



Elim Christian Church

An Oasis to the World (Exodus 15:27)

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Behold I Will Do a New Thing!



Eric Susberry
Pastor

One of the most enjoyable things about God, is that He is always up to something new and wonderful that He desires to share with us. One example of God doing a new thing is the story of the children of Israel: after having gone through the escape of Egypt, crossing the Red Sea, and then heading through the desert towards the land of

“Milk and Honey”, they camped down in a place called Elim where God graciously provided 12 wells of water and 70 palm trees and they were all refreshed in their desert travel.

I’m sure during their time at that location, some felt maybe this was their final destiny. Perhaps others felt Elim wasn’t their final destiny, but were hoping and praying that God would never ask them to leave the comforts of their surroundings and continue the journey toward the ultimate destination of ‘The

Promised Land.’ This Old Testament story reminds me of how as a church we had to leave a comfortable rental church facility in order to find our present building. One new thing that God is doing at Elim is changing its name.

Elim’s new name will be changed to “Victory in Christ Kingdom”. We have to stay open to whatever new thing God wants to do. Oftentimes when God gets ready to do something new, he changes the name as with Jacob to Israel, Abram to Abraham, and Sarai to Sarah.

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Has Our Society Forgotten the Commandments of God?



Caren Susberry
Assistant Pastor

Do you know the Ten Commandments? Can you recite them by heart? Do you teach these things to your children?

I John 2:3 states, “we know that we know Him (God), if we keep His commandments.” (NKJV)

In other words, keeping God’s commandments are

evidence of your relationship with Him.

Another way to look at the Ten Commandments is summarized in Mark 12:30: “and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Loving God and loving one another covers all ten of the commandments delivered to Moses and

affirmed by Jesus.

Looking at TV and listening to the news, it appears that society deems the Ten Commandments to be no longer relevant. The laws of the land have changed and society reflects that.

Even Christians feel that the Ten Commandments are under the law and we have been redeemed from the curse of the law. It is true that we have been redeemed from the curse through Jesus’s death on the cross

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Behold...cont.

The reason for the church name change is that I feel God wants us to be a church that is much more than what our present name means: Elim- A Place of Refreshing. We are a church that refreshes, however, we do much more than that. We teach and preach the word of God, flow in the gifts of the spirit, and kingdom build for this generation and the next, to name a few. We as a church are seeking victory in all areas

of life. I thank God for the church name that was revealed to Pastor Caren and I when we started the church 24 years ago. However, today we desire to press into more of what God has for us and the church members. I've had a few people come up to me who are having a bit of a challenge with the new name and I'd just like to remind them that the Kingdom of God doesn't run off of sentiments. The Kingdom of God runs off

of truth. Sentiments, feelings, and nostalgia has it's place, but if you're not careful, sentiments can hold you back or stymie what God is wanting to do new in your life. "Behold, I will do a new thing..." God likes to do new things!!

~If you want to hear more from Pastor Eric, please do not hesitate to contact us for CDs and online messages today!

Has Our Society...Cont

~but Jesus also says, "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets, I did not come to destroy but to fulfill."

Therefore, we are not to put the Ten Commandments away but we are to make sure we are fulfilling them and teaching our children to do likewise.

Deut 6: 6-9 states in essence that the Ten Commandments should be lived out in our lives,

taught to our children, talked about in our homes, and even posted on our walls.

When we look at the crimes being committed today by adults and children, it is apparent we have lost sight of the commandments of God.

We must teach God's commandments to our children and grandchildren! Not for the purpose of being religious,

but for the purpose of truly loving God and our fellow man.

We are not to forget God's Commandments. We are to obey them; it is a demonstration of our love for God and our love for our fellow man!

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

"Now by this we know that we know him, if we keep His commandments 1 John 2:3."

Children's Church-George & Erica Reed

Thank you parents for giving us an opportunity to serve your children and teach them the Word of God!

