## ELIM COVENANT CHURCH January 31, 2021



#### **Elim Covenant Church**

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#### WORSHIP CELEBRATION January 31, 2021 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 <a href="mailto:elimqc.org">elimqc.org</a>

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **OFFERING**

#### **MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

"And live a life of love..."

— Ephesians 5:2

#### **ADORATION TO GOD**

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

#### WORSHIP SONGS

"Majesty" "Reckless Love" "Above All"

#### **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

Matthew 16:21-27

#### **MESSAGE**

"To Love Well: Sacrifice" 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**

"How Great Thou Art"

#### BENEDICTION

#### 52-Week Bible Reading Plan

Sunday	Epistles	Romans 11-12	
Monday	The Law	Genesis 20-23	
Tuesday	History	Judges 1-6	
Wednesday	Psalms	Psalms 15-17	
Thursday	Poetry	Job 11-12	
Friday	Prophecy	Isaiah 29-33	
Saturday	Gospels	Matthew 14-16	

A copy of the full reading plan is on the table in the gathering area.

<u>February Birthdays</u>
13 – Maria Cantu
15 – Diana Wood
17 – Damian Burns
18 – Annette Lancial

#### February Anniversaries

7 – Steve and Sandy Parrott 15 – Lisandro and Patty Restrepo

# Sermon Notes January 31, 2021 "To Love Well: Sacrifice"

Matthew 16:21-27

**Key Text:** "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13)

**Key Thought:** As Jesus loved us and sacrificed greatly for us, so He also calls us to a life of sacrifice and love.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) God's <u>SACRIFICIAL</u> love (cf. Jn. 10:11; Eph. 5:2; 1 Jn. 4:10)
- 3) God's CALL to sacrifice (cf. Mt. 10:37; Rom. 12:1; Php. 3:8)
- 4) Sacrifice in <u>ACTION</u> (cf. Eph. 4:2; Heb. 13:15-16; 1 Jn. 3:18)
- 5) Our REWARD (cf. Mt. 5:12; Col. 3:24; Ja. 1:12; Rev. 2:10)
- 6) Conclusion

#### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- How profoundly has Jesus' sacrificial love impacted your heart and life?
- Do you consider yourself a disciple of Jesus? Do you accept, then, His call to a life of sacrifice and love?
- Is God's Spirit calling you to a life of greater sacrifice? In what practical and actionable ways?

#### **PRAYER PAGE**

**Praises:** Baby girls born to Timothy and Amanda Le and to Doug and Katie Yoeckel.

**Prayer Concerns:** The many losses Elim family and friends have experienced of late.

#### 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 Felipe Cantu Beverly Reese
JoAnn Nelsen Gary Wells Belva VanNorman

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

#### **Pray for Covenant Missionaries**:

#### Susan & Karl Peterson

Susan and Karl serve in Mexico. Their ministries include Congregational Vitality, Christian Formation and Discipleship, Leadership Development, Spiritual Direction, Theological Education, and Holistic Care of the Vulnerable.



One thing the global church could learn from the Mexican Covenant Church is how to respond in a healthy manner to the complex reality of exploitation and abuse.



#### **Prayer Opportunities**

**Prayer Chain:** Have a prayer need? Call Sandy at the church 764-6920 Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or call or text Tasha Munger at (309) 281-8784 with your request.

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. — Psalms 20:7 (NIV)



# Congregational Meeting today following the Worship Service

### <u>Sunday School Classes</u> Bible Studies

Feeling out of touch? Missing the fellowship of small groups? Elim Covenant Church still offers ways to enrich your faith and fellowship with others while still practicing social distancing.



#### Bible studies:

**SAS** Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. with Ethel Hesler.

**Keenagers** are starting up again this Thursday at 9:15 a.m. Pat Hudson leads this group. All are welcome.

#### Sunday School:

Chip Hesler leads a study on the book of Revelation on Sunday morning in the fellowship hall where there is plenty of room for



social distancing. Several participants tune in over the internet through Zoom.

Mike Hermann leads a men's Sunday School class.

Julie Wells leads a women's Sunday School class.

Still worshipping at home and not quite ready to make the move to live worship and study? Be sure to check out the YouVersion Bible app for Bible reading plans and studies. And don't forget to check out the many studies on RightNow media. Staying home doesn't mean that you have to miss out.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**







Congratulations *Timothy* and *Amanda Le* at the birth of their daughter, *Mia Emi Le*. She was born Sunday, January 24, 2021. She weighed in at 6 lb. 4.2 oz. and was 18.5 inches long. We also rejoice with first-time grandparents, *Tom* and *Marie Dang*.

Our congratulations also go out to *Doug* and *Katie Yoeckel* at the birth of their daughter. They are still deciding on a name. She was born Wednesday, January 27, 2021. She weighed in at 6.14 lb. and is 18.5 inches long. We also congratulate grandparents, *Don* and *Sheila Yoeckel*.



#### **Looking Ahead**

Sunday	January 31	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 12:00 p.m. Congregational Annual Meeting 2:00 p.m. GriefShare
Monday	February 1	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	February 2	9:30 a.m. <i>SAS</i> Bible Study
Wednesday	February 3	9:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting
		5:45 p.m. Axis
Thursday	February 4	9:30 a.m. Keenagers
		5:00 p.m. Worship Service
Sunday	February 7	9:15 a.m. Sunday School
		10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
		2:00 p.m. GriefShare

#### **Attendance Last Week**

Thursday Worship Service = 11; Sunday Worship = 51 38 views on YouTube; Sunday School/Children's Church = 22



Visit Christian Care's Amazon Wish List to see their ongoing needs. You can place an order online or bring your donations to the church and we will deliver them for you. They are currently accepting clothing donations of men's winter coats, hats, gloves, hoodies, men's jeans (Sizes 32-34), t-shirts, and flip flops. Personal hygiene and food always accepted.

Cleaning Supplies Needed	Kitchen Needs List	
Glass Cleaner		
Toilet Paper	Pasta	Butter
Napkins	Mayo	Milk Ranch
Paper Towels	BBQ	Dressing
Disinfectant cleaner	Coffee	Garlic Powder
36-gallon trash bags	Pepper	Cream of chicken
Toilet bowl cleaner	Sugar	soup
Oven cleaner	Creamer	Cream of
Bleach		mushroom
Reusable latex gloves		soup
(kitchen style)		Hot sauce
Fabulouso		Plastic spoons and
Laundry detergent		forks