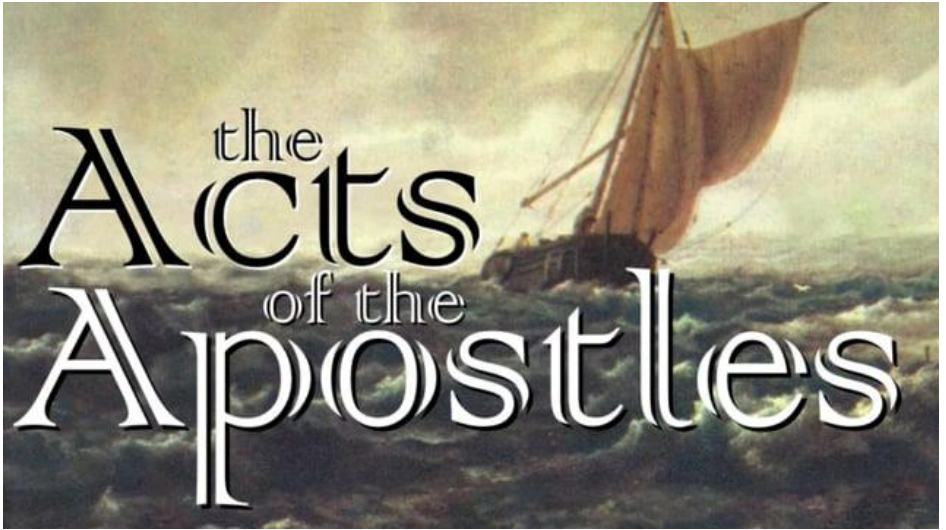


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
August 18, 2019



Elim Covenant Church
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WORSHIP CELEBRATION
August 18, 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

"I'll Fly Away"

"In Christ Alone"

"Above All"

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

Acts 9:1-19

*Scripture Reader, Annette Lancial
(Red Bibles p. 1149)*

MESSAGE

"Experiencing Acts: A Terrorist's Conversion"

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.

WORSHIP SONG

"Spirit of the Living God"

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Revelation 3:19</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Ephesians 2:14</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Psalms 55:22</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>1 Peter 2:5</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Matthew 28:20</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>John 14:2-3</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>James 1:5</i>

TODAY'S GREETERS

Cecil and Carolyn Grimes

HEAD USHER

Gary Wells

USHERS

Sandy Parrott, Rodney Ouderkerk, Chip Hesler

SOUND SYSTEM

Tom Lancial

POWER POINT VIDEO

Josh Parrott

Sermon Notes
August 18, 2019
“Experiencing Acts: A Terrorist’s Conversion”
Acts 9:1-19

Key Text: “... This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel” (Acts 9:15)

Key Thought: God can stun us by those He saves, as evidenced by the conversion of Saul of Tarsus

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) The **TERRORIST** (vv. 1-2) (cf. Acts 22:3-5; 26:10-11; Gal. 1:13-14)
- 3) The terrifying **ENCOUNTER** with Jesus (cf. Acts 22:6-11; 26:13-15)
- 4) The brave **INTERMEDIARY** (10-18) (cf. Acts 22:12-16)
- 5) The daunting **CALL** (v. 15-16) (cf. Acts 22:14; 26:16-18; Gal. 1:15-16)
- 6) His immediate **RESPONSE** (cf. Acts 22:16; 26:16) (cf. also Mt. 4:22; Lk. 18:43)
- 7) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. Who do you know that is hostile toward the gospel of Christ? Do you believe God can save them? Would you pray for them?
2. Do you understand what God’s purpose and call is for your life?
3. Do you respond to God with immediate obedience?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: Answered prayer and God's care.

Prayer Concerns: The rise of shootings and violence. Protection for our children as they return to school.

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:

Chris & Jenny Hoskins

Serving in Ecuador. Ministries include Christian Formation and Discipleship, Leadership Development, Pastoral Care and Counseling

We are finally starting to feel like we are putting down deeper roots after a year and a half. We are looking forward to deepening relationships and feeling even more at home in the year to come.



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.

"And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.

— Matthew 6:7

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

GriefShare

GriefShare starts *this afternoon at 3:00 p.m.* here at the church. If you or someone you know is dealing with grief, please consider attending. Whether your grief is fresh or has been a long time, you can experience healing through this program.

Topics that are covered include:

1. Is This Normal?
2. Challenges of Grief
3. The Journey of Grief — Part 1
4. The Journey of Grief — Part 2
5. Grief and Your Relationships
6. Why?
7. Guilt and Anger
8. Complicating Factors
9. Stuck
10. Lessons of Grief — Part 1
11. Lessons of Grief — Part 2
12. Heaven
13. What do I live for now?

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

Tonight at 6:00 p.m. we will be presenting the second Embrace webinar. Embrace is a suite of human sexuality discipleship resources and learning experiences which are in harmony with the adopted position of the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC), the center of which is "Faithfulness in heterosexual marriage, celibacy in singleness—these constitute the Christian standard."

A special emphasis of Embrace is equipping our church to flourish in love for LGBTQ+/SSA/sexual minority individuals and communities. Embrace resources will be progressively curated and created by Make and Deepen Disciples.

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. There is a registration fee of \$10.00. Lunch is included. Bob is a retired Covenant pastor, a spiritual director supervisor, and a mentor for North Park Seminary students. You will enjoy interactive prayer stations. Please come and join us for a great morning of prayer and fellowship.



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 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
Monday	August 19	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. Love-Hope Summer Scoop
Tuesday	August 20	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Daytime Trivia
Wednesday	August 21	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
Friday	August 24	9:00 a.m. SPLASH
Sunday	August 25	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

August Birthdays

18 — Jim Carsell
20 — Chris Carsell
21 — Dewey Jacks
31 — Tabatha Estes

August Anniversaries

21 — Jim and Carolyn Carsell

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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 29 Worship = 93

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, August 18

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

NEXT WEEK, August 25

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

MOWING SCHEDULE

August 24..... Jim Carsell and Chris Carsell
August 31..... Tom Lancial and Orlin Johnson