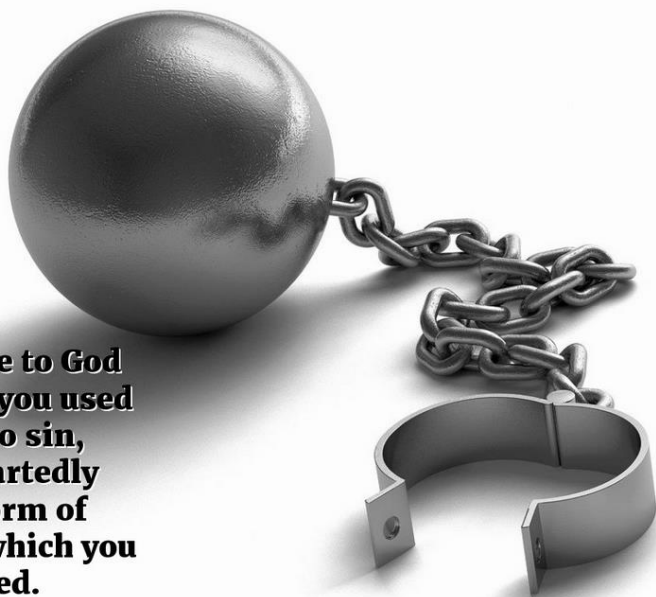


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

October 2, 2022

**But thanks be to God
that, though you used
to be slaves to sin,
you wholeheartedly
obeyed the form of
teaching to which you
were entrusted.**

- Romans 6:17 -



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

October 2, 2022

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

Mike Hermann

OFFERING

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

Galatians 5:1

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"My Redeemer Lives"

"Mighty to Save"

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

Galatians 4:21-5:1

MESSAGE

“Freedom or Slavery”
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

“My Hope is Built On Nothing Less”

BENEDICTION

October Birthdays

6 – Elizabeth Peterson

10 – Marie Dang

10 – Don Neer

October Birthdays

14 – Stacy Boehler

14 – Kathy Henderson

15 – Mike Hermann

October Anniversaries

4 – Curt and Teresa Jackson

16 – Don and Sheila Yoeckel

Navigator Bible Reading Plans

	New Testament	Book-at-a-Time Bible Reading Plan
October 2	1 John 4	Jeremiah 16-18; Isaiah 16
October 3	1 John 5	Jeremiah 19-21; Isaiah 17
October 4	2 John	Jeremiah 22-24; Isaiah 18
October 5	3 John	Jeremiah 25-27; Isaiah 19
October 6	<i>Reflection</i>	Jeremiah 28-30; Isaiah 20
October 7	<i>Reflection</i>	<i>Reflection</i>
October 8	1 Peter 1	Jeremiah 31-33; Isaiah 21

Sermon Notes
October 2, 2022
“Freedom or Slavery”
Galatians 4:21-5:1

Key Text: “... *If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all*”
(Isa. 7:9)

Key Thought: We cannot allow ourselves to be enslaved, but must stand firm in God’s grace and in His promises.

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) A **TRAGIC** story (Gen. 12,15-17,21 [**esp. 21:8-14**])

- 3) Children of **SLAVERY** (cf. Jn. 8:34; **Rom. 7:14**; Gal. 4:3,8)

- 4) Children of **PROMISE** (cf. Gen. 15:5-6; Acts 2:38-39; **Rom. 4:13,16**; 9:8; 1 Jn. 2:25)

- 5) Standing **FIRM** (5:1) (cf. Mt. 10:22; 1 Cor. 16:13; **Eph. 6:13-15**; 1 Pt. 5:8-9)

- 6) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Have you experienced any tragedies after stepping away from God and making a decision contrary to His will?
- Do you understand how our sins enslave us? Are you still under the slavery of sin?
- Do you live as a child of promise, under His grace? Have you been born again by the power of the Spirit?
- Do you need to stand more firmly in your faith, in grace, and in your God-given freedom?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: Good News Club that started this week at Franklin Elementary School! Pray for the leaders and children who attend.

