

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

May 30, 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

"We live by faith. Not by sight."

— 2 Corinthians 5:7

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

"How Firm a Foundation"

CELEBRATION OF DEDICATION

Mia Emi Le

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

“The Beatitudes: “The Persecuted”

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

“The Old Rugged Cross”

BENEDICTION

52-Week Bible Reading Plan

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Epistles</i>	<i>Galatians 4-6</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>The Law</i>	<i>Exodus 37-40</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>1 Kings 5-9</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>Psalms 66-68</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Poetry</i>	<i>Proverbs 2-3</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Prophecy</i>	<i>Lamentations</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Gospels</i>	<i>Luke 9-10</i>

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

May Birthdays

30 – Kate Schaechter

June Anniversaries

11 – Timothy and Amanda Le

13 – Tim and Amy Hennings

13 – Junior and Cathy Bear

June Birthdays

1 – Elsa Nelson

3 – Karen Johnson

4 – David Cespedes II

8 – Ashley Parrott

8 – Abigail Peterson

8 – Scott Fowler

10 – Jeff Parrott

10 – Greta Wiborg

11 – Maxine Barnes

Sermon Notes
May 30, 2021
“The Beatitudes: The Persecuted”
Matthew 5:1-12

Key Text: *“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”* (Mt. 5:10)

Key Thought: The Christian life is one of sacrifice and persecution, but the heavenly rewards are inestimably greater.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) Persecuted for **CHRIST** (cf. Jn. 15:20; Acts 5:17-42; 2 Tim. 3:12)
- 3) **RESPONDING** to persecution (cf. Mt. 5:44; 10:23; Rom. 5:3-5; 12:14,19-20)
- 4) The path of **SAINTS** (cf. Jer. 26:23; 38; Dan. 6; Heb. 11:35-38)
- 5) The heavenly **REWARDS** (cf. Ps. 145:13; Mt. 6:33; Jn. 3:3; 18:36; Rev. 1:6; 2:10)
- 6) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- If serving Christ means suffering persecution, are you still willing to follow Him?
- Do the faithful martyrs’ stories inspire you, or detract you, from following Jesus?
- Are heaven’s rewards worth the sacrifice for you—even if it costs you your life?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: For Pastor Steve and his sabbatical. Let's pray for him as he seeks God in this time of renewal and refreshment.

Prayer Concerns: Maintain the ceasefire in the Middle East.

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	JoAnn Nelsen
Gary Wells		

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

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Evens & Karina Paul

Serving in Haiti. Their ministries include Community Development and Education

We love when our church partners and our mission friends come visit us in Haiti. It's good to see our brothers and sisters experience what God is doing in our community and how God is using us together.

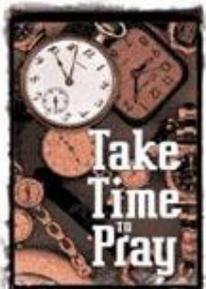


Prayer Opportunities

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.

For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. –

Matthew 7:8 (NIV)



Pregnancy Resources



Last week Liz Ryan from Pregnancy Resources was here to tell us a little bit about what's happening at Pregnancy Resources. This year's fundraiser is called "Baby Bottle Boomerang 2021." There are baby bottles on a table in the gathering area to fill and return. Please return them by Sunday, June 20, 2021. Thanks!

A VISIT WITH PATTY AND LISANDRO

On Thursday, May 20, we were blessed to have a Zoom meeting and chat with Lisandro and Patty Restrepo. They have been serving in Mexico for almost 20 years. They first served in Monterrey, Mexico, and then in Oaxaca, Mexico.

In July 2020, they joined Sandra Cazares in Leon, Guanajuato. Sandra was mentored by Patty and Lisandro at The Foundation in Monterrey.

Sandra was a volunteer there for many years and then became the Director for five years. When she moved to Leon, she pursued studies in theology and was ordained by the Evangelical Covenant Church in Mexico.



Sandra Cazares

Lisandro and Patty became part of the FAST (***FAST***= ***FAITH, ACTION, SERVICE and TRANSFORMATION***) ministry, which is a holistic approach to a community of faith, serving children, youth, and women.



Their current activities include:

- Spiritual growth (all groups: children, youth, women) weekly
- Children's club (once a week)
- Physical fitness (children and adult, once a week)
- Community banks
- Food bank
- Academic support for children 1-12
- Community members as leaders in the mentoring process
- Mentoring the team (bi-weekly)

They are active on the local, national, and international levels.

Lisandro is teaching a class in seminary, and they continue with their own pastoral care and training. They wish all of us well and thank us for the prayers and support.

Thank you, Restrepos, for your friendship with Elim, your ministries, the many lives you've touched over the years, and your faithfulness to God. We love you. We are honored and pleased to share in your ministries in Mexico.



Patty, Lisandro, and Samuel

Looking Ahead

Sunday	May 30	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Monday	May 31	Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
Tuesday	June 1	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study 6:00 p.m. GriefShare
Wednesday	June 2	9:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting 10:00 a.m. Mats for the Homeless 5:45 p.m. Axis
Thursday	June 3	9:15 a.m. Keenagers 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
Sunday	June 6	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service

Attendance Last Week

Thursday Worship Service = 12; Sunday Worship = 75
25 views on YouTube; Sunday School/Children's Church = 26

MOWING SCHEDULE

June 5 Don Peterson and Donavon Wood
June 12..... Mike Hermann and Jim Nelson



We are currently in need of new underwear (M-XXL boxers or boxer briefs), shower shoes (flip-flops), foot powder, bottled water, napkins, window cleaner, Drano, oven cleaner, instant potatoes and black pepper.

GUIDELINES & HOURS

For several reasons, we are now only accepting donations on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and items must be from our current needs list. Even though we sincerely appreciate the extra things you are giving us, we will be obligated to REFUSE the donation if it does not meet our needs list.

WE WILL ACCEPT ANY FOOD DONATIONS DAILY

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