

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

August 2, 2020



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

August 2, 2020

10:30 a.m.

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

The service is also being live-streamed and recorded, for immediate or later viewing, and can be accessed at

elimqc.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

*Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand,
that he may lift you up in due time.*

– 1 Peter 5:6

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Mighty to Save"

"Awesome in This Place"

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 17:22-27

MESSAGE

“It’s Darkness, Not Distance”

By Stan Yoder

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

“O Come to the Altar”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Psalms 16:8</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 30:9-10</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Psalms 36:7</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>1 John 1:9</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Mark 13:13</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 15:54-55</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>James 1:12</i>

August Birthdays

- 3 – Amakoe Akpla*
- 3 – Brandon Dang*
- 5 – Pastor Dwayne Brothers*
- 5 – Diane Snipes*
- 6 – John Clarke*
- 6 – Leah Hermann*
- 6 – Thao Luong*
- 8 – Curt Jackson*
- 8 – Shannon Pirmann*
- 10 – Carolyn Grimes*
- 11 – Jeanne Laird*
- 12 – Travis Ferry*
- 12 – Gary Wells*
- 13 – Joe Schaechter*

August Anniversaries

- 6 – Bill and Cindy Minard*
- 10 – Marc and Leonna Ellis*
- 10 – Bob and Karen Bowling*
- 15 – L.J. and Rachel Cunningham*
- 21 – Jim and Carolyn Carsell*

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Sermon Notes
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“It’s Darkness, Not Distance”
Acts 17:22-27

1. God
 - a. A.W. Tozer
2. Everywhere
 - a. Acts 17:22-27
3. Darkness, not Distance
 - a. Acts 17:22-27
4. Experiment
 - a. John and Kim
5. Sin
 - a. Isaiah 59:1-2
6. Satan
 - a. 2 Corinthians 4:4
7. Worldview
 - a. John 1:10
 - b. 1 Corinthians 13:12
8. Obedience
 - a. John 14:21
9. Purity
 - a. Matthew 5:8
10. Prayer
 - a. 2 Corinthians 4,5
 - b. Mark 9:14-29
11. Word of God
 - a. Psalm 119: 105
12. Jesus
 - a. John 1:1-9
 - b. John 8:12
13. Start Today
 - a. Hebrews:11-15
 - b. Romans 10:9-11

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: Jesus brings light into a dark world and into our lives.

Prayer Concerns: Wisdom for our leaders everywhere in making proper decisions throughout the COVID crisis.

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	Gary Wells	

Families that have lost loved ones, caregivers, military families, and unspoken concerns.

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Jen & Minh Dao

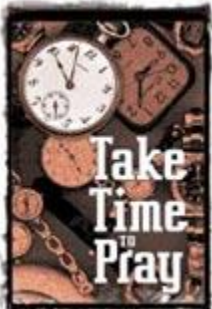
Jen and Minh serve in Thailand. Their ministries include Economic Development and Combating Human Trafficking.

We are looking forward to: (Jen) Serving on a pregnancy center planning team as there are currently no centers in Chiang Mai and only two in all of Thailand.

(Minh) Developing the next set of curriculum to help Thai people start and develop businesses.



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.

"Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays." - Soren Kierkegaard

Welcome Stan Yoder!

Stan Yoder is with us today as Pastor Steve is on vacation visiting his parents. Stan and Valli Yoder train people how to reach out to Muslims and he is a professor for the Perspectives on the World Christian Movement Course.

Mark Your Calendar!

Rev. Nicole McClurg will be joining us on ***Saturday, August 15***, for a half-day retreat, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Nicole's topic is "Your Identity in Christ." She shares how she has greatly been transformed by God's grace and love. Pastor Steve had two interviews with Nicole a few weeks ago and recorded them. This will give you a head start as you hear her story and get to know her. Here's the link to the first video: <https://youtu.be/UMn78Cf5y8> and here's the second one: <https://youtu.be/FHIHSwqFvUw>. You truly will not want to miss it.

Nicole will be preaching on Sunday morning. She will also be attending the Game Knights on ***Friday, August 14***, so this will provide an extra opportunity to get to know her.

Attention Ladies!

