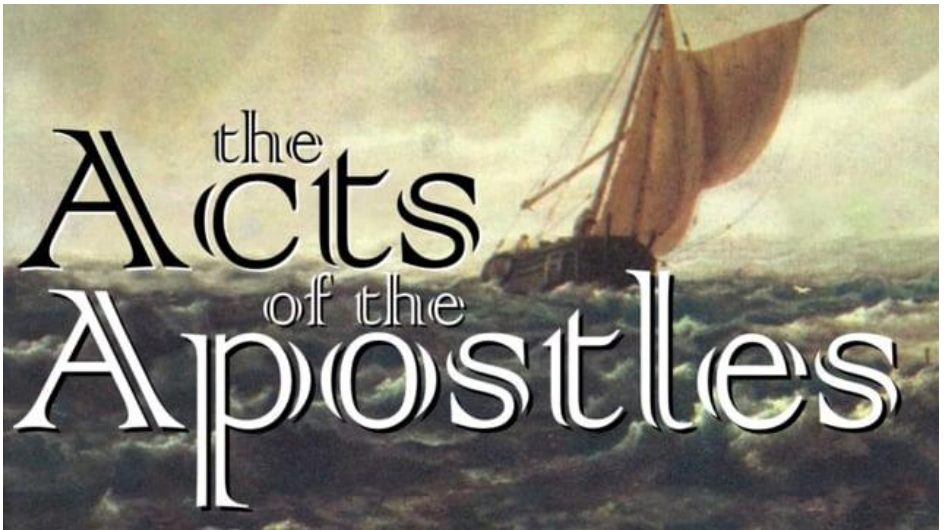


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
September 15, 2019



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION
September 15, 2019

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

Please sign the register book & pass it on.

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC SET

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Hermann

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"...Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened."

— Isaiah 8:12b

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

"Spirit of the Living God"

"O Come to the Altar"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Children dismissed for Children's Church, please for ages 3 thru 5th grade only).

OFFERTORY

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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 Ezekiel 2:6-7; Luke 21:12-19; Acts 14:1-7, 19-22
Scripture Reader, Juanita Arellanos
(Red Bibles p. 1156)

MESSAGE

“Experiencing Acts: Kingdom Hardships”
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 desperately loves.

WORSHIP SONG

“Victory in Jesus”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Psalms 37:39-40</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Jeremiah 31:34</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Romans 10:13</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Hebrews 11:6</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Psalms 103:12</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>John 15:4-5</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Proverbs 3:6</i>

TODAY'S GREETERS

Tom and Annette Lancial

HEAD USHER

Don Peterson

USHERS

Martin Bear, Confirmation Students

SOUND SYSTEM

Josh Parrott

POWER POINT VIDEO

John Thompson

Sermon Notes
September 15, 2019
“Experiencing Acts: Kingdom Hardships”
Acts 14

Key Text: “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Heb. 12:2)

Key Thought: We must be willing to go through hardships to enter the kingdom of God.

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) Bold **WITNESS** (vv. 3, 15-17) *“So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord...”* (3a) (cf. Ezek. 2:1-3:15; Lk. 21:12-19)

- 3) Grace & **POWER** (vv. 3, 9-10) *“... [the Lord] confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to do miraculous signs and wonder”* (3b) (cf. Mt. 4:23; Mk. 16:15-18; Acts 5:12-16; James 5:13-18)

- 4) **HOSTILE** crowds (vv. 2,5,19) *“There was a plot afoot... to mistreat them and stone them”* (5) (cf. Mt. 24:9-14; 2 Cor. 11:23-33)

- 5) Kingdom **VISION** (v. 22) *“We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,”* (cf. 2 Cor. 4:18; Php. 3:20; Heb. 12:2)

- 6) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. Would you be willing to go through hardships that you might enter the kingdom of God?
2. Will you give into fear, and hide the light of God in you? Or will you decide to let it shine brightly for God and as a witness to others?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: Covenant World Relief and their collaboration with local partners in the Bahamas through Medical Teams International to provide disaster relief health kits.

Prayer Concerns: Those who lost their homes and loved ones to Hurricane Dorian and the tornados in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Earl Burklund, Arlene Miller, Margaret Hasty, Anna Swanson, Jay and Judie Stanley, Margaret Crandall, Tasha Munger, Iva Cutler, Beverly Reese, and families that have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Jamie & Meejeen Kim

Serving in South Korea. Ministries include Leadership Development, Prayer Mobilization, Teaching and Training

My favorite thing to when the evening is not too cold, is to ride my bike by the Han River which divides the capital city of Seoul in half.



Prayer Following Worship

Please feel free to take your burden or praise to one of the Elim Prayer Team members available to pray with you. Team members include Julie, Linda, Carolyn, Juanita, Tasha, and Martin and can be easily found at the back of the sanctuary in the northwest classroom behind the sound system booth.

