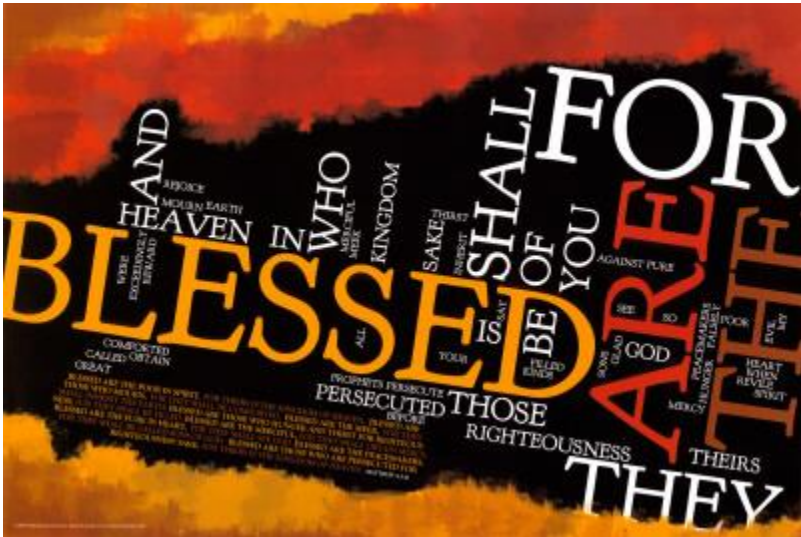


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

April 11, 2021



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

April 11, 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 elimqc.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."

— Galatians 6:14

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Majesty"

"King of My Heart"

"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

Matthew 5:1-12

MESSAGE

“Beatitudes: Poor and Blessed”

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

“O Come to the Altar”

BENEDICTION

52-Week Bible Reading Plan

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Epistles</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 15-16</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>The Law</i>	<i>Exodus 9-12</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>1 Samuel 26-31</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>Psalms 45-47</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Poetry</i>	<i>Job 31-32</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Prophecy</i>	<i>Jeremiah 17-21</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Gospels</i>	<i>Mark 11-12</i>

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

April Birthdays

11 – Deanna Newton
12 – Jacob Laird
17 – Jayvan Fowler
18 – Cindy Minard
19 – Rachel Luong
20 – Cora Ferry

April Birthdays

20 – Tim Hennings
20 – Pat Hansen
24 – Pennie Knary
24 – Jane Peterson
29 – Chip Hesler

April Anniversaries

16 – Wiley and Maxine Barnes
27 – Amakoe and Abigail Akpla
30 – Gary and Pat Hansen

Sermon Notes
April 11, 2021
“The Beatitudes: “Poor and Blessed”
Matthew 5:1-12

Key Text: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”
(Matt. 5:3)

Key Thought: To be truly blessed, we must recognize our desperate need in God, trust in Him alone, and pursue His kingdom above all other pursuits.

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) **BLESSED** (cf. Mt. 16:17; 24:46; Jn. 13:17; Rom. 4:7)

- 3) The **POOR** (in spirit) (cf. Lk. 6:20; 2 Cor. 8:9; Ja. 1:9; 2:5)

- 4) God’s **KINGDOM** (cf. Ps. 103:19; Mt. 18:4; Lk. 12:31; Jn. 3:3)

- 5) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Do you recognize your poverty before God?
- Are you pursuing God’s blessings & favor?
- Are you committed to pursue God’s kingdom far above all other pursuits in your life?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: Spring! Daffodils. Tulips. Trees budding. Walks outside. Warmer weather! Praise God!

Prayer Concerns: Wisdom and protection for all as COVID restrictions begin to ease up.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Earl Burklund	Arlene Miller	Belva VanNorman
Anna Swanson	Jay and Judie Stanley	Margaret Crandall
Tasha Munger	Felipe Cantu	Beverly Reese
JoAnn Nelsen	Gary Wells	

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

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

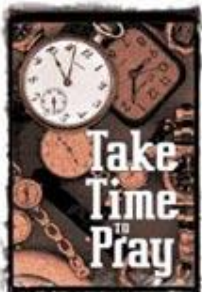
David and Celia Stockamp

David and Celia serve in DR Congo. Their ministry focuses on Pastoral Formation.

I (David) knew I was called here when I survived a plane crash in Congo forty years ago, prior to which I was having self-doubts.



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.

Wherever you see miracles, you'll find prayer. God releases His power to work miracles in answer to the prayers of His people.

— *Throne Room Prayer*, by Brian and Candice Simmons

I The Chosen

Please join us again this Saturday from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. for the third and fourth videos of *The Chosen*. Feel free to invite your friends.



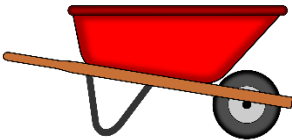
Daytime Trivia

Mark your calendar for April Daytime Trivia. Call or text Cindy at 309-236-2537 to hold your place on **Tuesday, April 13** or **April 20**; 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Elim Spring Workday

The annual spring workday will be held **Saturday, April 17**, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

We will need wheel barrels and shovels for spreading mulch and dirt. We will also be staining the swing set and restaining benches.



Help Wanted

Don Yoeckel, our Deacon of Property, is looking for a couple of people who would enjoy doing some landscaping and bush trimming. If interested, contact Don or the office. Thanks!



S.P.L.A.S.H.

Ladies — just a reminder — **S.P.L.A.S.H.** is on **Saturday, April 24**, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. All women are invited. We will be

providing a brown bag “mini” breakfast for each lady to enjoy. So, mark your calendar and come and enjoy the fellowship.

COMING SOON

LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear.

Find help at a Loss of a Spouse seminar.

You'll hear:

- Practical advice from others who've been there.
- What to expect in your grief.
- How to cope with life without your spouse.
- Why it won't always hurt this much.

Have you or someone you know experienced the loss of a spouse? Please consider joining us for this one-time seminar.

***Tuesday, May 25, 2021
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.***

Also consider joining us for



***Tuesdays, starting June 1
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for 13 weeks***

There are sign-up sheets on the table in the gathering area.

Please let others know of this wonderful ministry. Questions? Contact Sandy Parrott, Kathy Henderson, Mary Murphy or Karen Bowling.

Looking Ahead

Sunday	April 11	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Monday	April 12	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	April 13	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Daytime Trivia
Wednesday	April 14	9:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting 5:45 p.m. Axis
Thursday	April 15	9:15 a.m. Keenagers 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
Saturday	April 17	8:00 a.m. Elim Spring Workday 1:00 p.m. <i>The Chosen</i> Videos
Sunday	April 18	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service

Attendance Last Week

Thursday Worship Service = 13; Sunday Worship = 102
19 views on YouTube; Children's Church = 11



BRING & SERVE

We are slowly bringing back this program. If you are interested, please call Brandy at (309) 558-0735 for details and guidelines.

A copy of the full list of current needs for Christian Care is on the table in the gathering area.



CURRENT NEEDS

We are currently still in need of large cans of vegetables like peas or carrots. Larger size cans can be found in most Walmarts in the bulk aisle. ALSO...dish detergent would be appreciated as well as shaving cream and razors.