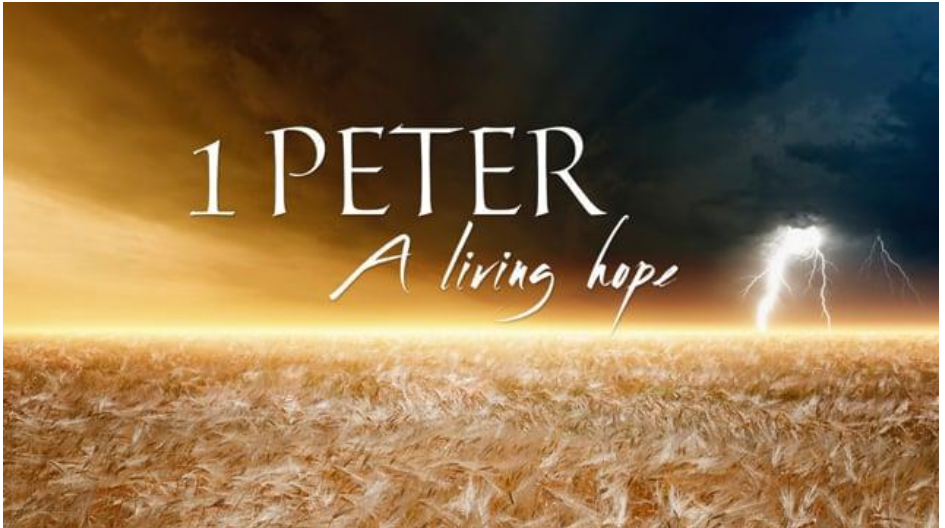


# ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

## September 6, 2020



### **Elim Covenant Church**

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**WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
**September 6, 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/eoo](http://elimqc.org/eoo)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING**

**MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

*"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."*

*– 1 Peter 5:7*

**ADORATION TO GOD**

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

**WORSHIP SONGS**

*"My Hope is Built"*

*"In Christ Alone"*

**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 5:5-7

## **MESSAGE**

**“Humility and Grace”**

**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 for the Sharing of the Bread and Cup

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **BEING SENT BY GOD**

God sends us out into the world that He passionately loves.

## **WORSHIP SONG**

*“It is Well”*

## **BENEDICTION**

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

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>2 Chronicles 30:9</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Philippians 3:20</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 5:17</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Jeremiah 29:13</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Romans 8:31</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Hebrews 4:9-10</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Psalms 91:11</i>

### **September Birthdays**

*9 – Mary Murphy*  
*10 – Thalia Padilla*  
*11 – Judy Martel*  
*11 – Joy Wright*  
*12 – Sylvia Anderson*  
*13 – Pat Hudson*  
*15 – Amy Hennings*  
*16 – Josh Parrott*  
*16 – Rollie Potts*

### **September Anniversaries**

*5 – Don and Jane Peterson*  
*9 – John and Pam Thompson*  
*14 – Orlin and Karen Johnson*  
*16 – Craig and Shannon Pirmann*  
*17 – Martin and Cheryl Bear*

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**Sermon Notes**  
**September 6, 2020**  
**“Humility & Grace”**  
**1 Peter 5:5-7**

**Key Text:** *“Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up”* (James 4:10)

**Key Thought:** We are called to be humble, and so position ourselves to receive God’s grace, care and support.

- 1) Intro & Context
  
- 2) A call to **HUMILITY** (v. 5a-b) (cf. Mt. 20:25-28; Ja. 4:6-10)
  
- 3) **POSITIONED** for grace (vv. 5c-6) (cf. 2 Chr. 7:14; Pr. 3:34; Heb. 4:16)
  - a. Resisting pride (cf. Ps. 18:27; Isa. 26:5)
  - b. Grace to the humble (cf. Dan. 10:12; Ps. 25:9; Isa. 66:2)
  - c. Receiving support/encouragement (cf. Job 5:11; Ja. 4:10)
  
- 4) **RELIEVED** of burdens (v. 7) (cf. Ps. 55:22; Mt. 6:25-34; 7:7-12; Php. 4:6-7) *“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom”* (Lk. 12:32)
  
- 5) Conclusion

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:**

- Are you humble? Or are you still too ego-centric?
- Are you positioned for God’s grace and blessings? Or does your pride possibly cause Him to stand in opposition to you?
- Do you approach God’s grace with your burdens? Often enough? Do you leave those burdens for Him to take care of?

