



# Elim Christian Church

An Oasis to the World (Exodus 15:27)

## VICTORY VOICE OF THE KINGDOM

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### Church Without Walls

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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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- Article by Bro. John Pamon
- Coming Up!
- Dear Mother Eunice



Eric Susberry  
Pastor

Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel..." (Mk. 16:15). I've sensed a shift in the spirit this past year where the glory cloud has once again moved.

I believe God wants us to step out in faith a little further as he leads us into something new. God desires that in the midst of darkness, He wants us to shine a bright ray of

hope to a hopeless world outside of Christ. God desires that ECC have a larger role and kingdom influence in this city and beyond its present boundary.

During ECC's 21-day revival in January 2017, I spent seven days locked up in the church praying, fasting, and waiting on the Lord. While praying for the church and its members, I asked the Lord for a strategy to get all the people who were listed (on the salvation board) to come to church & hear the gospel message of Christ and get saved.

The Lord revealed to me so plainly, that the way to get the unsaved to church, is the same way ECC was able to get people to come out to our service on Christmas Day where people got up at seven in the morning to honor Christ's birth and hear the choir sing Christmas songs.

Likewise, at this upcoming Resurrection Easter service, ECC will be presenting "Victory in Christ's Kingdom Mass Choir." Jesus said, "If I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto myself" (Jn. 12:32).

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### Have You Had a Spiritual Check-Up?



Caren Susberry  
Assistant Pastor

Just as a person needs to get regular physical check-ups, a person needs regular spiritual check-ups. With a physical check-up, a doctor will ask you about your habits & lifestyle. Good habits go a long way in promoting physical health. In the same way, your spiritual habits and lifestyle will

determine how healthy you are spiritually. To determine your spiritual health, you need to **know what God requires of you:** "And now, Israel (Body of Christ), **what does the Lord your God require of you--but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.**" (Deut. 10:12) "You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him."

(Deut. 13:4)

It would take more space than I have to thoroughly expound on these scriptures, so I will only talk briefly about a few things with the hope you will study it more deeply for yourself.

**What does God require of you?** Too often we do not really know the answer to this question. Our focus has been more directed at what God does for us rather than what He requires of us. Here are a few points I've pulled from the two verses above:

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## Church Without...cont.

"At this upcoming Resurrection Easter Service, ECC will be presenting "Victory in Christ's Kingdom Mass Choir."



We are going to build one of the greatest, if not the biggest choirs in Chicago for the purpose of winning souls to Christ. **Now, what's needed is you;** your participation, involvement, and voice!

Now, I can hear some of you saying, "I'm not a great singer, I'm too young, or I'm too old." Don't let the devil rob you of this opportunity to serve and glorify the Lord in this way. If you have a tongue, a mouth, and

oxygen in your lungs then you qualify to be a part of what the Lord is doing at ECC.

The Lord revealed to me that He is going to take the choir places that will cause us to look back and say, "**who would've thought God would have us minister in such a God glorifying way to those people in those places.**"

Please don't miss this golden opportunity. You and I were born for such a

time as this; to move beyond the walls of our local church. I remember when the children of Israel asked the Lord who should go up first to fight in battle, the Lord replied Judah, meaning praise. Let's sing and praise Him together beyond our walls to greater victory. *For more info please contact our music director (minister\_wendy@yahoo.com). From Pastor Eric, please do not hesitate to contact us for CDs and online messages today!*

## Have You Had...cont.

**1. Fear the Lord** – to reverence Him in such a way that causes you not to sin because you don't want to hurt the heart of God.

**2. Walk in all His ways** – God has given us guidelines in His Word; God has given us an example in His Son.

**3. Love Him** – **Love begins with Him loving us.** Loving Him and keeping His commandments are connected.

**4. Keep His commandments** – Keeping His commandments is a demonstration of our love for Him.

**5. Obey His voice** – God is a speaking spirit. God will speak personally to each one of us. We must train ourselves to listen and obey the Holy Spirit's voice in our spirit.

**6. Serve the Lord** – Plug into the church, attend regularly, worship, pray, and serve the Lord with

your gifts.

**7. Hold fast to Him** – Cling to Him. We can do this through regular devotional time with the Lord.

**8. Covet time alone with God** – Nothing compares to the awesomeness of God's presence. Worship God! David through the Psalms teaches us well.

If these things are regular spiritual habits of yours, you are in good spiritual health!

*Want to hear more from Pastor Caren? Contact us for CDs online messages today!*

"Just as a person needs to get regular physical check-ups, a person needs regular spiritual check-ups."

## Broken Promises ~ Bro. John Pamon

Abraham Lincoln once said, "We must not promise what we ought not, lest we be called on to perform what we cannot". Today there is a proliferation of broken promises which gives rise to desires that are never manifested.

