

**Elim Covenant Church
September 3, 2017**



**Elim Covenant Church
5201 18th Avenue Moline, IL. 61265
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WORSHIP CELEBRATION
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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

Linda Gilmour

HYMN #600

"We Are God's People"

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Wells

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

SONG

"Your Great Name"

SONG

"Revelation Song"

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 10:1-31

*Scripture Reader, Elizabeth Peterson
(Red Bibles p. 1057 or p. 1001)*

MESSAGE
“Hard to Swallow”
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.

HYMN #74

“Give Thanks”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday

Psalms 147:11

Monday

Ephesians 1:3

Tuesday

Psalms 37:28

Wednesday

2 Chronicles 30:9

Thursday

Philippians 3:20

Friday

2 Corinthians 5:17

Saturday

Jeremiah 29:13

TODAY’S GREETERS

Pam & John Thompson

HEAD USHER

Don Peterson

USHERS

Martin Bear, L.J. Cunningham, Tabatha Estes

SOUND SYSTEM

Orlin Johnson

POWER POINT

Dave Christy

“Hard to Swallow”

Mark 10:1-31

Key Text: *Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me”* (Lk. 9:23)

Key Thought: While many of Jesus’ teachings are very hard to swallow, if we are to sincerely follow Him, we must accept them wholeheartedly.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) On divorce (vv. 1-12)
 - a) **Jesus is above** _____ (cf. Mt. 5:21-22, 27-28, 31-32; 12:41-42; Jn. 8:53,58)
 - b) **Two flesh become one** (cf. Gen. 2:24; 1 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 5:31)
 - c) **Preventative** _____ (cf. Pr. 5:18-19; Eccl. 9:9; Mal. 2:14-16)
 - d) **Following a divorce** (cf. Mt. 5:31-32; 1 Cor. 7:10-16, 39-40)
- 3) On children (vv. 13-16)
 - a) The kingdom of God is for children!! (cf. Mt. 19:14; Jn. 1:12; 1 Jn. 3:1)
 - b) We must become as children (cf. Mt. 11:25; 18:3-4; 1 Pt. 2:2)
 - c) **Let us not** _____ **children’s faith growth** (cf. Mk. 9:42; Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21)
 - d) **It is our duty to disciple them well** (cf. Deut. 4:9-10; 11:18-19; Pr. 22:6; Eph. 6:4)
- 4) On riches (vv. 17-31)
 - a) Obliterating the “good” argument (v. 18) (cf. Rom. 3:23-24; 4:1-8; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:4)
 - b) An outrageous _____ (v. 21) (cf. Gen. 12:1; 22:2; Mt. 13:44-46).
 - c) How wealth condemns/damns (vv. 23-25) (cf. Mt. 13:22; Lk. 12:16-21; 16:19-31; 1 Tim. 6:9-10; James 5:1-6; Rev. 3:17)
 - d) All is lost without God (v. 27) (cf. Rom. 4:18a; Jn. 15:5b)
 - e) True wealth (vv. 29-30) (cf. Lk. 12:32-34; 2 Cor. 6:10; 8:9; Eph. 1:17-19; 3:16-19; Col. 2:2; James 2:5)
 - f) The final _____ (v. 31) (cf. Mt. 20:16; Lk. 6:24-25; 14:11; 16:19-31)
- 5) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Is there any teaching of God that is too hard for you to swallow? What teaching(s) do you struggle with believing and/or following?

- Do you see the Kingdom of God as being for children? How does that impact your relationship with God? How does that affect your view of children and your responsibility toward them?
- If “the last will be first, and the first will be last,” are you willing to be “last, least and lowest” in this short life, that you might be great in God’s Kingdom?

PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: Praise for all the relief volunteers responding to hurricane Harvey!

Prayer Concerns: TEXAS & the families uprooted and lost loved ones.

Those in Need of God’s Strength and Healing:

Rodney Ouderkirk, Arlene Miller, Margaret Hasty, Anna Swanson, Earl Burklund, Greta Wiborg, Jay & Judie Stanley, John & Linda Hutchison, Ann Seyller, Jonnie McDermand, Margaret Crandall, Tasha Munger, Evan Ouderkirk, Belva Van Norman, 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.

FINANCIAL PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, September 17, Peter Heintzelman, Senior Financial Services Representative with Covenant Trust Company®, will be here to meet with us after the morning service. The purpose is to aid us in making good long term financial decisions. The areas that Covenant Trust Company can help us with are:

Investment Management · Trust Services · IRAs & Retirement Investing · Endowments · Estate Planning · Legacy & Gift Planning.

There will be a light lunch served for those attending this presentation in the Fellowship Hall right after the morning service. The presentation and time for questions should be 1 to 1-1/2 hours. So we know how many to provide for, please **sign up** on the table in the Gathering Area **by September 15th**.

See Orlin Johnson with questions.

Web sites with more information about the Covenant Trust Company® and what they do are:

<http://www.covenanttrust.com/>

<http://www.covtrustblog.com/>

<http://www.facebook.com/CovenantTrustCompany>

<http://www.twitter.com/CovTrust>



The next daytime Trivia will be Tuesday, September 5th
@ 11:30 a.m. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Sign-up!



Begins Wed. Sept. 6th @5:30 p.m.

BIRTHDAY/PHONE/ADDRESS INFO UPDATES

Please make sure we have your birthday listed at the church office. Also, any phone/address changes. New directory soon.



**The Glen Kaiser concert will be @
The Quad City Prayer Center
320 – W. Kimberly Road #510 Davenport, IA.
The concert begins @ 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 9th. All are invited to attend!**



2017-2018 DINING TOUR BOOKS
Now available in the church office. The books
are \$35 each. Proceeds of \$10 for each book sold
will go to the Elim Youth.



The first meeting of the fall season will be Thursday
morning, **September 14th**. Coffe time will begin @
9:00 a.m. and the Bible Study will begin @ 9:30 a.m.
See Pat Hudson with any questions.

Looking Ahead

Sun.	Sept. 3	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration <u>NO</u> Grief Share Meeting Today
Mon.	Sept. 4	Labor Day – Church Office Closed
Tues.	Sept. 5	11:30 a.m. Daytime Trivia (Doors open @ 11:00 a.m.) 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	Sept. 6	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 7:30-9:00p.m. Fusion
Sat.	Sept. 9	8:00 a.m. Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 6:30 p.m. Glenn Kaiser Concert – Q.C. Prayer Center Dvpt.
Sun.	Sept. 10	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration 3:00-4:30 p.m. Grief Share Meeting
Mon.	Sept. 11	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU – RIC Prayer Meeting
Tues.	Sept. 12	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	Sept. 13	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 7:30-9:00p.m. Fusion

September Birthdays

3 – Madeline Lumpkin
4 – Lila Ferry
4 – Austin Fowler
11 – Joy Wright
12 – Sylvia Anderson
13 – Pat Hudson
16 – Josh Parrott
16 – Rolland Potts
18 – Sera Pirmann
21 – Ethel Hesler

September Anniversaries

5 – Don & Jane Peterson
9 – John & Pam Thompson
14 – Orlin & Karen Johnson
16 – Craig & Shannon Pirmann
17 – Martin & Cheryl Bear
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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 44 Worship = 118

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY Sept. 3

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

NEXT WEEK Sept. 10

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Ashley Parrott)
Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Cindy Minard)
Nursery Amanda Dang & Abby Peterson

MOWING SCHEDULE

Sept. 9 Tom Lancial & Don Yoeckel

Sept. 16 – Tom Dang & Giao Luong