schedules can be made  
out in a timely manner. Thank you.**

**Also, the cleaning schedule sign-up sheets  
for next year are on the table.  
Please fill it up!!!**

## ***LOOKING AHEAD***

Sun.	Dec. 25	10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration
Mon.	Dec. 26		Church Office Closed
Tues.-Sat.	Dec. 27-31		No Activities Scheduled
Sun.	Jan. 1	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration
Mon.	Jan. 2		Church Office Closed
Tues.	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

### December Birthdays

27 – Dave Parrott  
 30 – Belva Van Norman  
 31 – Kristen Burns  
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



Church website [elimqc.org](http://elimqc.org)  
 Pastor's e-mail [pastor@elimqc.org](mailto:pastor@elimqc.org)  
 Church office [office@elimqc.org](mailto:office@elimqc.org)  
 Church Office Phone # 309-764-6920

Attendance Last Week      Sunday School = 43      Worship = 90

## **CHILD CARE SCHEDULE**

### TODAY December 25

Sunday Spark    No Spark Today  
 Sunday Spark Jr.    No Spark Jr. Today  
 Nursery    Diana Wood & Abby Peterson (If needed)

### NEXT WEEK January 1

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