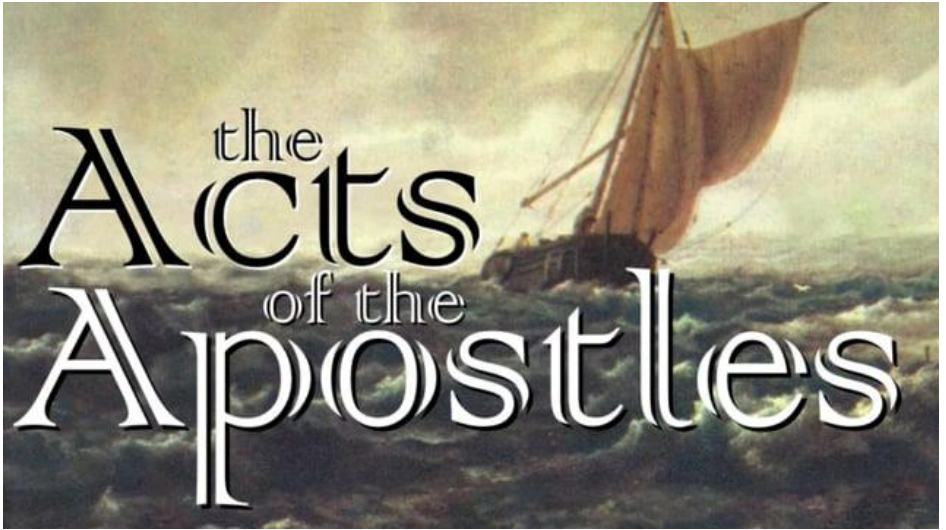


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
September 8, 2019



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION
September 8, 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

Mike Hermann

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"...Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened."

— Isaiah 8:12b

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Blue Hymnal, p. 113

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

"Wonderful Merciful Savior"

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 13:1-12, 49-52

*Scripture Reader, Orlin Johnson
(Red Bibles p. 1154)*

MESSAGE

"Experiencing Acts: Sent Out"

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

"Great Are You Lord"

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 5:17</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Jeremiah 29:13</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Romans 8:31</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Hebrews 4:9-10</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Psalms 91:11</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 1:20</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Philippians 4:19</i>

TODAY'S GREETERS

Juanita Arellanos and Mike Hermann

HEAD USHER

Don Peterson

USHERS

Martin Bear, Confirmation Students

SOUND SYSTEM

Tom Lancial

POWER POINT VIDEO

Josh Parrott

Sermon Notes
September 8, 2019
“Experiencing Acts: Sent Out”
Acts 13:1-12, 49-52

Key Text: *“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light” (1 Peter 2:9)*

Key Thought: As with Paul & Barnabas, God’s sends and empowers those He has chosen that they might witness powerfully for Him.

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) **CHOSEN** and sent (vv. 1-4) *“The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit...”* (v. 4) (cf. 1 Sam. 16:1-13; Mk. 3:13-19; 1 Pt. 2:9)

- 3) Stronger than **MAGIC** (vv. 6-12) (cf. Ex. 7:12; 8:18-19; 9:11; Dan. 1:20; 1 Kgs. 18:16-39) *“... If God is for us, who can be against us?”* (Rom. 8:31)

- 4) An **EFFECTIVE** witness (vv. 16-41) (Acts 14:1; 1 Cor. 16:8-9; Phm. 6)

- 5) **JOY** despite **REJECTION** (vv. 45,50-52) (cf. Mt. 5:12; Acts 4:31; 5:41) *“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven...”* (Mt. 5:11-12)

- 6) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. To what ministry/purpose has God called you? Are you being faithful to follow God’s Spirit & call?
2. What does effective witnessing look like in our world today?
3. How would you respond to strong criticism against your faith?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: God's goodness, mercy, patience, faithfulness, and love.

Prayer Concerns: Hurricane Dorian and its victims.