There are many facets to being a member of S.P.L.A.S.H, one being a closer relationship to God while learning and building lasting friendships with other women in our group.

One great way to learn about one another is to share a journal. Each woman would start a day-to-day journal at the beginning of the month and at the end of that month we would swap journals with another and continue writing for another month and swap again.

You can write about your day, how you are keeping busy, share poems or quotes. Write prayers or share stories about yourself, and maybe share some artwork!

If this is something you would like to do, grab yourself a spiral notebook and get started. We will exchange journals on August 22 at the next S.P.L.A.S.H. meeting. Can't make it to S.P.L.A.S.H.? No problem. All ladies are welcome to participate. Questions? See Mary Murphy.

PACK A SHOEBOX!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Elim Covenant Church will once again be involved in Operation Christmas Child. We don't have full details yet, but Pat Hudson wants to remind us that this time of year is a good time to purchase school supplies for your boxes. Lists with shoebox gift suggestions are available. Be sure to visit samaritanpurse.org/occ to learn more about packing a shoebox.

This year you can also build a shoebox online for \$25.00. Simply click on the icon, choose a boy or girl and their age, select the items you want to include in your box. They will take it from there.

Discover the Destination of Your Shoebox Gift

Every shoebox needs a \$9 donation to provide for collecting, processing, shipping, and other project costs. If you make this donation online, you can Follow Your Box and receive a special label. Attach the label to your shoebox, and use the [Look-up Tool](#) to find out the country where your box will be delivered with the message of Christ's love.



Looking Ahead

Sunday	August 2	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Monday	August 3	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	August 4	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	August 5	8:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting 10:00 a.m. Mats for the Homeless
Thursday	August 6	5:00 p.m. Worship Service
Sunday	August 9	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Monday	August 10	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering

Attendance Last Week

Thursday Worship Service = 7

Sunday School = 25

Sunday Worship = 56; 13+ from home

If you are unable to attend services in person and are watching online, please let us know so that we can count you in our attendance.



The Christian Care needs continue. Please consider picking up some supplies for them the next time you are at the store.

- Hand soap
- Men's underwear (all sizes)
- Deli meat
- 13 & 39-gallon trash bags
- Bottled water
- Black tea, creamer, sugar
- Fruit
- 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
- Sliced cheese
- Cake mix & frosting
- Mayo
- Snacks for sack lunches
- Men's shorts & t-shirts
- Lysol cleaner
- Scratch brush



Nicole was born in Kalamazoo, MI and has lived in several places prior to moving to Indiana with her husband (Richard) and two boys (Sam and Evan) in 2006. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Child Psychology, Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation and Leadership, and is a Certified Spiritual Director. She works as a Spiritual Director and retreat leader in private practice and as Pastor of Spiritual Formation at Abundant Life Ministries which is a non-profit dedicated to empowering, equipping, and encouraging women called into pastoral ministry. She is passionate about soul care and spiritual formation for all with particular concern for leaders so that their ministry can flow from a whole-hearted relationship with God, self, and others.

Nicole grew up knowing about God but truly began to experience His love for her in young adulthood. She has a passion for helping people overcome the barriers that stand in the way of a flourishing, life-changing relationship with the Lord. Nicole loves sharing her life with her family and enjoys spending time with family and friends, hiking, relaxing in nature, playing board games, traveling, and reading good books.

What's Your Image?



Life experiences naturally form who we are and deeply impact our image of God for better or worse. A life left unexamined will rarely lead to the intimacy and transformation in Christ that we are invited into as disciples of Jesus. From the dawn of the early church, intentional spiritual practices have helped disciples pay attention to their life and make space for the Holy Spirit to work transformation. One such spiritual practice is retreat where we set aside intentional time to be with Jesus alone or with community.

*You are invited to come away with us on retreat
Saturday, August 15 from 9 am to noon
at Elim Covenant Church!*

Rev. Nicole McClurg will guide us in spiritual practices designed to help us pay attention to our life in Jesus' presence using Psalm 23 as a guiding text. We will journey together deeper into this psalm with its rich imagery regarding Jesus' unconditional presence with us through all of life's ups and downs. Come, be still and know the goodness of our Shepherd.