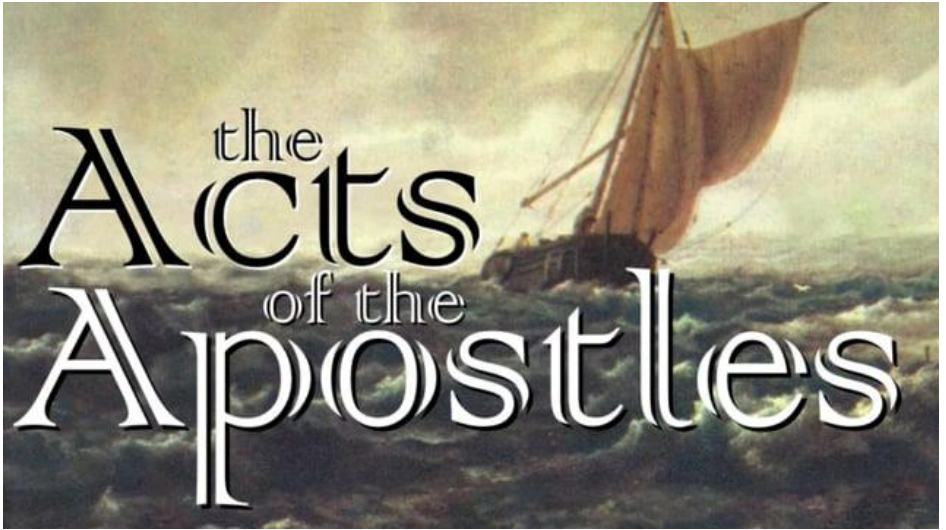


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
August 11, 2019



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION
August 11, 2019

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

Elizabeth Peterson

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

— Galatians 5:25

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Power in the Blood"

"Majesty"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

STEVE BERGER PRESENTATION

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

Acts 8:1b-8

*Scripture Reader, Elizabeth Peterson
(Red Bibles p. 1148)*

MESSAGE

“Experiencing Acts: Scattered Seed”

By Pastor Steve Peterson

PRAYERS 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 and Cup

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BEING SENT BY GOD

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

WORSHIP SONG

“It is Well”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Hebrews 13:6</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Psalms 119:90</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Acts 2:38</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>1 John 4:4</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Matthew 5:12</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 12:9</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Isaiah 57:17-18</i>

TODAY'S GREETERS

Mary Murphy and Karen Bowling

HEAD USHER

Gary Wells

USHERS

Sandy Parrott, Rodney Ouder Kirk, Chip Hesler

SOUND SYSTEM

Josh Parrott

POWER POINT VIDEO

John Thompson

Sermon Notes
August 11, 2019
“Experiencing Acts: Scattered Seed”
Acts 8:1b-8

Key Text: “... unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds” (Jn. 12:24)

Key Thought: Persecution in the early church only resulted in a mighty expansion of the gospel.

1) Intro & Context

2) Persecution & gospel **EXPANSION** (cf. Esther 7:9-10; 8:11-9:4; 2 Cor. 4:7-18; Rom. 8:28)

Key lesson: Don't be discouraged by those who would persecute you for your faith. God often brings about great good from harsh circumstances

3) Philip's powerful **WITNESS** (cf. Acts 5:12-16; 19:11-12; 1 Ths. 1:5-6)

Key lesson: Through the glory of the Holy Spirit, the gospel is preached with power, and the result is great joy!!

4) The sorcerer's **GREED** & selfish ambition (cf. Mt. 23:25; Mk. 7:21-23; Php. 2:3-4; Ja. 3:16)

Key lesson: Approach ministry w/ a pure heart, lest God humble and rebuke you!

5) The Ethiopian & his passionate **PURSUIT** of God (cf. Mk. 10:46-52; Mt. 11:12; Rom. 12:11; Heb. 11:6)

Key lesson: Like the Ethiopian, God will reward us when we diligently seeking Him

6) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. Are you confident God will bring good out of any bad situation that assaults you? Will you trust Him, even in the darkest moments?
2. Are you striving to maintain a pure heart before God? Do you need to deal with any greed or selfish ambition in your heart?
3. Are you passionately pursuing God? Are you diligently seeking Him?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: God's amazing mercy and grace.

