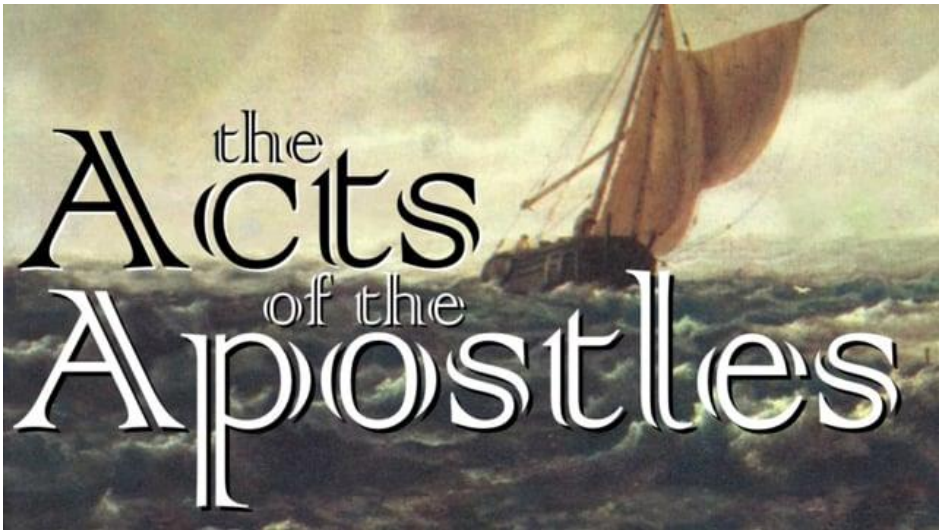


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
October 6, 2019



Elim Covenant Church
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WORSHIP CELEBRATION
October 6, 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

Juanita Arellanos

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." — Micah 6:8

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"I the Lord of Sea and Sky"

"King of My Heart"

"Reckless Love"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Natalie Hermann

(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 16:16-34

*Scripture Reader, Chip Hesler
(Red Bibles p. 1160)*

MESSAGE

"Experiencing Acts: Birth Pains"

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>Deuteronomy 7:9</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 6:14</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>John 14:18</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Ephesians 2:8-9</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Revelation 2:7</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>1 Peter 3:13</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>John 7:38-39</i>

TODAY'S GREETERS

Maxine Barnes and Tasha Munger

HEAD USHER

Mike Hermann

USHERS

Chris Carsell, Jim Nelson, Ethel Hesler

SOUND SYSTEM

Josh Parrott

POWER POINT VIDEO

Dave Christy

Sermon Notes
October 6, 2019
“Experiencing Acts: Birth Pains”
Acts 16:16-34

Key Text: *“For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him”* (Php. 1:29)

Key Thought: Like the church in Philippi, both suffering and rejoicing are involved in birthing and nurturing a strong, healthy church.

- 1) A **DIVERSE** membership (Acts 16:14,16,33) (cf. 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28)
“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Gal. 3:28)

- 2) **SUFFERING** for Christ (Acts 16:22-24) (cf. Php. 1:7,13, 20-21, 29; 2:5-8, 25-30; 3:10) *“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain”* (Php. 1:21)
 - a) Our call to suffer (Php. 1:20-21, 29; 2:5-8; 3:10) *“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who... humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!”* (2:5,8)
 - b) Pursuing a deeper knowledge of Christ through suffering (Php. 3:10) (cf. 2 Cor. 4:10-12; 12:10; 1 Pt. 4:12-19)

- 3) **REJOICING** in the Lord (cf. Acts 16:25-26) (cf. Php. 1:20-21; 3:1; 4:4)
“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” (Php. 4:4)

- 4) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. How diverse is your Christian circle? Do you fellowship with others from different races, cultures and economic backgrounds?
2. Do you understand from the Bible your call to suffer for Christ? Can you yet rejoice, even in suffering?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: For Pastor Steve and his family and their ministry with us. Thank you!

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:

Dale & Sarah Lusk

Dale is the International Director of Global Engagements

In the coming year I (Dale) am looking at new marketing plans to get more Covenant youth groups involved with Merge trips in the future.



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.

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting. — Psalm 139:23-24



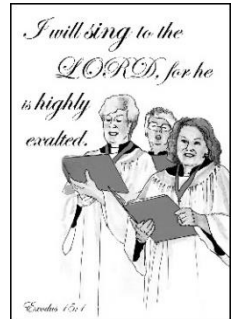
Join us after the service in the fellowship hall for a potluck to celebrate Pastor Appreciation Sunday and Elizabeth's birthday.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Christmas Cantata

Still deciding whether to join the choir for the Christmas Cantata? It's not too late. Practice is very **Tuesday** 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.



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.

Game Knights

Friday, October 11, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Board games, card games, video games. Bring your friends and fellowship with us! Come! Join the fun!



Drive-in Movie Night

Join us Saturday, **October 12, 2019**, at 6:00 p.m. for movie night. Refreshments will be available for purchase as a fundraiser for the youth. Bring your friends!

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.

Hymn Sing

Join us next **Sunday, October 13**, for another inspiring hymn sing! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

Daytime Trivia

Join us **Tuesday, October 15**, 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. 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.

Concert with Pastor Steve

Pastor Steve is giving a concert on Sunday, October 27th at 6:00 p.m. He will share music that will appeal to all ages! A love offering will be taken to benefit both Camp Good News and Christian Care.

Looking Ahead

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
Monday	October 7	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	October 8	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Christmas Cantata Practice
Wednesday	October 9	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 10	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time 9:30 a.m. Keenagers Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Crescendo Crunch at First Covenant 12:00 p.m. Crescendo Lunch at First Covenant 5:30 p.m. MLT Meeting
Friday	October 11	6:00 p.m. Game Knights
Saturday	October 12	6:00 p.m. Drive-In Movie Night

October Birthdays

6 — Elizabeth Peterson
7 — Craig Pirmann
8 — Gracelyn Fowler
10 — Marie Dang
10 — Don Neer
14 — Stacy Boehler
14 — Kathy Henderson

October Anniversaries

16 — Don and Sheila Yoeckel

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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 40 Worship = 97

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, October 6

Sunday Spark class in worship service
Sunday Spark Jr.: Meg Bear (John Thompson)
Nursery: Victoria Fowler and Rachel Peterson

NEXT WEEK, October 13

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

MOWING SCHEDULE

October 12 Tom Lancial and Orlin Johnson
October 19 Jim Nelson and Mike Hermann