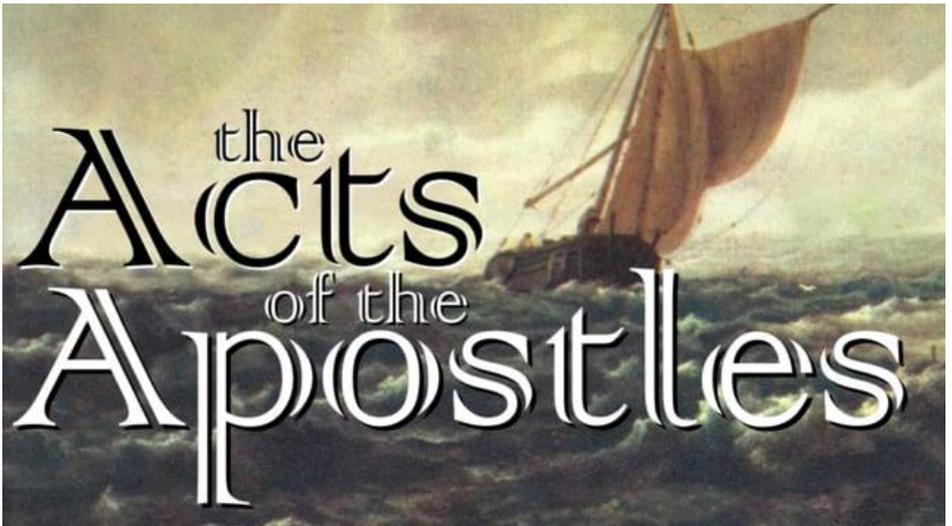


**ELIM COVENANT CHURCH**  
**September 22, 2019**



**Elim Covenant Church**  
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**WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
**September 22, 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**

Natalie 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**

*"Jubilate"*

*"Your Great Name"*

*"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

*Blue Hymnal, p. 458*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*(Children dismissed for Children's Church, please for ages 3 thru 5<sup>th</sup> 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 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 133

*Scripture Reader, Natalie Hermann*

*(Red Bibles p. 1157, 1158, 653)*

## **MESSAGE**

**“Experiencing Acts: Settling Disputes”**

**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**

*“Revelation Song”*

## **BENEDICTION**

### **Scripture Readings for the Week**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 1:30</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>John 16:15</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Philippians 3:9</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Isaiah 52:12</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Psalms 145:14</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Genesis 3:15</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Psalms 73:23-24</i>

## **TODAY'S GREETERS**

Tom and Annette Lancial

## **HEAD USHER**

Don Peterson

## **USHERS**

Martin Bear, Confirmation Students

## **SOUND SYSTEM**

Don Yoeckel

## **POWER POINT VIDEO**

Dave Christy

**Sermon Notes**  
**September 22, 2019**  
**“Experiencing Acts: Settling Disputes”**  
**Acts 15:1-2, 22-29**  
**Psalm 133**

**Key Text:** *“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery”* (Gal. 5:1)

**Key Thought:** We must use wisdom to discern God’s truth and to resolve doctrinal disputes.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) The **SHARP** dispute (cf. also Gal. 5:1-12; 2 Pt. 2; Jude)
- 3) **SAVING** grace (the heart of the issue) (v. 11) (cf. Rom. 3:21-24; Gal. 2:21; 5:4; Eph. 2:8-9)
- 4) A wise **PROCESS**
  - a) Stand on God’s **WORD** (vv. 15-18) (cf. Ps. 119:7-11; 2 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 4:12)
  - b) Seek wise counsel (v. 2) (cf. Pr. 11:14; 15:22; 20:18; 24:6)
  - c) Pray for the Spirit’s **DISCERNMENT** (v. 28) (cf. Acts 16:6-10; Rom. 8:14; Gal. 4:6)
  - d) Stand firm! (cf. 1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Ths. 2:15; 1 Tim. 4:16)
  - e) Evaluate how **ESSENTIAL** it is (cf. Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 5:11,33; Rom. 14:1-15:7; Eph. 4:2-3)
- 5) Two **CAUTIONS**
  - a) Avoid needless debates (cf. Col. 2:6-23; 2 Tim. 2:23-26)
  - b) Do not become a divisive person! (cf. Pr. 22:10; Rom. 16:17; Titus 3:9-11)
- 6) Conclusion

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:**

1. Is your faith founded on grace? Or do you believe you earn heaven by being “good enough,” or by performing the correct rites?
2. Are you certain of your doctrinal beliefs? Have you tested them and proven to yourself that they are true?

## PRAYER PAGE

**Praises:** Covenant World Relief and their collaboration with local partners in the Bahamas through Medical Teams International to provide disaster relief health kits.

