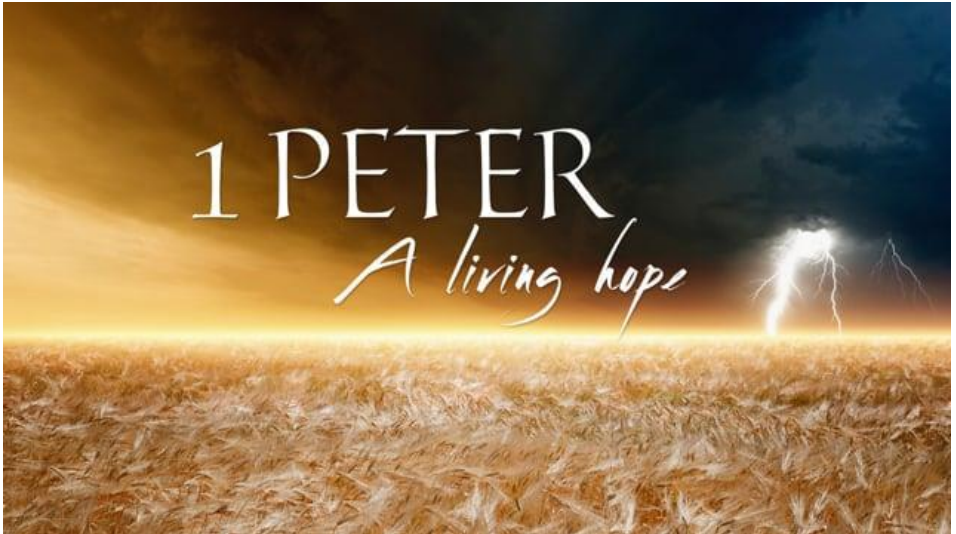


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

May 17, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Elim's mission statement:

"To develop leaders who will impact the world for Christ."

Due to the spread of the coronavirus, until further notice we will be worshipping via the internet. Go to elimqc.org/eoo for a video recording of today's service.

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed"

1 Peter 2:24

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

"In Christ Alone"

"Beautiful Name"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Feel free to mail your offering to the church or make an online donation at elimqc.org. Just follow the links. If you need assistance contact the church office.

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

1 Peter 2:17

Scripture Reader, Annette Lancial

MESSAGE

“Relationship Essentials”

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 passionately loves.

WORSHIP SONG

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 4:16-18</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Proverbs 2:8</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Nahum 1:7</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>John 3:15-16</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Romans 11:22</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Hebrews 11:8-16</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Psalms 104:14</i>

May Birthdays

17 – Dave Christy
20 – David Luong
22 – Bill Minard
28 – Jim Ogden
29 – Jay Stanley
30 – Kate Schaechter

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Sermon Notes
May 17, 2020
“Relationship Essentials”
1 Peter 2:17

Key Text: “Give to everyone what you owe them... if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor” (Rom. 13:7)

Key Thought: In today’s text we find essential wisdom for maintaining healthy relationships with God and others.

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) Respecting everyone (cf. Rom. 13:7; 1 Cor. 12:23) “... *Honor one another above yourselves*” (Rom. 12:10)

- 3) Love the family of believers (cf. Rom. 12:10; 1 Ths. 4:9; 1 Pt. 1:22) “*Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters*” (Heb. 13:1)

- 4) Fear God (cf. Ex. 20:20; Deut. 10:12; Ps. 89:7; 2 Cor. 5:11) “*The Lord commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the Lord our God...*” (Deut. 6:24)

- 5) Honor the emperor (cf. Rom. 13:1-7; Titus 3:1; 1 Pt. 2:13-14) “*Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities...*” (Rom. 13:1)

- 6) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- What does respect look like? To whom do I owe respect & honor?
- Am I loving my Christian family well?
- Am I walking in reverent fear of the Lord?
- Am I acting honorably and respectfully toward my government officials?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: God's love and faithfulness throughout difficult times.

Prayer Concerns: Healing and restoration of health of those infected by the COVID-19 virus.

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
JoAnn Nelsen	Families that have lost loved ones, military families and	
Lee Kinney	unspoken concerns.	

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Randy & Cheryl Bevis

Randy and Cheryl are on special assignment. Their ministry is in Fish Farming and Food Sustainability

In the coming year they will be starting a new aquaculture project in northern Haiti.



