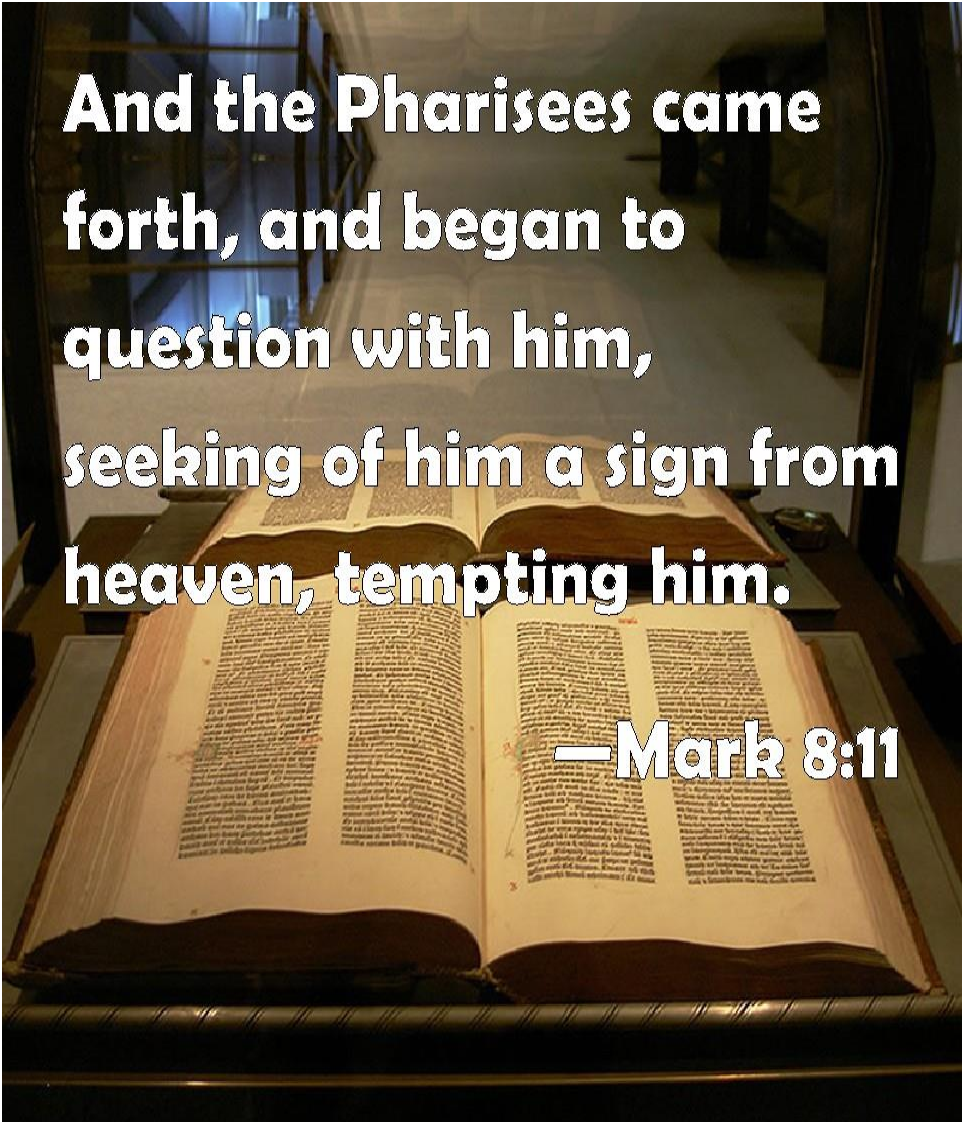


# **Elim Covenant Church**

## **July 9, 2017**



**And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him.**

**—Mark 8:11**

**Elim Covenant Church**  
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**(309) 764-6920**

# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

July 9, 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

Victoria & Scott Fowler

### **SONG**

*"Blessed Be Your Name"*

### **GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Orlin Johnson

### **MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

*"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances,  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

### **WORSHIP SONGS**

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

*"Spirit of the Living God"*

## **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!

### **NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED**

Dan Cosgrove, Tracey Garcia, Pat Guinn, Chip & Ethel Hesler.

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

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

### **WORDS FROM GOD**

Mark 8:11-21

*Scripture Reader, Mary Parrott  
(Red Bibles p. 999 or p. 1054)*

**MESSAGE**  
**“Discernment”**  
**Pastor Steve Peterson**

**RESPONDING TO GOD**

Now that God has spoken to us, it is time for us to speak to Him!

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Call to Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

