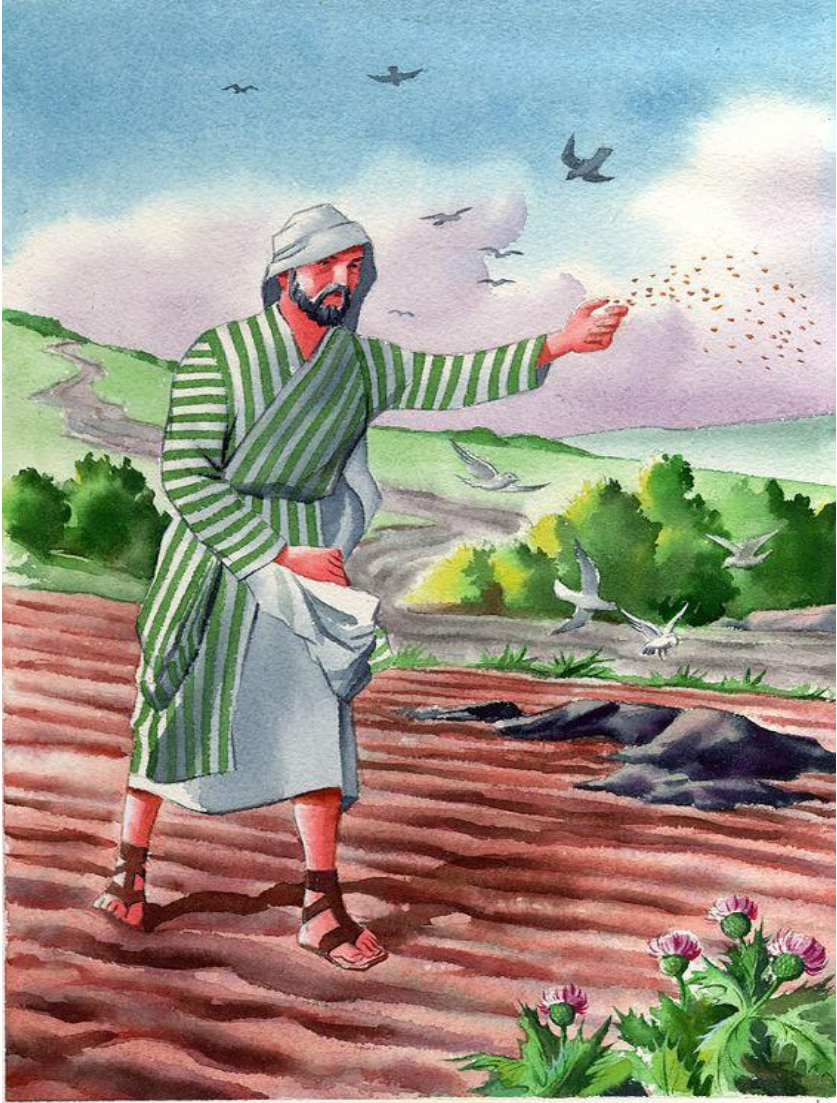


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

APRIL 23, 2017



The Parable of the Sower

Elim Covenant Church
5201 18th Avenue
Moline, IL. 61265 (309) 764-6920

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

April 23, 2017

Elim's mission statement.

"To develop leaders who will impact the world for Christ."

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

WELCOME SONG

Worship Facilitators

Scott & Victoria Fowler

SONG

"Holy is the Lord"

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Juanita Arellanos

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD."

Psalm 27:14

WORSHIP SONGS

SONG

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

SONG

"Worthy is the Lamb"

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!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

Mark 4:1-20

Scripture Reader, Jim Carsell

(Red Bibles p. 1048 or p. 993)

MESSAGE

“The Parable of the Sower”

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

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

“Call Upon the Lord”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday

Isaiah 41:13

Monday

Psalms 149:4

Tuesday

Acts 16:31

Wednesday

Psalms 30:5

Thursday

1 Corinthians 7:14

Friday

Luke 11:28

Saturday

Psalms 145:15-16

TODAY'S GREETERS

Karen Johnson & Gary Wells

HEAD USHER

Mike Hermann

USHERS

Chris Carsell, Tom Dang, Jim Nelson

SOUND SYSTEM

Don Yoeckel

POWER POINT

Tom Dang

“The Parable of the Sower”

Mark 4:1-20

Key Text: *“This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples”* (John 15:8)

