

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

September 17, 2023

**People who want to get rich fall into temptation
and a trap and into many foolish and harmful
desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.**

- 1 Timothy 6:9 -



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION
September 17, 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

Tabatha Estes

OFFERING

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"... I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received" (Ephesians 4:1)

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

"Be Still My Soul"

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 16:1-15

MESSAGE

“Viewed as Shrewd”

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

“Just As I Am”

BENEDICTION

GREETERS TODAY: Tabatha Estes and Juanita Arellanos

September Birthdays

18 – Philip Estes
22 – Teresa Jackson
24 – Leonna Ellis
25 – Felipe Cantu
27 – Linda Cutler

September Birthdays

28 – Don Yoeckel
28 – Jesse Lister
28 – Sandy Winthurst
29 – Ramon Henderson

September Anniversaries

17 – Marty and Cheryl Bear
27 – Dale and Linda Gilmour

Daily Bible Reading Guide 2023

God’s Saving Word: Unity in Christ Jesus

September 17	Matthew 22:34-46
September 18	Matthew 25:1-13
September 19	Matthew 25:14-30
September 20	Matthew 25:31-46
September 21	Job 28:1-28
September 22	Proverbs 1:1-33
September 23	Proverbs 3:1-35

Sermon Notes
Sunday, September 17, 2023
“Viewed as Shrewd”
Luke 16:1-15

Key Text: “People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap... that plunge people into ruin and destruction (1 Tim. 6:9)

Key Thought: Jesus wants us to be wise, even shrewd, but to focus on His kingdom and on that which has eternal value.

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) The **SHREWD** manager (vv. 1-9) (cf. Mt. 10:16; Lk. 12:33,42; 19:17; 2 Cor. 4:18; Col. 3:2)

- 3) More about money (vv. 10-15)
 - a. God’s **TEST** of confidence (vv. 10-12) (cf. Gen. 22:1-18; Mt. 19:29)

 - b. God or Mammon (v. 13) (cf. Mt. 6:24; Lk. 16:9,11,12; Ja. 5:1-6)

 - c. Worldly **VALUE** vs. God’s estimation (vv. 14-15) (Ja. 4:4; 1 Jn. 2:15-17)

- 4) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Does your eternal perspective influence the way you manage money and wealth in this world?
- Is God first in your life, or is money?
- Would God trust you with eternal matters if His judgment depended on how you handle worldly matters, especially money?
- What do you think God despises, but that worldly people value?

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	Tabatha Estes
Gary and Julie Wells	Nathan Lyon	Sandy Winthurst
Jeff Parrott		

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

Covenant Prayer Calendar — September 17 – September 23
Please pray for this week's
Covenant missionaries and ministries:

Carl and Karen Groot (Thailand)	Julio and Katie Isaza (Colombia)
Jochy and Tammi Hernandez (Dominican Republic)	Kristi and Christopher Johnson (Thailand)
Rebecca Hodson (France)	Samantha and Seth Jordan, MENA (Middle East North Africa)
Chris and Jenny Hoskins (Special Assignment, Latin America)	John and Letha Kerl (Europe)

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 through Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or call or text Sandy at (309) 592-7703 with your request.

Thank you!

On behalf of the family of JoAnn Nelsen, a heartfelt thank-you for all the prayers and cards for Mom. She loved Elim and her church family. Thank you, too, for all the support, prayers, and cards during her time at the care facility. We felt the love.

—Sheila Yoeckel



Pray 4 Me Prayer Basket

Our prayer basket has been refreshed. Please help us in praying for each other by taking a slip of paper with the names of our Elim family. Take as many as you like. There are also clothespin magnets for you to use as a reminder to pray for those you've drawn. What an easy way to uphold and love each other with our prayers. Thanks for praying!



Elim Family Night

Sundays – 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Everyone is invited to join us **tonight!** Chili dinner is at 5:30, then we break into groups for adults, youth, and kids. After lessons and activities, we all gather again for a fun closing. See you soon and please feel free to invite family and friends, too!



Keenagers

The Keenagers Bible study group resumed their studies and are meeting on **Thursdays** at **9:30 a.m.** Feel free to come and join them. Everyone is welcome. Questions? See **Pat Hudson.**



Daytime Trivia

Daytime Trivia meets again on ***Tuesday, September 19.*** Same time (11:00 a.m.), same place (Elim's fellowship hall). Be sure to join us.



\$5.00/person. Proceeds go to mission work that S.P.L.A.S.H. supports.

Come and enjoy some fresh grilled burgers and brats.

Mike Hermann will be grilling and serving hamburgers (\$5.00/each) and bratwurst (\$3.00/each), so you don't have to pack a lunch.

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

Ladies — just a reminder — **S.P.L.A.S.H.** is this ***Saturday, September 23,*** from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. All women are invited. Please join us!!



Good News Club!



On ***September 27,*** Elim Covenant Church will once again host the Good News Club for first and second graders at Franklin School in Moline. The Good News Club is a ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship that reaches children all over the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Leaders and workers are thoroughly trained to present the gospel through Bible lessons, songs, and Scripture memorization.

Please pray for our crew as they prepare for the club and that God will bring the children. So many children are unchurched and don't know about Jesus. They need Him now more than ever!

Looking Ahead

Sunday	September 17	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
		5:30 p.m.	Elim Family Night
Tuesday	September 19	9:30 a.m.	SAS Bible Study
		11:00 a.m.	Daytime Trivia
		6:00 p.m.	GriefShare
Wednesday	September 20	9:00 a.m.	"AMPED" Prayer Meeting
		10:00 a.m.	Mats for the Homeless
		3:45 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
Thursday	September 21	9:30 a.m.	Keenagers
Saturday	September 23	9:00 a.m.	S.P.L.A.S.H.

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 55 Views on YouTube = 27
Sunday School/Children's Church = 20

MOWING SCHEDULE

September 23 David Cespedes and Orlin Johnson
September 30 Terry Snipes and Cecil Grimes

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, September 17:

Children's Church: Meagan Bear and Diane Snipes
Nursery: Karen Bagatelas and Sandy McNeal

NEXT WEEK, September 24:

Children's Church: Natalie Hermann and Diane Snipes
Nursery: Sheila Yoeckel and Jamie Cespedes

Christian Care Immediate Needs

Liquid Laundry Detergent
Deodorant
33- & 39-Gallon Trash Bags
Bottled Water
Paper Products
Canned Fruit