10/30/16 was Elim's very first Youth Service. The children were eager to be involved and serve! The youth did an amazing job handling things such as: praise and worship;

opening prayer; altar working; and offering. The children even prepared a song to sing.

There was much prayer and preparation for the service. The message: "Living for God in Challenging Times" was brought by Bro. George.

On 10/31/16 we were able to have the Hallelujah party. We showed a movie

titled "The Nut Job" and the children enjoyed it. About 75 people come out to attend. Thank you so much for all the candy and monetary donations. As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve your children. Invite your friends to come to Children's Church during the 11am Service! Sincerely, G & E Reed.



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Things Happening This Quarter!

Dec. 3, 2016 Women's Christmas Luncheon



Come out and join Elim's women as we celebrate the Christmas season with our very own Pastor Caren Susberry! Tickets on sale now! See a My Sister's Keeper committee member or call the Church Office at: 773.436-8836 to purchase yours today!

Dec. 18, 2016 Christmas Play "We Three Kings"



Written and directed by author and playwright, Embassie Susberry.

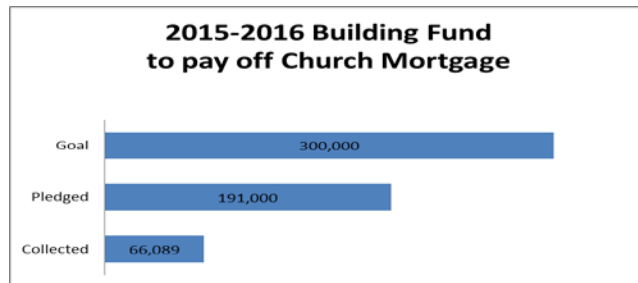
Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, *Jesus Christ* at the 11am service!

Bible School-Dream Thieves by Rick Renner



Doubt, fear, and time can claw away at your confidence, stealing the dream God placed in your heart. Unexpected obstacles, with about-face twists and turns, can bump you so far off your expected path that you begin to question the validity of that dream. But if you yield to the pressure of these dream thieves to abandon your dream, you will forfeit your unique destiny. Furthermore, you will rob yourself of the fulfillment that only your destiny can bring. Every Dream Is Targeted by a Thief - Are You on Guard?

Building Fund Update: Have You Made a Pledge?



Dec. 11, 2016 Men's Annual Christmas Luncheon



Christmas Luncheon at Elim Christian Church



Christmas Service Sunday, Dec. 25, 2016 7am-8:30am

One service only!
All women's Christmas
Carol Sing-a-long!

Come join us in celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Dear Mother Eunice, I have tried disciplining my son (5yrs), but I am often not sure what discipline should look like or how often I should discipline. Advice? First, the Bible says a lot about discipline such as: "the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights," (Prov 3:11-12) and "discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart." (Prov 29:17). This tells us that discipline is a good thing. It's a Biblical thing. If you love your child, you will discipline your child. But what does that look like? Discipline can take many forms. But the Bible states that the answer is: spankings. See (Prov 23:13); (Prov 29:15); (Prov 22:15). Spankings are Biblical and if done in love, not harmful. However, you must provide consistent discipline. Inconsistency causes more harm than good. If you are married, you want to make sure that as a couple you are on the same page with discipline. If one parent undermines the other, it is not successful discipline and the child will attempt to pit one parent against the other. Personally I believe if children violate the 3D: dishonesty, disrespect, and disobedience, then it's spanking time. Ultimately, let the Bible be your instruction as to how to raise a Godly family.

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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 Services.

Want to Know More About Our Church?

Tune in to *Big Gospel Xpress Radio 1570 AM*
www.gospel1570.com



Minister Theresa Bowen
-- Tuesday at 8:45am

Coming in 2016
Elim's Bookstore

Weekly Intercessory Prayer Schedule:

Every Sunday 7am

1st and 3rd Tuesday
10am-12pm

Every Tuesday
6:30-7:30pm

Fast Day Every Tuesday
Fast until Noon

Every other Wed at
6:15pm

Every 1st 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



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