Prayer Gatherings

Each Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. there is a prayer gathering held at Elim. Also, there is a Wednesday morning prayer group meeting in Pastor's office at 7:00 a.m. You are encouraged to come and pray with the team members and share your requests/praises.

Prayer Chain

The prayer network is used when special needs arise during the week. Call Sandy at the church 764-6920 Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. otherwise call or text Tasha Munger at (309) 281-8784 with your request. If no answer, you may leave your concern on the answering machine and it will be relayed ASAP.

“Dear brothers, you should never doubt your prayer, thinking that it might have been in vain, for I tell you truly that before you have uttered the words, the prayer is already recorded in heaven.”

— St. Bernard

New Members Lunch Today!

If you are interested in exploring membership at Elim Covenant Church please join us for a luncheon *today*, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Daytime Trivia

Join us *Tuesday, September 17*, 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. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area.

Crescendo Lunch at First Covenant

Be sure to mark your calendar for the *September 19* Crescendo lunch 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. GolderCare will be with us, presenting their program called, "Aging in Place—Staying in Your Home Longer." You won't want to miss it. It's open to the public, so invite a friend for fun and fellowship. Bring a lunch. Water, coffee and dessert are provided.

Conflict Management

On Tuesday evening, *September 24, 2019*, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tom Wirtz will bring us "Conflict Management Workshop, Session 2." To attend you must have attended Session 1 that was given in April.

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

Ladies — just a reminder — **S.P.L.A.S.H.** is on *Saturday, September 28*, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. All women are invited. Please join us!!

Christmas Cantata

Christmas Cantata practice will begin *Tuesday, October 1*, at **6:30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to join us. Contact Linda Gilmour with questions or just show up for practice. Everyone is welcome, even those who may attend other churches.

Keenagers

Keenagers Bible Study will resume on *Thursday, October 3*; 9:00 a.m. for refreshments with the study starting at 9:30. They will be studying "Matthew, Being Discipled by Jesus" by Steven and Jacelyn Eyre. All are welcome.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be ***Saturday, October 5, 2019***, at ***8:00 a.m.*** We will continue our study "Being a Dad Who Leads." There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area.

Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Sunday, ***October 6, 2019***, we will celebrate Pastor Appreciation Sunday with a potluck. More information to come!

S.P.L.A.S.H. Bake Sale

On Sunday, ***October 20, 2019***, S.P.L.A.S.H. will be holding a bake sale. You're welcome to bring items for sale or just bring yourself and indulge.

JUST A REMINDER!

Dining Tour Books

We still have nine dining tour books available. They're a great gift for that hard-to-buy-for person: birthdays, anniversaries, a thank-you gift, or a Christmas gift. It's a great way to give a perfect gift and support our youth. Each book sells for \$35.00 with a \$12.00 profit if 15 or more are sold. Enjoy eating out while supporting our youth.

It's Shoebox Time!

There are still shoeboxes available for Operation Christmas Child. A sign-up sheet is in the church office. Why not pick up a box or two or three and bless a Christmas child this year?



Choose a boy or girl, ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. PLEASE include a WOW item, such as a doll or stuffed animal or a deflated soccer ball and air pump. When packing put the WOW item on top so the child sees it first when opening the box. Samaritan's Purse requests new and quality items—look for good sales.

Once again, Elim is a dropoff center. All you have to do is bring your filled shoeboxes back to the church November 18-25. Thanks!

Looking Ahead

Sunday	September 15	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Pre-Worship Music Set in the Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 12:00 p.m. New Members Luncheon 3:00 p.m. GriefShare
Monday	September 16	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	September 17	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Daytime Trivia
Wednesday	September 18	7:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting 5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. SPARK and Axis 6:15 p.m. Videos and Discussions: God's Kingdom
Thursday	September 19	9:30 a.m. Crescendo Crunch at First Covenant 12:00 p.m. Crescendo Lunch at First Covenant
Sunday	September 22	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Pre-Worship Music Set in the Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 3:00 p.m. GriefShare

September Birthdays

15 — Amy Hennings
16 — Josh Parrott
16 — Rollie Potts
18 — Philip Estes
18 — Sera Pirmann
21 — Ethel Hesler
22 — Teresa Jackson
23 — Lee Kinney
24 — Leonna Ellis

September Anniversaries

16 — Craig and Shannon Pirmann
17 — Martin and Cheryl Bear
22 — Steve and Margo Coil
25 — Dewey and Carol Jacks

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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 40 Worship = 111

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, September 15

Sunday Spark: Victoria Fowler (Ashley Parrott)

Sunday Spark Jr.: Lacey Wagner (Natalie Hermann)

Nursery: Rachel Cunningham and Ralene Luong

NEXT WEEK, September 22

Sunday Spark: Victoria Fowler (Sandy Parrott)

Sunday Spark Jr.: Elizabeth Peterson (Karter Thompson)

Nursery: Abby Peterson and Amanda Le

MOWING SCHEDULE

September 21..... Cecil Grimes and Nick Wagner

September 28..... Tom Dang and Giao Luong