Prayer Concerns: Those affected by the current hurricanes.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Katie Clarke	Arlene Miller	Belva Van Norman
Anna Swanson	Wiley Barnes	Margaret Crandall
Tasha Munger	Felipe Cantu	JoAnn Nelsen
Gary Wells	Curt Jackson	Sandy Winthurst
Madeline Lumpkin	Jeff Parrott	Carolyn Carsell

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

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Josef and Rochelle Rasheed

Josef and Rochelle serve in Africa. They are regional coordinators for Africa.

These three words best describe how this community reflects God's faithfulness:

Conviction, tenacity, and veracity



Prayer Opportunities

Prayer Cards: Feel free to use the prayer cards for your requests and drop them in the offering plate.

Prayer Following Worship: Elim Prayer Team is available to pray with you after the service in the Jeremiah classroom at the back of the sanctuary.

Prayer Gatherings: Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Come and pray with the team members and share your requests/praises.

Prayer Chain: Have a prayer need? Call Sandy at the church at (309) 764-6920 Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or call or text Sandy at (309) 592-7703 with your request.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Just a reminder that October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We have the whole month to show Pastor Steve how much we love and appreciate him. Whether

it's a gift, a card, or a special act of service, let's show him how much we appreciate him.

Parking Lot Resurfacing

On **Monday, October 3**, the church parking lot will be closed for resealing. The back lot is done and looks great!



Let's Go for a Walk!

A prayer walk that is. On **Sunday, October 9**, we will gather together in the fellowship hall to walk through the church to pray for the people, activities, and ministries that take place on a regular basis. We will break up into three groups to walk through the church.



Sunday School will meet at 9:15 a.m. as usual to take attendance and any prayer requests they might have. At 9:30 a.m. we will gather in the fellowship hall for a group prayer and instructions.

Please come even if you don't normally attend Sunday School. Bring the kids. This is for all ages. Who knows. We may learn a thing or two about prayer from them.

I Wanna Be a Prayer Buddy

The Good News Club that Elim Covenant Church hosts started up again this past Wednesday at Franklin Elementary School. It's a wonderful ministry and opportunity to reach out to kids and especially to kids whose families don't attend church. Kids need to know Jesus.



We would like to have a prayer buddy for each child who attends and the Good News Club leaders. A prayer buddy is one who will pray for their buddy. If your buddy should ask for prayer, we will pass that request on to you, or if one of the leaders sees that your buddy has a special need, we will share that with you. We are only asking for a five-week commitment.

If you would like to be a prayer buddy for this ministry, contact Sandy Parrott. She will give you a name. Call or text her at 309-592-7703. Thanks! – *Elim Prayer Team*

Fall Festival

This year's fall festival will be held on **Wednesday, October 26** from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen and bring chili, to man one-hour shifts for games, to decorate doorways for the games, and to bring baked goods for the bake sale. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area. Thanks!



Fall Festival

Looking Ahead

Sunday	October 2	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School; Confirmation
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
Monday	October 3	<i>Parking Lot Resurfacing</i>	
		5:30 p.m.	Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	October 4	9:30 a.m.	SAS Bible Study
Wednesday	October 5	9:00 a.m.	"Amped" Prayer Meeting
		10:00 a.m.	Mats for the Homeless
		5:45 p.m.	Axis and Kids' Club
Thursday	October 6	9:30 a.m.	Keenagers Bible Study
Saturday	October 8	1:00 p.m.	CIU Le's
Sunday	October 9	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School; Confirmation
		9:30 a.m.	Prayer Walk
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service

GREETERS TODAY: John and Pam Thompson

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 73 Views on YouTube = 25

Sunday School/Confirmation = 24 Children's Church = 8

MOWING SCHEDULE

October 8 Donavon Wood and Don Peterson

October 15 Orlin Johnson and Richard Spencer

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, October 2

Children's Church: Kelly Wood and Rachel Lyon

Nursery: Cheryl Bear and Rachel Cunningham

NEXT WEEK, October 9:

Children's Church: Elizabeth Peterson and Mary Parrott

Nursery: Meagan Bear and Sandy Parrott

Christian Care Current Supply Needs

- Plus-Size Women's Clothing
2x-5x (**URGENT**)
- Women's African American Hair
Supplies
- Twin-sized sheets (**URGENT**)
- Cleaning Supplies
- Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Men's Jeans