Prayer Opportunities

Prayer Chain: Have a prayer need? Call Sandy at the church 764-6920 Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. or call or text Tasha Munger at (309) 281-8784 with your request.

Liberators found the following prayer crumpled among the remains of the Ravensbruck concentration camp where Nazis exterminated nearly 50,000 women: *O Lord, remember not only the men and women of goodwill, but also those of ill will. But do not remember the suffering they have inflicted upon us. Remember the fruits we brought thanks to this suffering—our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility, the courage, the generosity, the greatness of heart which has grown out of this. And when they come to judgment, let all the fruits that we have borne be their forgiveness.*

HELPING A FRIEND IN NEED

Below is an email Pastor Steve sent out in last week's Missive, asking for help for a friend of his:

Hey Elim family!

I wanted to reach out to you with an appeal. A good friend in Mexico has to have open heart surgery. He's a young man (just 31) and was a good friend to us during our time in Tenancingo. In fact, he taught our girls piano, was in my small men's group, and has continued to grow to become one of the leaders of the Crucible men's ministry there in Mexico.

Some of our mutual friends started a "go-fund-me" account to help raise funds to help with the costs of the surgery and recovery. Javier comes from a humble family and is himself a humble person with little means. I don't even imagine he has medical insurance.

Elizabeth and I chose to give some of our tax relief check to help. I would just ask if you would prayerfully consider giving something to help. Even a lot of people giving a little goes a long way. Thank you for even praying about it and considering helping. Here's the link, if you're so inclined to help:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/ky939g-javis-heart-surgery?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=m_pd+share-sheet

God bless you all!

Love in Him,
Pastor Steve

JUST A REMINDER

Danielle Ogden is collecting plastic grocery bags to make mats for the homeless. Just drop them off at the church office during church office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thank you for the ever-growing mountain of bags we are collecting. Danielle will be teaching us how to make them when we can assemble again. So, keep saving them. Thanks!



CONGRATULATIONS!

The last session of the Financial Peace University course, led by Mike Hermann, was completed on May 5, 2020. It started on

March 10 and was held at the church until the shelter-in-place order came through. They then switched over to Zoom and continued to the end.

Congratulations to all involved. It was certainly a timely subject for these days.



We continue to collect donations for Christian Care. You can drop your donations off at the church and we will deliver them for you. Thanks!

Key Needs Are Listed in BOLD

- Lysol
 - 13 & 39-gallon trash bags
 - Men's jeans (sizes 29-34)
 - Men's sweatpants (sizes M & L)
 - Flip flops/ Shower Shoes.
 - Coffee, black tea, creamer
 - Sugar
 - Canned fruit
 - Brown Sugar
 - Green Peppers
 - Olive Oil
 - Razors
 - Ear plugs
- Please note these are the only clothing donations we can accept at this time.
- Zip-Loc Bags (sandwich and gallon sized)
 - Toiletries: lotion, shaving cream, foot powder, hand soap
 - Paper products: napkins, toilet paper, paper towels
 - Cleaning products: shower cleaner, Windex, dish soap, toilet bowl cleaner, bleach
 - Bus passes for IA & IL

STAYING CONNECTED **WITH OUR ELIM FAMILY!**



For this week I asked the question: What lessons have you learned while sheltering in place? What changes have you had to make because of it? Here are your responses:

I am realizing how much I need interaction with people! I mean real interaction, not phone calls or video messages. I try to do as Julie tells us; if you want to feel sorry for yourself, take a day and wallow in it. THEN get up and get on with your life! — **Annette Lancial**

The past few months have made me more aware of things in my life that need to be changed. I'm working on the fruits of the Spirit and I'm working hard on patience. I thank God for being patient with me. I know through this pandemic that I will receive the blessing of more patience. Thank You Lord!!!! – **Julie Wells**

Dori Cosgrove has learned that she has a choice during this sheltering in place to either succumb to depression or surrender to Jesus. She is thankful that God has slowed her life down, is helping her to prioritize her life, and showing her that the most important thing in life is the love of Jesus.

I'm surprised by the money I've saved by not shopping and eating out. But will do it as soon as I can. – **Karen Bowling**

I love the bond that's grown deeper with [her dog] Furby. We both have enjoyed it tremendously. – **Juanita Arellanos**

I have actually had more conversations with friends than normal.
– **Kathy Henderson**

For next week's "Staying Connected": What is some of the best advice you have received to maintain your peace through this time of sheltering in place. Email, message, or call me at the church office with your response.

Thanks! Sandy