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:

John and Letha Kerl

Serving as Regional Coordinators for Europe. Their ministry is Team and Partner Development



In the coming year we are excited about the deepening and expanding of shared ministry with our partner churches in Europe. Among these churches there is a fresh commitment to cultivating healthy, missional churches. God is at work in Europe!

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.

So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. — Acts 13:3

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.

It's Shoebox Time!



Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child are now available. A sign-up sheet is in the church office. Why not pick up a box or two or three and bless a Christmas child this year?

Choose a boy or girl, ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14.

PLEASE include a WOW item, such as a doll or stuffed animal or a deflated soccer ball and air pump. When packing put the WOW item on top so the child sees it first when opening the box. Samaritan's Purse requests new and quality items—look for good sales.

Walk for Life 2019

Saturday, September 14, 2019, Pregnancy Resources' annual Walk for Life will take place at Veterans Memorial Park in Bettendorf and Empire Park in Hampton.



Check-in is 8:30 a.m. and the walk starts at 9:00 a.m. Why not grab a friend and go? You can register online at qcpregnancypartners.org/events. If you can't participate but would like to donate, see **Ethel Hesler**.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Hymn Sing

Join us **tonight** for another inspiring hymn sing! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors! Our own **Jean Russell** will be at the piano.



Good News Club Training

Elim is partnering with Child Evangelism Fellowship to host a Good News Club at Franklin Grade School. It will be Wednesday afternoons from 1:30-3:00 p.m., October 23 to December 11. We will host another 7-week session again in the spring. It's a wonderful opportunity to bring the light of the gospel to the children in our neighborhood! Please consider helping with this program!



CEF
CHILD EVANGELISM
FELLOWSHIP®
Reaching children worldwide®

Those who participate receive great training! Our CEF training will be next **Friday, September 13** from 6-9 p.m., and **Saturday, September 14** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This course would also benefit anyone working in children's ministry, or those who simply want to learn better how to share their faith with others (not just kids!).

New Members Lunch

If you are interested in exploring membership at Elim Covenant Church please join us for a luncheon on **Sunday, September 15**, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area.

Crescendo Lunch at First Covenant

Be sure to mark your calendar for the **September 19** Crescendo lunch 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. GolderCare will be with us, presenting their program called, "Aging in Place—Staying in Your Home Longer." You won't want to miss it. It's open to the public, so invite a friend for fun and fellowship. Bring a lunch. Water, coffee and dessert are provided.

Looking Ahead

Sunday	September 8	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. Hymn Sing
Monday	September 9	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU RICM Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	September 10	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study
Wednesday	September 11	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. SPARK and Axis 6:15 p.m. Videos and Discussions: God's Kingdom
Thursday	September 12	9:30 a.m. Crescendo Crunch at First Covenant 5:30 p.m. MLT Meeting
Friday	September 13	6:00 p.m. Game Knights 6:00 p.m. Good News Club Training
Saturday	September 14	9:00 a.m. Good News Club Training

September Birthdays

9 — *Mary Murphy*
10 — *Thalia Padilla*
11 — *Judy Martel*
11 — *Joy Wright*
12 — *Sylvia Anderson*
13 — *Pat Hudson*
15 — *Amy Hennings*
16 — *Josh Parrott*
16 — *Rollie Potts*

September Anniversaries

9 — *John and Pam Thompson*
14 — *Orlin and Karen Johnson*
16 — *Craig and Shannon Pirman*
17 — *Martin and Cheryl Bear*

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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 22 Worship = 76

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, September 8

Sunday Spark: Victoria Fowler (Sandy Parrott)
Sunday Spark Jr.: Rachel Peterson (Cindy Minard and Sara Padilla)
Nursery: Diana Wood and Meg Bear

NEXT WEEK, September 15

Sunday Spark: Victoria Fowler (Ashley Parrott)
Sunday Spark Jr.: Lacey Wagner (Natalie Hermann)
Nursery: Rachel Cunningham and Ralene Luong

MOWING SCHEDULE

September 14 Don Peterson and Don Yoeckel
September 21..... Cecil Grimes and Nick Wagner