Key Thought: In a true follower of Jesus Christ, the effect of God’s Word in him/her should always produce an abundance of fruit.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) The _____ of the parables
 - a. Kingdom secrets (v. 11) (cf. 1 Cor. 2; Eph. 3:2-6) *“... even angels long to look into these things”* (1 Pt. 1:12)
 - b. Given to the disciples (cf. 1 Pt. 1:10-12; Col. 1:26)
 - c. Withheld from “outsiders” (cf. Isa. 6:9-10; Rom. 11:7-10)
- 3) Defining _____ *“The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire”* (Mt. 3:10)
 - a. The fruit of our witness (Col. 1:6)
 - b. The fruit of repentance (Mt. 3:8)
 - c. The fruit of righteousness (Ps. 72:3; Pr. 11:30; Php. 1:11)
 - d. The fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)
 - e. The importance of fruit-bearing (cf. Mt. 21:43; Lk. 3:6-9) *“This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”* (Jn. 15:2,8)
- 4) The Parable of the Sower
 - a. Seed falling along the path (i.e. Mk. 3:22; Acts 13:45)
 - b. Seed falling on rocky places (cf. Rev. 2:4, 10, 25-26; 3:5, 8-12, 21)
 - c. Seed falling among thorns
 - *“Worries of this life”* (cf. Mt. 6:25-34; Php. 4:6) *“...do not fret—it leads only to evil”* (Ps. 37:8)
 - *“The deceitfulness of wealth”* (cf. Mt. 19:23-24; 1 Tim. 6:9-10)
 - *“The desires for other things”* (cf. 1 Jn. 2:15; Ja. 4:4)
 - d. Seed falling on good soil (cf. Mt. 7:17-19; 12:33; Col. 1:10)
- 5) The hard, personal questions
 - Are you generating abundant fruit for Christ’s honor & glory?
 - If not, is your “soil” too shallow? How can you increase your “soil depth”?
 - Or are there too many “weeds” in your heart, choking out good growth and fruitfulness? What steps can you take for better “weed control” over your heart?
- 6) Conclusion

PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: Successful ear surgery for Grayson Ellis.

Prayer Concerns: The congregational meeting today;
Pennie Knary's hip surgery on Tuesday, April 25th @ Mayo.
The Girls Night Out event – April 28th.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Arlene Miller, Margaret Hasty, Anna Swanson, Jay & Judie Stanley,
John & Linda Hutchison, Lyle Beresford, Ann Seyller, Tom Coussens,
Belva Van Norman, Pennie Knary, Rollie Potts,

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.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
TODAY
April 23rd following worship.**



Thank You!

The family of Maurine Beresford thanks you for the cards, flowers and memorial gifts for mom and helping us celebrate her life.

We appreciate all those who helped with the funeral lunch.
Lyle, Carol, Danielle & Jeanine



This year our Girls Night Out will take place on Friday, April 28th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please join us for a fun evening. Informational poster is on the bulletin board. See Cindy Minard with any questions. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the gathering area.

March Financial Report

Current Expenses	Building	Other	Totals	
Balance 3/1	\$56,099	\$4,163	\$16,569	\$76,831
Receipts	\$13,579	\$ 633	\$ 5,332	\$19,544
Disbursements	\$10,865	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,793	\$17,658
Balance 3/31	\$58,813	\$ 0.00	\$19,903	\$78,716

1st Qtr. Financial Report

Current Expenses	Building	Other	Totals	
Balance 1/1	\$59,697	\$2,495	\$13,061	\$75,253
Receipts	\$40,094	\$2,301	\$10,254	\$52,649
Disbursements	\$40,978	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,208	\$49,186
Balance 3/31	\$58,813	\$ 0.00	\$19,903	\$78,716

ATTENTION MOWING CREW



Nick Wagner has provided a copy of the mowing schedule for the members who are on the mowing team. They are on the table in the gathering area. Also, on the very last page of the bulletin the next 2 week schedule is listed for easy reference; and please don't forget to feed the horse!!



FIRST COVENANT SALAD LUNCHEON

Everyone is invited to the salad luncheon on Thursday, April 27th @ First Covenant Church 3303 41st St. Moline. From 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The tickets are \$8.00 each.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun.	April 23	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration 12 Noon Congregational Meeting 4:00-5:30p.m. Men's Bible Study Group
Mon.	April 24	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU – RIC Prayer Meeting
Tues.	April 25	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	April 26	7:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Gathering 5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00-7:30p.m. SPARK & AXIS 7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion
Thurs.	April 27	9:00 a.m. Keenager's Coffee Time/Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Set up for Girls Night Out
Fri.	April 28	6:00-8:00 p.m. Girls Night Out
Sat.	April 29	Noon-5:00 pm CIU - Vinar
Sun.	April 30	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration
Mon.	May 1	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tues.	May 2	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

April Birthdays

24 – Pennie Knary

24 – Jane Peterson

May Birthdays

2 – Steve Coil

13 – Lorraine Carsell

15 – Margo Coil

16 – Juanita Arellanos

16 – Meagan Bear

17 – Dave Christy

April Anniversaries

27 – Amakoe & Abigail Akpla

30 – Gary & Pat Hansen

May Anniversaries

15 – Tom & Annette Lancial

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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 0 Worship = 163

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY April 23

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Sandy Parrott)

Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Mary Parrott)

Nursery Diana Wood & Rachel Peterson

NEXT WEEK April 30

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Natalie Hermann)

Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Elizabeth Peterson)

Nursery

MOWING SCHEDULE

April 29 Chris Carsell & Jim Carsell

May 6 Tom Lancial & Don Yoeckel