# **ELIM COVENANT CHURCH** January 7, 2024



[Jesus said,] "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." - Matthew 28:18-20 -

# Elim Covenant Church

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# WORSHIP CELEBRATION January 7, 2024 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 <u>elimac.ora</u>

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Don Peterson** 

#### **OFFERING**

# **MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

# **ADORATION TO GOD**

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

### WORSHIP SONGS

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Blue Hymnal, p. 159 Blue Hymnal, p. 120

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

# **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 28:16-20

# **MESSAGE**

# "The Main Thing, pt. 1" by Pastor Steve Peterson

#### CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Call to Communion Invitation to the Lord's Table for the Sharing of the Bread and Cup

# **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

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Blue Hymnal, p. 188

#### BENEDICTION

**GREETERS TODAY:** Carolyn and Cecil Grimes

| <u> January Birthdays</u> |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| 9 – James Benjamin Le     |  |
| 9 – Sandy McNeal          |  |
| 15 – Graham Wood          |  |
| 16 – Natalie Hermann      |  |

17 – Byron Reynolds

# **Ianuary Birthdays**

17 – Judie Stanley 18 - Mary VanHooreweghe

19 - Karter Thompson

19 – Kayla Knary

21 - Dale Gilmour

# **January Anniversaries**

8 - Jeff and Mary Parrott

# **Daily Bible Reading Guide 2024**

| January 7  | Colossians 3:5-17 |  |
|------------|-------------------|--|
| January 8  | Colossians 4:2-18 |  |
| January 9  | Mark 1:1-20       |  |
| January 10 | Mark 1:21-45      |  |
| January 11 | Mark 2:1-17       |  |
| January 12 | Mark 2:18-28      |  |
| January 13 | Mark 3:1-19       |  |

# Sermon Notes Sunday, January 7, 2024 "The Main Thing, pt. 1"

Matthew 28:16-20

**Key Text:** "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." (Mt. 28:19)

**Key Thought:** Jesus' primary mission for us is to "make disciples," and we must keep that as the main thing in our lives and in our church.

Intro & Context
 The Great <u>COMMISSION</u> (cf. Mt. 28:16-20)
 Elim's <u>STRATEGIC</u> vision (cf. Gal. 5:6b; Eph. 4:13)
 Your <u>ROLE</u> (cf. Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:4-11; Eph. 4:11-13)
 Conclusion

#### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- What is Jesus' primary mission for you, personally? How does that call fit into Elim's ministry vision?
- How important is this to you? What priority do you give this in your life?
- What action(s) do you need to take to bring this mission to the next level?

# **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 — January 7 — January 13 |                             |  |  |  |
|---|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Please pray for this week's                       |                             |  |  |  |
| Covenant missionaries and ministries:             |                             |  |  |  |
| Gary and Pauline Carlson                          | Jen and Minh Dao (Thailand) |  |  |  |
| (Japan)   | MENA (Middle East/North     |  |  |  |
| Katherine Choi Lee & Peter Lee                    | Africa)                     |  |  |  |
| (France, Europe)                                  | Joel and Kim Delp (Ecuador) |  |  |  |
| Covenanters in Global Service                     | Paul and Gretchen de Neui   |  |  |  |
| Erika and Nils Clauson                            | (Special Assignment)        |  |  |  |
| (Special Assignment, Latin                        | Sheryl & Reuben Duncan      |  |  |  |
| America)  | (USA)                       |  |  |  |

# **Prayer Opportunities**

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

**Prayer Following Worship**: The 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 the church at (309) 764-6920 Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with your request.

# **Elim Family Night**

Sundays - 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.



We will be kicking off 2024 with dinner at 5:30 before revealing our <u>new word of the month</u>! Any guesses? Join us **tonight** to find out more!

# **Hymn Sing**

The weather outside may be frightful but it's always worth it to come out and be together to enjoy our favorite hymns. I wonder what Pastor Steve will have



up his sleeve this time. Come and find out.

Join us next Sunday, January 14, at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome, so grab your family, friends, and neighbors and come.



# **Daytime Trivia**

Join us *Tuesday, January 16*, at *11:30 a.m.* for Daytime Trivia. What a great time of fellowship and fun! Doors open at 11:00 a.m. \$5.00 per person. Don't forget your sack lunch.



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

Ladies — just a reminder — S.P.L.A.S.H. is on *Saturday*, *January 27*, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. All women are invited. Please join us!!

# 2024 Daily Bible Reading Guide

You can pick up your copy of the Daily Bible Reading Guide for 2024 on the table in the gathering area. The weekly readings will once again be in the bulletin for your convenience. Let's make God's Word a priority as we move into this new year.



# Mission Trip to Monterrey, Mexico



The mission trip to Monterrey, Mexico is scheduled for *March 8-15, 2024*. The main work to be done includes painting, plumbing, and electrical. Elim would like to send a team of 6 to 8 people to help and encourage our Roca church family in Monterrey. Please let Pastor Steve or Mary Turnbaugh know if you are interested in being part of the team!

# IOSS OF A SPOUSE Elim Covenant Church will one

**Elim Covenant Church** will once again offer the *Loss of* 

a Spouse seminar on **February 20**. On **February 27**, the 13-week GriefShare series will start again. We will be using the new and updated version of GriefShare. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the gathering area.

Be sure to invite friends and family. There is no other program that ministers to those who grieve quite like GriefShare.



**Looking Ahead** 

| Sunday    | January 7  | 9:15 a.m.  | Sunday School               |
|-----------|------------|------------|-----------------------------|
|           |            | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Celebration Service |
|           |            | 5:30 p.m.  | Elim Family Night           |
| Tuesday   | January 9  | 9:30 a.m.  | <i>SAS</i> Bible Study      |
| Wednesday | January 10 | 9:00 a.m.  | "AMPED" Prayer Meeting      |
|           |            | 3:45 p.m.  | Prayer Meeting              |
| Sunday    | January 14 | 9:15 a.m.  | Sunday School               |
|           |            | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Celebration Service |
|           |            | 4:00 p.m.  | Hymn Sing                   |
|           |            | 5:30 p.m.  | Elim Family Night           |

# **Attendance Last Week**

Sunday Worship = 65 Views on YouTube = 20 Sunday School/Children's Church/Confirmation = 4

# **CHILDCARE SCHEDULE**

# TODAY, January 7:

Children's Church: Elizabeth Peterson and Kim Shuda

Nursery: Cheryl Bear and Lauran Schmidt

# **NEXT WEEK, January 14:**

Children's Church: Kristen Burns and Diane Snipes Nursery: Meagan Bear and Mariah Richardson

# **Christian Care Current Needs**

33- and 39-gallon Garbage Bags Kitchen Garbage Bags; Laundry Soap Toilet Bowl Cleaner; All-purpose Cleaners

# Clothing Hats, Gloves, Jackets

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