## PRAYER PAGE

**Praises:** Judy Martel's successful surgery.

**Prayer Concerns:** Kids returning to school and wisdom for the ongoing decisions that are made during this COVID season.

### **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.

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### Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

#### Annalea Egging

Annalea serves in Ecuador. Her ministry includes Community Development and Medical Work.

If you visited me in Ecuador, I would want to show you the incredible views that can be found here in the Andean region of Ecuador.

Everywhere you look are green rolling hills and mountains.



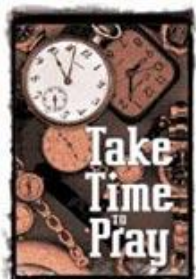
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### Prayer Opportunities

**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.

*Nowhere is it more important to be in a conversational relationship with God than in our prayer life.*

*— Dallas Willard, Hearing God*



## THANK YOU!

Elizabeth Peterson and Sandy Parrott would like to thank the congregation once again for your support as we continue our studies in spiritual direction through North Park Theological Seminary. We are halfway through the course, with a finishing date in August 2021.



We ask for your continued prayers as we journey on this new path of spiritual growth. It

has been a privilege and honor to be able to participate in this program. So, we thank you for the financial and prayer support that has enabled us to take part in it.

So, what is spiritual direction? Another term for spiritual direction is spiritual companioning. It's coming alongside another to listen and discern the movement of God in their life. It's a safe place to be where you are free to share your walk with God (or anything else that might concern you) without being judged, criticized, or given advice. It is not counseling and it's not about getting "fixed." It's about having someone to journey with you.

And that's what we're learning. We're learning how to listen better, to hear those things that aren't being said, to assist others in telling their story. This course is preparing us to better do that and is giving us the tools to be that spiritual companion. As we journey through this course, we are learning so much and God is opening up a whole new world of growth for us.

So, once again, we thank you for your support and prayers. We sincerely appreciate them.

Thanks!  
Elizabeth and Sandy

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH!

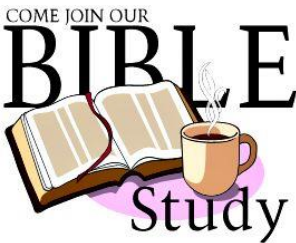
If you aren't participating in a Bible study or Sunday School class, be sure to know that there are plenty of opportunities available.

### Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.:

Men's Sunday School class with Mike Hermann, studying the book of John.

Mixed Sunday School class with Chip Hesler, studying the book of Revelation.

Women's Sunday School class with Julie Wells, doing a study called "Jesus As . . ."



### Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

On September 1, the **SAS** Bible Study started a new DVD series by Beth Moore titled, *The Patriarchs*. So, if you are a Beth Moore fan, you won't want to miss out on this opportunity. Questions? Contact Ethel Hesler for more information.

### Keenagers:

The Keenagers' Bible study will start up once again this Thursday, **September 10 at 9:15 a.m.** Maybe you're not familiar with Keenagers. Many years ago before we built and moved to this location, small groups were formed. It was wonderful to be

in a small group where we studied, had fellowship, and prayed together.



The groups lasted for quite a while but eventually most disbanded, all except the Keenagers.

The Keenagers are a group of retirees. The faces and study leaders have changed over the years, but they are still growing strong. So, if you are retired and interested in a daytime Bible study, consider joining them. They would welcome any newcomers. Questions? See Pat Hudson.

## Looking Ahead

Sunday	September 6	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Monday	September 7	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	September 8	9:30 a.m. <b>SAS</b> Bible Study
Wednesday	September 9	8:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting 10:00 a.m. Mats for the Homeless 5:45 p.m. Axis
Thursday	September 10	9:15 a.m. Keenagers 5:00 p.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Appreciation Dinner 6:30 p.m. MLT Meeting
Sunday	September 13	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service

## Attendance Last Week

Thursday Worship = 11; Sunday Worship = 58  
16 views on YouTube; Sunday School = 23



The Christian Care needs continue. Please consider picking up some supplies for them the next time you are at the store. Bring them to the church and we will deliver them for you. Thanks!

### Men's Clothing

- Shoes (sizes 6-12)
- T-shirts
- Jeans
- Socks
- Underwear
- Winter clothing (sizes XL-4XL)

### Cleaning Products

- Plastic Silverware (forks/spoons)
- Pine Sol
- Bleach
- Brown lunch-size paper bags
- Flour

### Personal Care

- Foot Powder
- Lotion
- Body Wash
- Razors
- Large Bath Towels