

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

August 27, 2023

But we are citizens of heaven,
where the Lord Jesus Christ lives.
And we are eagerly waiting for him
to return as our Savior.

Philippians 3:20



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

August 27, 2023

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

Juanita Arellanos

OFFERING

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

(James 4:6)

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

"Our God is an Awesome God"

"Ancient of Days"

MISSION MOMENT – LAUNDRY MINISTRY

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

Luke 13:18-35

MESSAGE
“True Citizens”
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

“Only a Holy God”

BENEDICTION

GREETERS TODAY: John and Pam Thompson

August Birthdays

31 – Tabatha Estes

August Anniversaries

28 – Fran and Mary VanHooreweghe

September Birthdays

3 – Madeline Lumpkin

4 – Lila Ferry

6 – Mary Murphy

September Anniversaries

5 – Don and Jane Peterson

9 – John and Pam Thompson

Daily Bible Reading Guide 2023

God’s Saving Word: Unity in Christ Jesus

August 27	2 Timothy 3:1-17
August 28	2 Timothy 4:1-22
August 29	Titus 1:1-16
August 30	Titus 2:1-15
August 31	Titus 3:1-15
September 1	Matthew 5:1-20
September 2	Matthew 5:21-48

Sermon Notes
Sunday, August 27, 2023
“True Citizens”
Luke 13:18-35

Key Text: *“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ”* (Php. 3:20)

Key Thought: In Christ, we must commit to His kingdom and then strive for good kingdom growth in our lives.

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) Describing the **KINGDOM** (cf. Mt. 18:3-4; Jn. 3:3,5; Col. 1:13; Rev. 1:6)

- 3) Self-**DECEIVED** (cf. Mt. 7:21-23; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:3-7)

- 4) A **DESOLATE** house (cf. Lev. 26:43; Jer. 6:8; Lam. 1:4; Ezk. 15:8; 33:29)

- 5) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Are you a confirmed citizen of God’s kingdom? How have you seen & experienced good Kingdom growth?
- How can you be sure you haven’t been caught up in a false faith? Are you certain your faith is real?
- In your church & home, have you graciously received Jesus? Or has He been rejected?

PRAYER PAGE

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Katie Clarke	Arlene Miller	Madeline Lumpkin
Don Neer	Wiley Barnes	Margaret Crandall
Tasha Munger	Felipe Cantu	JoAnn Nelsen
Gary and Julie Wells	Nathan Lyon	Sandy Winthurst
Jeff Parrott	Tabatha Estes	

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

Covenant Prayer Calendar — August 27 – September 2

Please pray for this week's

Covenant missionaries and ministries:

Christopher and Diane Wiebe (East Asia)	Serve Globally Team Former Global Personnel
Janet and Ronald Ziegelbaur (Cameroon)	Jeff and Darlene Anderson, MENA (Middle East/North Africa)
Friends of World Missions (FOWM)	Hannah & Jared Baker, MENA (Middle East/North Africa)
Covenant World Relief & Development	Randy and Cheryl Bevis (Special Assignment)
FREE (An anti-sex trafficking initiative of the ECC)	Chile

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: Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. and 3:45 p.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.

LOSS OF A SPOUSE

The “Loss of a Spouse” seminar is ***Tuesday, August 29, 2023***, at ***6:00 p.m.*** GriefShare begins the following ***Tuesday, September 5*** at ***6:00 p.m.***



There are sign-up sheets and information on the table in the gathering area. If you know of someone who is grieving, please pass this information on to them. Many have been helped and life-long friendships have been made from these two programs.

Elim Family Night

Sundays, 5:30-7:00pm

Beginning ***Sunday, September 10***, we are kicking off our new Sunday evening programming for all ages! We'll start off with an evening meal, then have times for worship, study, prayer, games and FUN!! Come one and come all!

Missionaries We Support and Their Updates

Meet Patty and Lisandro Restrepo



“We arrived in Leon, Mexico, during the middle of the pandemic and in response to the invitation of the Covenant regional church to collaborate with Pastor Sandra Cazares, who has the vision of serving in one of the communities with the highest rates of crime and violence.

With a holistic ministry emphasis, we serve through several programs targeting children, youth, women, and men within and outside the church. We provide training, pastoral care, discipleship, leadership development, and empowerment opportunities.”



Meet Evens and Karina Paul

“God continues to bless the people of La Victoire, Haiti. We have grown so much in these past couple years. Our healthcare clinic is now self-sustaining, and we are blessed to have a full medical staff! Our agriculture projects have created jobs and living wages for those who are in great need.

The high school and elementary school are together this year. We were able to construct the second floor of our elementary school thanks to generous donors! We don't need to rent a space to gather our high-school students anymore! Our church receives new believers every Sunday. God is transforming lives through his Word. Plans to open a second church are in the works.”

Meet José (Jochy) & Tammi Hernandez

“God has called us to do a new thing in every sense of the word. We minister to those who have been rejected by the traditional church in a new way. Most of our ministry is based on sharing Jesus through the language of hip-hop/rap, sports, and gathering together as family—spending time together and eating with one another.



“God has been doing a new thing in the aspect of allowing Jochy (artistic name IronHeart) to use a fresh language to reach a new generation through music. Tal Como Soy (Just as I Am) is a house-based church and our emphasis is on building a family and breaking down walls of religious discrimination and teaching and showing the true character of a loving God.”

Looking Ahead

Sunday	August 27	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
Tuesday	August 29	9:30 a.m.	SAS Bible Study
		6:00 p.m.	Loss of a Spouse Seminar
Wednesday	August 30	9:00 a.m.	"AMPED" Prayer Meeting
		10:00 a.m.	Mats for the Homeless
		3:45 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
Sunday	September 3	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
Monday	September 4	<i>Office Closed for Holiday</i>	

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 82 Views on YouTube = 40
Sunday School/Children's Church = 25

MOWING SCHEDULE

September 2 Don Peterson and Ron Lyon

September 9 Timothy Le and Tom Dang

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, August 27:

Children's Church: Natalie Hermann and Mary Parrott

Nursery: Sheila Yoeckel and Jamie Cespedes

NEXT WEEK, September 3:

Children's Church: Elizabeth Peterson and Amy Hennings

Nursery: Rachel Cunningham and Lauran Schmidt

Christian Care Immediate Needs

Bottled Water, #10 Cans of Veggies

Canned Fruit, Ground Coffee

Large Bottles of Shampoo

Large Bottles of Conditioner

Body Wash