Prayer Concerns: Missionaries on home assignment and God's guidance in their ministries and lives.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

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

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Iochy & Tammi Hernandez

Serving Caribbean. Ministries include: Mission Team Facilitation, Inter-church Project Coordination, Church Planting

We are in the beginning stages of planting the first Covenant church in the Caribbean—a hip-hop church in Santiago, Dominican Republic.



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.

"God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer." —Mother Teresa

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Hymn Sing

Join us **tonight** for another inspiring hymn sing! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

Crescendo at First Covenant

Crescendo Crunch exercise class meetings on Thursdays through August, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Also, be sure to mark your calendar for the **August 15** Crescendo lunch 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. The Quad City Ukulele Club will be with us. You won't want to miss it. It's open to the public, so invite a friend for fun and fellowship. Bring your own lunch. Water and coffee are provided.

GriefShare

The GriefShare team will once again be holding a 13-week GriefShare series starting **Sunday, August 18**, at **3:00 p.m.** here at the church. If you or someone you know is dealing with grief, please consider attending.

There is a sign-up sheet and information on the gathering area table. Feel free to share it. GriefShare facilitators are: Juanita Arellanos, Karen Bowling, Kathy Henderson, Mary Murphy, and Sandy Parrott. They will be happy to answer any questions you might have. Check out GriefShare at:

www.griefshare.org

Embrace

On Sunday evening, **August 18, 2019**, at 6:00 p.m. we will be presenting the second Embrace webinar.

The Love-Hope Project — Summer Scoop

Come join us for an ice cream sundae and hear about the news from Love-Hope. A team of young adults just returned from Zambia, Africa and they will tell stories about their trip. We will also be giving an update of our ministry projects. The event is Monday, **August 19** at 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Donations will be accepted.

Daytime Trivia

Join us **Tuesday, August 20**, 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 in the gathering area.

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

Ladies — just a reminder — **S.P.L.A.S.H.** is on **Saturday, August 24**, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. All women are invited. Please join us!!



Prayer Retreat with Dr. Robert Tenglin

Saturday, **August 31, 2019**, Elim will be holding a prayer retreat at the church from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch is included. Bob is a retired Covenant pastor, a spiritual director supervisor, and a mentor for North Park Seminary students. There is a sign-up sheet and more information on the gathering area table.

Registration deadline is Sunday, August 25, 2019.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be **Saturday, September 7, 2019**, at **8:00 a.m.** We will be doing a study on "Being a Dad Who Leads," from a book by John MacArthur. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area.

Dining Tour Books

Dining tour books are available once again. Each book sells for \$35.00 with a \$12.00 profit if 15 or more are sold. Enjoy eating out while supporting our youth. Current books are valid through October 31, 2020 and are available in the church office. Twenty new restaurants have been added for a total of 153 restaurants.

See Rachel, L.J. or Sandy to purchase yours. Check out <https://quadcitiesdiningtour.com/restaurant/> for a full list of restaurants.

Looking Ahead

Sunday	August 11	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Pre-Worship Music Set in the Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 6:00 p.m. Hymn Sing
Monday	August 12	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU RICM Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	August 13	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study
Wednesday	August 14	7:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting 5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 6:00 p.m. SPARK and Axis 6:15 p.m. Videos and Discussions about God's Kingdom
Thursday	August 15	9:30 a.m. Crescendo Crunch at First Covenant 12:00 p.m. Crescendo Lunch at First Covenant
Sunday	August 18	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Pre-Worship Music Set in the Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 3:00 p.m. GriefShare 6:00 p.m. Embrace Session

August Birthdays

11 — Jeanne Laird
12 — Travis Ferry
12 — Gary Wells
13 — Joe Schaechter
14 — Orlin Johnson
18 — Jim Carsell
20 — Chris Carsell

August Anniversaries

15 — L.J. and Rachel Cunningham
21 — Jim and Carolyn Carsell

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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 39 Worship = 109

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, August 11

Sunday Spark: Victoria Fowler (Abby Peterson)
Sunday Spark Jr.: Dora Beth Christy (Cindy Minard)
Nursery: Diana Wood and Sheila Yoeckel

NEXT WEEK, August 18

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

MOWING SCHEDULE

August 17..... Tom Dang and Giao Luong
August 24..... Jim Carsell and Chris Carsell