

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
February 17, 2019



Elim Covenant Church
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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.

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC SET

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Juanita Arellanos

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

*"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand,
that he may lift you up in due time."*

— 1 Peter 5:6

ADORATION TO GOD

We offer to God "a sacrifice of praise," expressing our love and devotion to Him.

WORSHIP SONGS

"Victory in Jesus"

"In Christ Alone"

"It Is Well with My Soul"

Blue Hymnal, page 451

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

OFFERTORY

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO 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!

WORDS FROM GOD

Nehemiah 4:1-23

*Scripture Reader, Chip Hesler
(Red Bibles p. 507)*

MESSAGE

"Responding to Threats and Discouragement"

By Pastor Steve Peterson

PRAYERS TO GOD

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BEING SENT BY GOD

God sends us out into the world that He desperately loves.

SONG

"Reckless Love"

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>February 17th</i>	<i>Matthew 11:28-30</i>
<i>February 18th</i>	<i>2 Samuel 22:2-3</i>
<i>February 19th</i>	<i>Isaiah 58:11</i>
<i>February 20th</i>	<i>Revelation 7:17</i>
<i>February 21st</i>	<i>Ephesians 2:7</i>
<i>February 22nd</i>	<i>Psalms 57:3</i>
<i>February 23rd</i>	<i>1 Peter 2:9</i>

TODAY'S GREETERS

Rodney and Judy Ouder Kirk

HEAD USHER

Mike Hermann

USHERS

Chip Hesler, Rodney Ouder Kirk, Sandy Parrott

SOUND SYSTEM

Tom Lancial

POWER POINT VIDEO

Josh Parrott

Sermon Notes
February 17, 2019
“Responding to Threats & Discouragement”
Nehemiah 4:1-23

Key Text: *“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain”* (Ps. 127:1)

Key Thought: Like Nehemiah, how we manage threats, fatigue and discouragement can make or break us.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) Hostility & Discouragement (vv. 1-3,7-8,11-12)
- 3) Defensive Strategies (vv. 9,13,16-23)
- 4) Responding to threats
 - a) Pray first!! (cf. Ps. 55; Isa. 37:1-4; 38:14)
 - b) Be assertive! (cf. Mt. 5:23-26; Heb. 12:14)
 - c) Get wise counsel (cf. Pr. 15:22; 20:18; 24:6)
 - d) Surrender to win (cf. Ps. 55:16,22; 1 Pt. 2:23)
- 5) Managing discouragement
 - a) Trust in God (cf. Josh. 1:9; 2 Chr. 32:7)
 - b) Engage in restorative practices
 - i) Honor your Sabbath rest (cf. Lev. 26; Mk. 2:27)
 - ii) Engage in prayer practices (cf. Ps. 71:20; Php. 4:6-7)
 - iii) Engage in edifying relationships (cf. Pr. 17:17; 1 Cor. 16:17-18; 2 Tim. 1:16)
- 6) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. What threats are you currently dealing with? Have you been handling them well? What did you hear today that would help you?
2. Are you facing fatigue and discouragement? What restorative strategies could you employ to help?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: The days are getting longer! Spring is right around the corner!

Prayer Concerns: Safe travels for our Winter campers at Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Arlene Miller, Margaret Hasty, Anna Swanson, Jay and Judie Stanley, Ann Seyller, Jonnie McDermand, Margaret Crandall, Tasha Munger, Iva Cutler, Beverly Reese, and families that have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Alex and Melanie Viana, serving in Mozambique:
Evangelism and Outreach; Leadership
Development

Our goals for the coming year include: Beginning to send teams of pastors to train and encourage churches and to send local pastors to the Bible Institute of Sofala.



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 Martin 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 at 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 Sandy at the church 764-6920 Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. otherwise call or text Tasha Munger at (309) 281-8784 with your request. If no answer, you may leave your concern on the answering machine and it will be relayed ASAP.

A man prayed and at first, he thought prayer lies in talking. But he became more and more quiet until in the end he realized prayer is listening. — Søren Kierkegaard

NEW MEMBERS LUNCH

If you are interested in exploring membership at Elim Covenant Church please join us for a luncheon from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

DAYTIME TUESDAY TRIVIA



Join us *Tuesday, February 19*, at 11:30 a.m. for Daytime Trivia. What a great time of fellowship and fun! Doors open at 11:00 a.m. \$5.00 per person. Don't forget your sack lunch. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area.

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

SOCIAL PRAYERFUL LADIES ALWAYS SEeking HIM



Ladies — just a reminder — **S.P.L.A.S.H.** is on *Saturday, February 23* from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. All women are invited. Please join us!!

MEN'S BREAKFAST



The next Men's Breakfast will be *Saturday, March 2* at 8:00 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area.

THANKS!!



Dear Elim Church Family,

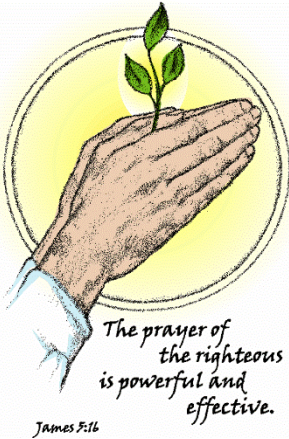
Thank you so much for all the cards and calls to me during my recent surgery/rehab ordeal. I am on the mend and hope to see you all soon.

— Judy Martel

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Elim Covenant Church has a prayer team? They are working to help us become stronger prayer warriors. They provide a monthly devotional that you can find on the prayer table just as you are entering the sanctuary.

Did you know that we have “Our Daily Bread” devotionals on that same table? Be sure to pick one up. The new one starts with March.



Did you know that you can share a prayer need and that we have a team of prayer warriors on the prayer chain that will drop everything they're doing and pray for you?

Did you know that the people from our “BLESS” campaign are still being prayed for at the Monday night and Wednesday morning prayer groups?

Did you know that the Covenant has a Missionary Prayer Calendar? You can pray for specific missionaries daily as well as learn about their work.

Prayer is a big part of who we are in our church and in our denomination.

Looking Ahead

Sunday	February 17	9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation 10:15 a.m. Pre-Worship Music Set in the Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 12:00 p.m. Membership Luncheon 3:00 p.m. GriefShare
Monday	February 18	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. Mission Team Meeting
Tuesday	February 19	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Daytime Trivia, doors open at 11:00 6:30 p.m. Easter Cantata Choir Practice
Wednesday	February 20	7:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting 5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. <i>SPARK & AXIS</i> 6:15 p.m. Video Study on the History of the Church
Sunday	February 24	9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation 10:15 a.m. Pre-Worship Music Set in the Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 3:00 p.m. GriefShare
Monday	February 25	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU RICU Prayer Meeting

February Birthdays

17 — *Damian Burns*
18 — *Annette Lancial*
20 — *Tom Dang*
23 — *Tasha Munger*
28 — *Jessica Sandholm*
28 — *Kathy Brothers*

February Anniversaries

15 — *Lisandro and Patty Restrepo*

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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 51 Worship = 106

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, February 17

Sunday Spark: Victoria Fowler (Mary Parrott)
Sunday Spark Jr.: Dora Beth Christy (Lacey Wagner)
Nursery: Natalie Hermann and Ralene Luong

NEXT WEEK, February 24

Sunday Spark: Victoria Fowler (Sandy Parrott)
Sunday Spark Jr.: Dora Beth Christy (Rachel Peterson)
Nursery: Abby Peterson and Amanda Le