


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

APRIL 30, 2017



He sleeps and rises
night and day,
and the seed
sprouts and grows;
he knows not how.

Mark 4:27

Elim Covenant Church
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WORSHIP CELEBRATION
April 30, 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 Facilitator

Rachel Cunningham

SONG

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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

"Can't Get Over You"

SONG

"Thy Word"

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 4:21-34

*Scripture Reader, Pat Hudson
(Red Bibles p. 1049 or p. 994)*

MESSAGE
“Kingdom Parables”
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

“Above All”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Isaiah 43:1</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Psalms 9:9</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 7:9</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Psalms 32:8</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>1 John 1:8-9</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Mark 11:22-24</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 7:23</i>

TODAY’S GREETERS

Karen Johnson & Gary Wells

HEAD USHER

Mike Hermann

USHERS

Chris Carsell, Tom Dang, Jim Nelson

SOUND SYSTEM

Orlin Johnson

POWER POINT

John Thompson

“Kingdom Parables”

Mark 4:21-34

Key Text: *“Jesus replied, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.’”* (Jn. 3:3)

Key Thought: Jesus calls us to shine the light of the gospel so that others may come to follow Him, also.

- A. Intro & Context
- B. Parable #1: _____ brightly (vv. 21-22) *“Live as children of light”* (Eph. 5:8b)
 - a. In reference to the light...
 - i. Of Jesus (cf. Jn. 8:12)
 - ii. Of the disciples (cf. Mt. 5:14-16)
 - iii. Of truth (cf. Jn. 3:19-21)
 - b. Revealing hidden/concealed things (cf. Jer. 16:17; Mt. 10:26-27; 1 Cor. 4:5).
- C. Parable #2: Kingdom _____ (vv. 23-25) *“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”* (Mt. 25:21)
 - a. Having ears to hear vs. “truth deafness” (cf. Isa. 6:9-10; Mk. 4:11-12)
 - b. Resources for influence multiplied (cf. Mt. 24:45-47; 25:14-23)
 - c. Resources (maybe even soul) lost (cf. Mt. 24:48-51; 25:24-30)
- D. Parable #3: The Kingdom’s _____ growth (vv. 26-29) (cf. Acts 8:4,26; 10:44-45; 11:19-21)
- E. Parable #4: From _____ beginnings (vv. 30-32) (cf. Mk. 1:14-19; 2:13-14; Lk. 19:1-10)
- F. Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Are you shining your light brightly in this dark world? Or are you “hiding your light” to any degree? If so, why?
- Do you hear God’s truth clearly? Or is there any level of “truth deafness” in you?

Do you recognize the importance of being faithful to God in your stewardship of all He has given you? Will you be ready to give an account to God before His heavenly throne?

PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: Pennie Knary's hip replacement surgery was successful!!
Another big turnout for the 8th Annual Girls Night Out!!
Great Secretary's Day!! Thank you.

Prayer Concerns: Elim's summer events schedule.

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, Rick Arellanos,
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.



Please join in another Taco Dinner Missions Event. It will start at 12 noon after worship on Sunday, May 7th. Donations will be accepted. Thanks.



It's that time again! The John Deere Classic golf tournament will be held on July 10-16th. We have pledge brochures on the table in the gathering area available now. Our matched donations go to our Elim Student Ministries. You may turn them in to the church office. Last year we only had 5 pledges – let's try and have a better showing this year. Remember they match 100% of whatever we pledge. It's a great opportunity to support the golf tournament as well as our Elim Students. The total number of birdies last year was 1982, so if you only pledged 1¢ per birdie it cost \$19.82 and still made us \$19.82. It all adds up!!

It's a win-win. Please make a pledge. Thank you.

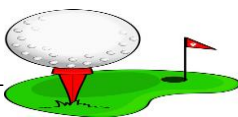


Pastor Steve will be conducting a New Members Class soon. If you are interested in becoming a member of Elim, please see Pastor about setting up a date for the class. Thank you.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The next men's fellowship breakfast will be on Saturday, May 6th @ 8:00 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet.

W.I.L.D. GOLF OPEN



The western Illinois District Covenant Churches' Annual golf outing will be held on Monday, June 5th @

Oak Run Golf Course in Dahinda, Illinois.

The cost is \$45 per person or just \$10.00 for the dinner only.

There is a sign-up sheet.

See Dewey Jacks or Mike Hermann with any questions.

The fee may be turned in to the church office.



of Shirley Pettit

For those of you who remember Shirley Pettit, please mark your calendars. There will be a memorial gathering here at Elim on Saturday, May 20th @ 3:00 p.m.

Shirley passed away on January 12, 2017 in Marietta, Georgia. The family would love to see all the old members who were here when they were apart of the Elim church family some time ago.



S.P.L.A.S.H.

There will not be a May 27th S.P.L.A.S.H. meeting because of the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.

The next meeting will be June 24th.

LOOKING AHEAD

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
Wed.	May 3	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.	May 4	9:00 a.m. Keenager's Coffee Time/Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Set up for Girls Night Out
Sat.	May 6	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
Sun.	May 7	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration 12 Noon Taco Dinner/Missions Eventr 4:30-5:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
Mon.	May 8	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU – RIC Prayer Meeting
Tues.	May 9	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

May Birthdays

2 – Steve Coil
13 – Lorraine Carsell
15 – Margo Coil
16 – Juanita Arellanos
16 – Meagan Bear
17 – Dave Christy
22 – Bill Minard
26 – Cadance Woods
28 – Jim Ogden
29 – Jay Stanley
30 – Kate Schaechter

April Anniversaries

30 – Gary & Pat Hansen

May Anniversaries

15 – Tom & Annette Lancial

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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 48 Worship = 116

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY April 30

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Natalie Hermann)
Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Elizabeth Peterson)
Nursery Carol Jacks & Rachel Luong

NEXT WEEK May 7

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (John Thompson)
Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Lacey Wagner)
Nursery Lori Smith & Abby Peterson

MOWING SCHEDULE

May 6 Tom Lancial & Don Yoeckel
May 13 Tom Dang & Giao Luong