

**ELIM COVENANT CHURCH**  
**January 15, 2017**

**HEROES: GIDEON**



**Elim Covenant Church**  
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# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

January 15, 2017

*"Our handicaps exist only in our minds."  
Franklin D. Roosevelt*

## **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

Silver book #143

*"I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me"*

Silver book #115

*"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"  
"The Heart of Worship"*

### **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**

Tabatha Estes

### **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)*

### **ELIM CHOIR**

*"Thank You"*

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

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

### **WORDS FROM GOD**

Judges 6:11-16

*Scripture Reader, Shannon Pirmann*

*(Red Bibles p. 239 or p. 255)*

## **MESSAGE**

**“Heroes: Gideon”**

**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.

**Silver book #171...**

*“O Let the Son of God Enfold You”*

## **BENEDICTION**

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

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>1 John 2:1</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Matthew 5:4</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>1 John 4:10</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>James 1:17</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Hosea 14:4</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Romans 8:28</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Psalms 121:1-2</i>

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**TODAY’S GREETERS**

Rodney & Judy Ouderkirk

**HEAD USHER**

Mike Hermann

**USHERS**

Chris Carsell, Tom Dang & Jim Nelson

**SOUND SYSTEM**

Orlin Johnson

**POWER POINT**

Josh Parrott

# “Heroes: Gideon”

## Judges 6:11-16

**Key Text:** "... 'Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty" (Zech. 4:6)

**Key Thought:** God’s presence multiplies our potential to miraculous proportions

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ in his own eyes (6:12,15) (cf. Ex. 3:11; 1 Sam. 9:21; Jer. 1:6) *“Pardon me, my Lord... but how can I...?”*
- 3) Stepping out in our \_\_\_\_\_ (6:14) *“Go in the strength you have...”* (6:14)
  - a. E.g. "Five smooth stones" (cf. 1 Sam. 17)
  - b. E.g. "Two fish and five loaves of bread" (cf. Jn. 6:9)
- 4) Key factor: God's \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Josh. 1:9; Mt. 28:20) *“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”* (Isa. 41:10)
- 5) Conclusion

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Do you doubt your own capacity to do anything significant in life? Do you recognize that God has typically chosen “the least likely” to accomplish His great purposes?
- If God were to promise His presence and strong support for you, how would that factor into your potential?
- Would you like God to draw near and be present with you in life? Will you ask Him?

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Praises:** Our God is an awesome God!

**Prayer Concerns:** Juna Wortz moved to Hospice @ Illini Restorative Care.

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### **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.

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### **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. 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.

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# NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS "CHRISTIANITY 102"

A new Sunday School class has begun today – January 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 a.m. The class is "Christianity 102" and will explore ideas for becoming Emotionally Healthy & Spiritually fit.

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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 today 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.

There are sign-up sheets in the gathering area.

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

*This year our Chocolate Fantasy Tasting Event & Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> the theme this year is "Read, Relax, and Eat More Chocolate".*



The mission team is still collecting gloves, mittens, hats and scarves for the needy. They will be distributing them along with some hot chocolate/coffee on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – noon.. So please keep donating. See Juanita Arellanos with questions.

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## 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. Proceeds to S.P.L.A.S.H.



*A men's dinner will be held on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m. All guys are invited to join in for food, fellowship, fun and more food. See Mike Hermann for more information. Sign-up sheet available.*

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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 ????

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### **ALL CHURCH POTLUCK**

#### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

*There will be a church potluck for our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> following worship. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area.*

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### **SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES**

Have you ever wondered how to introduce yourself in sign language? How to ask a deaf person how they are doing or tell them that God loves them? On February & March 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> there will be sign language classes here at Elim from 4:00-5:30 p.m. We'll cover some basics, some culture, and also practice some songs/worship God with our hands. Hope to see you here! Dora Beth Christy

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

Sun.	Jan. 15	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration 11:45 a.m. Chocolate Fantasies serving after church treats
Mon.	Jan. 16	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tues.	Jan. 17	11:30 a.m. Daytime Trivia (doors open @ 11:00 a.m.) 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	Jan. 18	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. 19	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Sat.	Jan. 21	9:00 a.m. Chocolate Fantasies Baking Day
Sun.	Jan. 22	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration 1:00-3:00 p.m. CIU - Thompson 3:00-5:00p.m. Grief Share Meeting
Mon.	Jan. 23	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. COU – RIC Prayer Meeting
Tues.	Jan. 24	6:30 p.m. Choir practice

January Birthdays

15 – Rebecca Christy  
16 – Natalie Hermann  
17 – Judie Stanley  
19 – Karter Thompson  
21 – Dale Gilmour  
21 – Jordan Pirmann

January Anniversaries

28 – Donald & Kathy Boggs

February Anniversaries

7 – Steve & Sandy Parrott  
15 – Lisandro & Patty Restrepo

February Birthdays

1 – Steve Parrott  
4 – Marilyn Smith  
9 – Sheila Yoeckel

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Attendance Last Week      Sunday School = 37      Worship = 110

### **CHILD CARE SCHEDULE**

**TODAY January 15**

Sunday Spark    Victoria Fowler (.....)

Sunday Spark Jr.    Dora Beth Christy (.....)

Nursery .....

**NEXT WEEK January 22**

Sunday Spark    Victoria Fowler (.....)

Sunday Spark Jr.    Dora Beth Christy (.....)

Nursery .....