**Prayer Concerns:** Caregivers and those they care for.

### **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.

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### **Pray for Covenant Missionaries:**

#### **Marta Klein**

Serving in DR Congo. Ministries include Health Education, Medical Work

In the coming year I will be working closely with Paul Carlson Partnership and the Congolese Covenant Church medical system. I am looking forward to helping the doctors and nurses learn more about managing severe dehydration and malnutrition in children and helping small newborns.



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### **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.

*O Father, give to your child what he himself knows not how to ask. Teach me to pray. Prayer yourself in me. —Francois Fenelon*

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

## Conflict Management

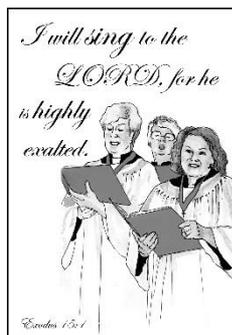
On Tuesday evening, **September 24, 2019**, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tom Wirtz will bring us "Conflict Management Workshop, Session 2." To attend you must have attended Session 1 that was given in April.

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

Ladies — just a reminder — **S.P.L.A.S.H.** is on **Saturday, September 28**, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. All women are invited. Please join us!!

## Christmas Cantata

Christmas Cantata practice will begin **Tuesday, October 1**, at **6:30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to join us. Contact Linda Gilmour with questions or just show up for practice. Everyone is welcome, even those who may attend other churches.



## Keenagers

Keenagers Bible Study will resume on **Thursday, October 3**; 9:00 a.m. for refreshments with the study starting at 9:30. They will be studying "Matthew, Being Discipled by Jesus" by Steven and Jacelyn Eyre. All are welcome.

## Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be **Saturday, October 5, 2019**, at **8:00 a.m.** We will continue our study "Being a Dad Who Leads." There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area.

## S.P.L.A.S.H. Bake Sale

On Sunday, **October 20, 2019**, S.P.L.A.S.H. will be holding a bake sale. You're welcome to bring items for sale or just bring yourself and indulge.



## Don't Forget

Dining tour books are still available. And there are still Christmas shoeboxes waiting to be picked up and filled. Thanks!

## Pastor and Family Appreciation Potluck

Dear Elim Congregation,

A note to let you know Pastor and Family Appreciation Sunday is coming up, Sunday, October 6 with a potluck (sign-up sheet is on the table in the gathering area).



Take a moment to reflect on how much Pastor Steve and his family sacrifice for our Elim family. Please take time to write a note of appreciation, maybe some special way they have blessed you.

You can also give a monetary blessing if you are so inclined. A basket will be available at the potluck for cards. If you are unable to attend, please leave cards with an elder.

Thank you,  
Cheryl Bear  
Deacon of Personal Ministries

## Church Calendar

You can now access the online church calendar by using the following link:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar?cid=ZWxpbXFjb2ZmaWNlQGdtYWlsLmNvbQPa>

And don't forget to check out Elim's website, [www.elimqc.org](http://www.elimqc.org), where you can view bulletins, listen to sermons, and see what's going on at Elim!



### Just a gentle reminder:

Please turn thermostats to their designated settings when your class or event is finished. It's just good stewardship. Thanks!

## Looking Ahead

Sunday	September 22	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
Monday	September 23	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU RICM Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	September 24	9:30 a.m. <b>SAS</b> Bible Study
Wednesday	September 25	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 26	9:30 a.m. Crescendo Crunch at First Covenant
Saturday	September 28	9:00 a.m. SPLASH
Sunday	September 29	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

### September Birthdays

22 — Teresa Jackson  
23 — Lee Kinney  
24 — Leonna Ellis  
25 — Felipe Cantu  
28 — Don Yoeckel  
28 — Sandy Winthurst  
29 — Ford Vinar

### October Birthdays

1 — Jim Nelson  
1 — Judy Ouderkirk  
1 — Ashlynn Wagner

### September Anniversaries

22 — Steve and Margo Coil  
25 — Dewey and Carol Jacks  
26 — Dave and Miranda Vinar  
27 — Dale and Linda Gilmour

### October Anniversaries

4 — Curt and Teresa Jackson

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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 44 Worship = 109

## CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

### TODAY, September 22

Sunday Spark: Victoria Fowler (Sandy Parrott)  
Sunday Spark Jr.: Elizabeth Peterson (Karter Thompson)  
Nursery: Abby Peterson and Amanda Le

### NEXT WEEK, September 29

Sunday Spark: Rachel Cunningham (Natalie Hermann)  
Sunday Spark Jr.: Rachel Peterson (Pam Thompson)  
Nursery: Elizabeth Peterson and Mary Christy

### MOWING SCHEDULE

September 28..... Tom Dang and Giao Luong

October 5..... Jim Carsell and Chris Carsell