

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
January 22, 2017

HEROES: RUTH



Elim Covenant Church
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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."

John Bunyan

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

"My Redeemer Lives"

"You Make Me Brave"

"I Love You Lord"

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 5th grade only).

WORDS FROM GOD

Ruth 1:3-9, 15-18

Scripture Reader, Pat Hudson

(Red Bibles p. 276 or p.258)

MESSAGE

“Heroes: Ruth”

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.

SONG

“How Deep the Father’s Love”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday

Acts 15:11

Monday

Psalms 27:5

Tuesday

1 Corinthians 3:9

Wednesday

Luke 10:19

Thursday

Isaiah 42:16

Friday

Psalms 119:114

Saturday

Proverbs 8:35

TODAY’S GREETERS

Rodney & Judy Ouderkirk

HEAD USHER

Mike Hermann

USHERS

Chris Carsell, Tom Dang & Jim Nelson

SOUND SYSTEM

Josh Parrott

POWER POINT

Tom Dang

“Heroes: Ruth”

Ruth 1:3-9, 15-18

Key Text: *“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world”* (James 1:27)

Key Thought: The story of Ruth teaches us great lessons on faith, generosity, kindness and grace.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) The story of Ruth
- 3) Lesson #1: Be _____ (cf. Mt. 25:31-46; Gal. 2:10; James 1:27) *“... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me”* (Mt. 25:40)
 - a. Be generous toward the poor (cf. Deut. 15:7-11; Pr. 19:17; Lk. 16:19-31)
 - b. Be generous toward the _____ (cf. Lev. 19:10; Deut. 10:18-19; 27:19; Mal. 3:5)
 - c. God rewards our generosity (cf. Pr. 11:25; 22:9; 2 Cor. 9:6)
 - d. Generosity begets _____ (cf. 2 Cor. 9:6-11) *“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work”* (2 Cor. 9:8)
- 4) Lesson #2: Love _____ (cf. Jn. 13:34-35; Rom. 12:9-10) *“... love one another deeply, from the heart”* (1 Pt. 1:22)
 - a. Love with _____ (cf. Lk. 10:30-37; Jn. 15:13)
 - b. Love with sacrifice (cf. Rom. 5:7-8) *“And live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us...”* (Eph. 5:2)
- 5) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- If God were to evaluate your generosity, how would He rate it (on a scale of 1 to 10)? How could you increase it, even a number or two?
- Does your love go deeply, even to include risk & sacrifice? What steps can you take to grow God’s love inside of you?

PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: Our Elim Church family!!

Prayer Concerns: John Clarke will be having a medical procedure on Monday, January 23. Pray for a good result and peace of mind.

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, John Clarke, 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. 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.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS "CHRISTIANITY 102"

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

This year our Chocolate Fantasy Tasting Event & Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, February 11th. 2:00-4:00 p.m.

the theme this year is

"Read, Relax, and Eat More Chocolate".



Spaghetti Dinner

The mission team is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, February 5th following worship. This is a fundraiser for their mission trip to Mexico in March. Everyone is invited!!



A men's dinner will be held on Friday, January 27th @ 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.



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

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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



1. 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 5th & 19th 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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men, every other Sunday beginning Feb. 12th from 4:00-5:30 p.m., come back to Elim to spend time learning/discussing God's word and focusing on improving His reputation. If you've got a girlfriend, wife, and/or children, don't leave them home alone, they're welcome to come and hang out with my wife and kids. We'll be done in time for dinner on this school night.
See Dave Christy with any questions.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun.	Jan. 22	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration 1:00-3:00 p.m. CIU – Thompson 3:00-5:00 p.m. Grief Share Meeting
Mon.	Jan. 23	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU – RIC Prayer Meeting
Tues.	Jan. 24	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	Jan.25	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. 26	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Sat.	Jan. 28	9:00-11:00 am S.P.L.A.S.H. Meeting
Sun.	Jan. 29	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration 11:45 a.m. All Church Potluck/Annual Congregational Mtg. 3:00-5:00p.m. Grief Share Meeting
Mon.	Jan. 30	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tues.	Jan. 31	6:30 p.m. Choir practice

February Birthdays

1 – Steve Parrott
4 – Marilyn Smith
9 – Sheila Yoeckel
10 – Alyssa Coil
13 – Maria Cantu
15 – Diana Wood
17 – Damian Burns
23 – Natasha Munger
28 – Jessica Sandholm

January Anniversaries

28 – Donald & Kathy Boggs

February Anniversaries

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

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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 45 Worship = 114

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY January 22

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Sandy Parrott)
Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Mary Parrott)
Nursery Rachel Luong & Diana Wood

NEXT WEEK January 29

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Natalie Hermann)
Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Elizabeth Peterson)
Nursery Abby Peterson &



The beautiful roses on the Communion table are given in loving memory of Shirley Pettit by her children Kurt and Doreen Pettit, Jason and Kris Pettit, Ann and Mark Johnson, and John and Rhonda Pettit.

Shirley Evelyn Pettit, 93, passed into the arms of her Savior on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at her home in Marietta, Georgia.

Shirley was born in Moline, Illinois on October 14, 1923, the fifth and youngest child of Otto Soelzer and Grace (Allen) Soelzer. She married her high school sweetheart Willis Pettit on May 20, 1943 and together they raised their 4 children, Kurt, Jason, Ann and John in a home filled with faith in God, love and laughter. She served faithfully as a member of Elim Covenant Church, and was beloved by her neighbors, and her co-workers at the City of Moline Park and Recreation Department, where she worked as the bookkeeper. After Willis died, Shirley moved to Frostproof, Florida, where she captured the hearts of a new group of people at First Presbyterian Church. Her family was delighted when, upon their urging, she relented and moved to Marietta, Georgia 8 years ago. Her new circle of friends included her Bible Study at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church and her swimming group at Wellstar.

Shirley loved Jesus, her family, her church, basketball, Bible Study, reading, gardening, and lively banter on any topic. In her declining days, she maintained her sense of humor and the confident peace and assurance that God was in control. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Willis; her siblings, Kathryn Strobbe, Charles Soelzer, Ralph Soelzer and Pauline Stone; and two infant grandsons, Shane and Andrew.

Shirley leaves a legacy of faith and humor in her children: Kurt (Doreen), Jason (Kris), Ann (Mark) Johnson, and John (Rhonda); grandchildren: Elaine, Angela (Lawrence) Culberson, Joy (Jerry) Hoffmann, Amanda (Aaron) Pettit-Shaheen, Carrie (Aaron) Roberts-Poppe, Joe, Ben (Tina) Johnson, Erik (Bethany) Johnson, Adam (Sheri) Johnson, Alexandria (Marco) Liubenov, Aaron, and Abigail; 21 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. She will be sorely missed by all of her family.

A gathering to celebrate Shirley's life will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, Georgia.

A second gathering will be held on May 20, 2017 at Elim Covenant Church, Moline Illinois.

Memorial donations may be made in Shirley's name to Moody Bible Institute, Chicago or to Tranquility Hospice at Kennesaw Mountain, Marietta, GA.