**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**

*“Call Upon the Lord”*

**BENEDICTION**

***Scripture Readings for the Week***

*Sunday*

*John 14:26*

*Monday*

*Galatians 1:3-4*

*Tuesday*

*Psalms 139:17-18*

*Wednesday*

*2 Timothy 4:17*

*Thursday*

*Psalms 6:9*

*Friday*

*1 Corinthians 1:27*

*Saturday*

*John 15:18-20*

**TODAY’S GREETERS**

Jeanne Laird & Sandy Parrott

**HEAD USHER**

Mike Hermann

**USHERS**

Chris Carsell, Tom Dang, Jim Nelson

**SOUND SYSTEM**

Don Yoeckel

**POWER POINT**

John Thompson

# “Discernment”

## Mark 8:11-21

**Key Text:** *“Do not be conformed any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will”* (Rom. 12:2)

**Key Thought:** We are exhorted to grow in spiritual discernment, lest we should be drawn away from Christ unwittingly.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Pharisees & that of Herod (v. 15)
  - a. Their hypocrisy (cf. Mt. 6:2-5, 16; 23:2-7, 27-28)
  - b. Misleading the people (cf. Mt. 15:1-14; 23:13-15, Acts 12:1)
  - c. Out for personal gain (cf. Mk. 6:17; Lk. 20:47; Titus 1:11)
- 3) Spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 17-18) (cf. Deut. 29:4; Jer. 5:21; Ezek. 12:2; Mt. 13:15)
  - Definition: *“not quick or alert in perception, feeling, or intellect; not sensitive or observant; dull”* (dictionary.com)
- 4) Developing spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ & understanding (cf. Job 28:12-28; Pr. 2:6; Acts 26:18; 1 Jn. 5:20)
  - a. Gain a mastery of God’s Word (cf. Ps. 119:9,11; Josh 1:8; Matt. 4:4; 2 Tim. 3:16-17) *“The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple”* (Ps. 119:130)
  - b. Develop a deep prayer life (cf. Eph. 6:18; 1 Ths. 5:17)
    - Esp. “silence & solitude.”
    - Journaling
  - c. Develop a team of wise counselors (cf. Pr. 11:14; 15:22; 24:6)
    - Mentors
    - Resources (i.e. books, podcasts, etc.)
- 5) Conclusion

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Where, in our culture today, do we find the dangers of “spiritual yeast?” Which Christian personalities are misleading people, teaching faulty doctrines?
- How do you rate your own level of spiritual insight & wisdom? Do you have keen insight into spiritual things? Do others recognize your wisdom and come to you for advice?
- What practical steps can you take to grow in spiritual maturity? How can you develop a stronger devotional life?

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Praises:** New members: Dan Cosgrove, Tracey Garcia,  
Pat Guinn, Chip & Ethel Hesler.

**Prayer Concerns:** Summer events @ Elim.

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

Arlene Miller, Margaret Hasty, Anna Swanson, Jay & Judie Stanley,  
John & Linda Hutchison, Ann Seyller, Jonnie McDermand, Margaret Crandall,  
Claudine Patton, Belva Van Norman, Pennie Knary, Rollie Potts,  
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 Members Are Joining

There will be a new members reception  
TODAY, July 9<sup>th</sup> following worship.  
Please join us for cookies and sherbet  
and welcome our new Elim members ~

Dan Cosgrove, Tracey Garcia,  
Pat Quinn and Chip & Ethel Hesler.

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**The hymn sing event which was canceled  
last month has been rescheduled for  
Sunday evening July 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Please join us as we lift our voices  
together to praise God.**

**Also, following our singing there will be a  
sundae bar in the fellowship hall with  
donations going to our Jr./Sr. youth.**



11:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Doors open @ 11:00 a.m.

Bring a sack lunch - Doors open @ 11:00 a.m.

\$5.00 donation goes to S.P.L.A.S.H.

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## S.P.L.A.S.H. MEETING

The next S.P.L.A.S.H. meeting  
will be Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> from  
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

All ladies are invited to attend.

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**FAMILY CAMPING CONFERENCE**  
**@ SCOTT COUNTY PARK**  
**ELIM COVENANT CHURCH**  
**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH**



*Friday, July 28 6:00-9:00 p.m. & Saturday, July 29 7:30a.m.-7:30 p.m.*

*There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area.*

*See Pastor with any questions.*

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

Sun.	July 9	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration 12 Noon New Members Reception Serving Cookies & Sherbet
Mon.	July 10	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU – RIC Prayer Meeting
Wed.	July 12	7:00 a.m. “Amped” Prayer Gathering 5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 6:00-7:30p.m. SPARK & AXIS 7:30-9:00p.m. Fusion
Thurs.	July 13	5:30 p.m. Deacons/Elders Meeting 6:00 p.m. MLT Meeting
Sun.	July 16	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration 6:00 p.m. Evening Hymn Sing
Mon.	July 17	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tues.	July 18	11:30 a.m. Tuesday Daytime Trivia (doors open @ 11:00 a.m.)
Wed.	July 19	7:00 a.m. “Amped” Prayer Meeting 5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 6:00-7:30p.m. SPARK & AXIS 7:30-9:00p.m. Fusion
Sat.	July 22	9:00-11:00 am S.P.L.A.S.H. Meeting

### July Birthdays

11 – Dora Beth Christy  
16 – Rachel Peterson  
17 – Grayson Ellis  
21 – Alaina Ellis  
23 – Arlene Miller  
31 – Gary Hansen  
31 – Pastor Steve Peterson

### July Anniversaries

17 – Joe & Susie Schaechter

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Church office [office@elimqc.org](mailto:office@elimqc.org)  
Church Office Phone # 309-764-6920

Attendance Last Week      Sunday School = 40    Worship = 112

## CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

### TODAY July 9

Sunday Spark    Victoria Fowler (Ashley Parrott)  
Sunday Spark Jr.    Dora Beth Christy (Cindy Minard)  
Nursery    Carol Jacks & Lori Smith

### NEXT WEEK July 16

Sunday Spark    Victoria Fowler (Abby Peterson)  
Sunday Spark Jr.    Dora Beth Christy (Rachel Peterson)  
Nursery    .....

## MOWING SCHEDULE

July 15              John Clarke & Cecil Grimes  
July 22              Chris Carsell & Jim Carsell