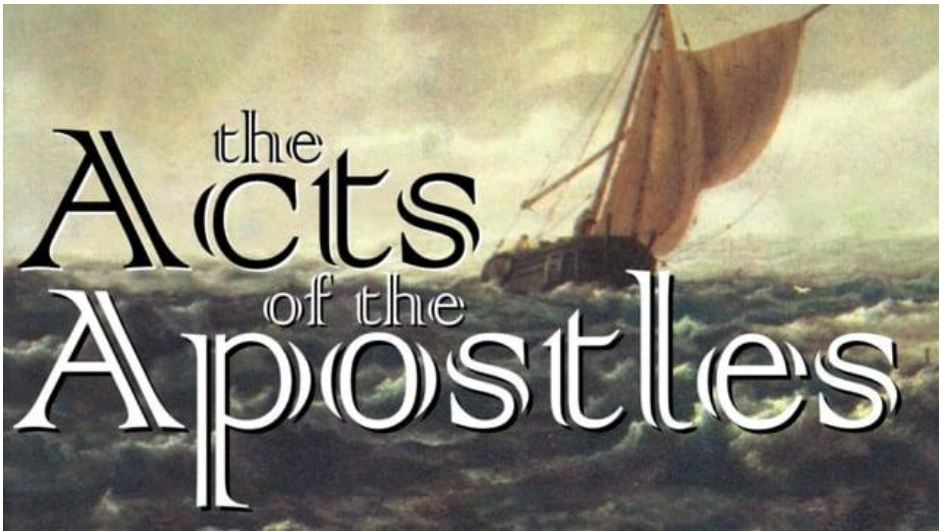


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
September 29, 2019



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of the
Apostles

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

September 29, 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

"Power in the Blood"

"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 15:36-16:3

*Scripture Reader, Mike Hermann
(Red Bibles p. 1159)*

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

"Great Are You Lord"

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>2 Peter 3:13</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Proverbs 15:29</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 1:30</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>John 1:12</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Galatians 2:20</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 6:11</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>John 3:36</i>

TODAY'S GREETERS

Maxine Barnes and Karen Johnson

HEAD USHER

Mike Hermann

USHERS

Jim Nelson, Confirmation Students

SOUND SYSTEM

Orlin Johnson

POWER POINT VIDEO

Josh Parrott

Sermon Notes
September 29, 2019
“Experiencing Acts: Managing Conflict”
Acts 15:36-16:3

Key Text: *“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts” (Isa. 55:9)*

Key Thought: When we find ourselves frustrated, we need to anchor ourselves in God’s Word, wait for and listen to the Spirit’s leading.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) An apostolic **CONFLICT** (15:37-40) (cf. Ps. 133; Jn. 17:20-23; 1 Ths. 5:14-15) *“My prayer is... that all of them may be one”* (Jn. 17:20-21)
 - Lesson: Don’t take divisions lightly! God’s desire is unity.
- 3) An apostolic **DISPARITY** (16:1-4) (Compare Gal. 5:2 & Php. 3:3 with 1 Cor. 10:23-24, 33) *“Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation”* (Gal. 6:15)
 - Lesson: There are times when we must forego a freedom to safeguard the ministry.
- 4) An apostolic **THWARTING** (16:6-7) (cf. Ps. 23:3; Pr. 3:5,6; Isa. 48:17) *“A person’s steps are directed by the Lord. How then can anyone understand their own way?”* (Pr. 20:24)
 - Lesson: God wants to direct our ways. God may close doors of opportunity to ultimately direct us to where He wants us.
- 5) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. Are you experiencing conflict with anyone in your life? What does the Word and God’s Spirit indicate you should do about it?
2. Has God ever thwarted your way? Have you learned to wait on Him, and trust that His way is the best way?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: Beautiful fall weather.

Prayer Concerns: Missionaries everywhere as they face the challenges of their ministries, health concerns, and being away from family.

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:

Peter Lee & Katherine Choi-Lee

Serving in France. Ministries include Congregational Vitality, Evangelism and Outreach, Children's Ministry

One way that partners have encouraged us is by sending handmade Christmas cards with Polaroid photos of the children!



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.

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. — Matthew 7:7-8

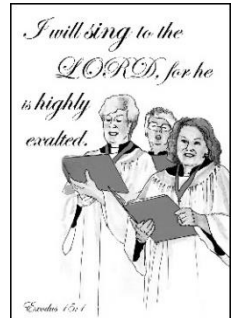


Join us after the service in the fellowship hall for refreshments.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Christmas Cantata

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



Keenagers



Keenagers Bible Study will resume this **Thursday, October 3**; they will start at 9:00 a.m. with refreshments and the study will start 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.

Crescendo Crunch and Lunch

Join us on **Thursday, October 10, 2019**, for the next Crescendo Crunch exercise class and lunch. Exercise is 9:30-10:30 a.m. and lunch is at 12:00 p.m. Bring your own lunch. Water and coffee are provided. The Area Agency for Aging will be bringing a presentation on saving money on prescription drugs. A freewill offering will be taken.

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). We will also be celebrating Elizabeth's birthday.

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

Friend 2 Friend Sunday, October 13

Please visit the table in the gathering area for invites to give to your friends. There will be a chili lunch with homemade desserts.

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.

Covenant Trust

Larry Kleindienst, a Financial Services Representative with Covenant Trust will be in the Quad Cities area on ***Thursday and Friday, October 24 & 25***. Larry will be available to meet with you one-on-one while he is here. To schedule an appointment, please call 847-583-3279 or email ljkleindienst@covenanttrust.com. You may be asking what does a trust company do? They act as trustee, manage money on behalf of individuals and families, and facilitate charitable gift and estate planning. Be sure to schedule time with Larry to learn more about Covenant Trust and how they can help you.

Looking Ahead

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
Monday	September 30	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	October 1	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Christmas Cantata Practice
Wednesday	October 2	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	October 3	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time 9:30 a.m. Keenagers Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Crescendo Crunch at First Covenant
Saturday	October 5	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
Sunday	October 6	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Pre-Worship Music Set in the Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 12:00 p.m. Pastor Appreciation Potluck 3:00 p.m. GriefShare

September Birthdays

29 — Ford Vinar

October Birthdays

1 — Jim Nelson

1 — Judy Ouderkirk

1 — Ashlynn Wagner

2 — Pat Guinn

3 — Lori Smith

4 — Lila Ferry

6 — Elizabeth Peterson

October Anniversaries

4 — Curt and Teresa Jackson

16 — Don and Sheila Yoeckel

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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 45 Worship = 109

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, September 29

Sunday Spark: Rachel Cunningham (_____)

Sunday Spark Jr.: Elizabeth Peterson (Natalie Hermann)

Nursery: Sheila Yoeckel and Mary Christy

NEXT WEEK, October 6

Sunday Spark class in worship service

Sunday Spark Jr.: Meg Bear (John Thompson)

Nursery: Victoria Fowler and Rachel Peterson

MOWING SCHEDULE

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

October 12 Tom Lancial and Orlin Johnson