Some of the phrases we hear today are:

- *That's not what you said!*

- *Why didn't you do what we agreed to do?*

- *This is your signature on this document, right?*

- *How could you have forgotten?*

- *Yes, you are a lottery winner, but we don't know when we can pay you off.*

This list can go on and on; a myriad of excuses and unfulfilled expectations.

In this age of speed and

super high technological advances we seem to have lost the art of following a matter to the end.

Keeping our agreements appears to be rarely utilized even on a global basis. Once upon a time:

- A handshake once meant that both parties

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## Broken Promises...Cont

would be in a binding agreement.

- One's word was his bond.  
 - Contracts were written to remind us of the stipulations of a deal.  
 - Tokens were exchanged, whether a wedding ring or the exchange of sons and daughters by parents in marriage agreements (Eastern customs).  
 We looked to receive value for something valued.

Words are to be valued and honored, before God and man. When vows and agreements are violated we get turmoil, unrest, distrust, anger, and

sometimes death.

Conclusion: Think of what our lives would be like if Jesus had become so disappointed with the frailties of his disciples and mankind that he stopped His ministry. Let's say that Jesus actually did send 10,000 angelic legionnaires to fight off the Roman soldiers before the gruesome march to Calvary.

If our Savior did not follow through with all the promises surrounding His life, fireproof clothing would not stand off the torrential output of heat and fire awaiting us all. Our

promises and vows before God are important: Numbers 30:2 states that "If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by some agreement, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth."

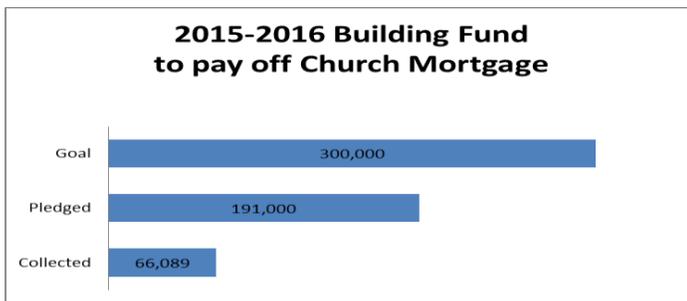
All of God's promises to us are yes and amen (1 Cor 1:20). Keeping our end of an agreement or contract is God's opportunity to legally fulfill all of His promises to us.

As Jesus said, "...go and do likewise", (Luke 10:37).

## Partner with the Church this year!

*Give and it shall be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, shall men give unto your bosom. Luke 6:38*

**Needed  
 2017  
 \$228,000.00**



**MARCH 12, 2017**  
 Annual Business Meeting



**Everyone Invited  
 after 11am Service!**

**APRIL 9, 2017**  
 Pastors' Appreciation



**Come out and join us in  
 celebrating our pastors!**

**APRIL 16, 2017**  
 Resurrection Sunday!



**Come and join us as we  
 celebrate the  
 resurrection of Jesus!**

Dear Mother Eunice,

*I am fed up with Rahm Emmanuel and don't get me started on Trump! What are your thoughts concerning politics?*

*Pray. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 says "I urge...that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made...for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."*

*First, pray that our leaders get saved. As fascinating as politics is, it can just as easily turn into an ugly, divisive thing. It's hard to think ugly thoughts when you're praying for that person to get saved.*

*Second, pray they make wise decisions. Presumably our leaders are faced with decisions left and right. Pray that they are receiving wise counsel and that when faced with complicated issues they choose wisdom.*

*Third, pray for wisdom for yourself. If you feel as though there is injustice, ask God what you can do to get involved to change the circumstances around you.*

*Lastly, pray for your future leaders, that God will raise up Godly people (maybe you!) to lead our city and our nation in his precepts and ways.*

*Have a question? Send it to [embassie@hotmail.com](mailto:embassie@hotmail.com) Eunice to answer!*



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### SERVICE TIMES

#### Sunday Service\*

at: 8am & 11am

#### Sunday School

at: 9:45am

#### Midweek Service

Wednesday at 7pm

\*The Nursery is open during Sunday & Midweek Services.

## Want to Know More About Our Church?

Tune in to *Big Gospel Xpress Radio 1570 AM*  
[www.gospel1570.com](http://www.gospel1570.com)

Minister Theresa Bowen  
-- Tuesday at 8:45am



Coming in 2017  
Elim's Bookstore

### Weekly Intercessory Prayer Schedule:

Every Sunday 7am

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
10am-12pm

Every Tuesday  
6:30-7:30pm

Fast Day Every Tuesday  
Fast until Noon

Every other Wed at  
6:15pm

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. at 10pm-  
6am

Every Saturday 7-8:30am



Watch the *Well of Life TV Broadcast* with Pastors Eric & Caren every Sunday at 5:00pm on Channel WJYS