



Elim Christian Church

An Oasis to the World (Exodus 15:27)

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Instruments in the Master's Hand



Eric Susberry
Pastor

Fathers are the instruments in God's hands when it comes to raising up children who will love, obey, and serve Him. On Sunday, June 19th, we will be celebrating Father's Day. A father's role in the home is very important and significant because it is the single most determinate in children committing themselves to following

Jesus Christ. I thank God that at this church we have many wonderful fathers who are doing their assignments as dad, well. In Deut 6:1-5, it reveals that fathers are instructed to love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength, and fear God. Then, the children's lives will be prolonged and blessed. This is not to say that there will not be challenges and trials to confront, however; if fathers persevere then they will see and walk in the reality of God's promise. See, when

father's live and act in accordance to the word of God in raising children, it demonstrates to them the nature, character, and ways of our "Heavenly Father God." A father living this way is vital because it helps children get a first-hand look, which will assist in their understanding of what God is truly like. This is a big challenge for fathers because faith must be exemplified; this kind of lifestyle must be mirrored on a daily basis in order for children to catch it.
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God Loved Me So Much, He Sang Over Me



Caren Susberry
Assistant Pastor

There is nothing like knowing you're loved by God. On Mother's Day I preached a message entitled "Living Loved". Of course I tailored the message to mothers because of the holiday, but in actuality the message is applicable to everyone and especially believers. To His people

God said "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with loving kindness I have drawn you" (Jer.31:3). An everlasting love is a loyal love. It is not only a love you can count on, it's a love that doesn't run out. It's the same in the good times, in the bad times, in the up times, and in the down times. His love for us is constant! Are you going through this life as if you are the most loved person in all the world today? Well you should! That's the way Jesus wants you to go through this life;

secure in His love and care for you. He loves you so much, that in this vast world His eyes are on you. He sees you and knows where you are (naturally and spiritually). He knows your name and everything about you. His love for you is beyond your understanding, it surpasses knowledge (Eph. 3:19). He has given us His Word so that, nothing can separate us from His love (Ro. 8:37-39). Nothing on earth compares to the love of our Heavenly Father and God the Son. Once you've

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Instruments...cont.

"Fathers are the instruments in God's hands when it comes to raising up children who will love, obey, and serve Him."



The old saying "more is caught than taught" is so true. With that said, as a father it didn't take me too long to realize that many of the principles, precepts, and commands of God were not easily taught to my children by mere bible study and family devotions. Surprisingly, things like self-control, respect, gratitude, patience, humility, and hard work are not easily taught by the written word, but rather caught

by you as a father demonstrating these virtues. In other words, we should say to our children "This is what the word of God said I as a father should do what so watch me demonstrate this and you will learn." For example, a father should say "The boss told me to do a certain thing a certain way. I felt like my way was the best way, but because he was my boss I submitted and obeyed to what he said." Examples

like that where you can demonstrate obedience to the word will go incredibly far in showing your children what the word of God means and says. In closing, let's do all we can to encourage, support, and lift up fathers, the tool in God's hand.

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God Love Me So Much...cont.

experienced it you don't ever want to be without it.

The best analogy on earth to depict the love of God, is the love of a mother for her child. Have you ever observed a young mother caring for her new born baby and seen the elation in her eyes? Or are you a mother yourself and know first-hand the love you have for your child/children? Or think about your own mother and the love she shows to you? What she was willing to do for you, the length

she would go to protect you? As marvelous as a mother's love for her child is, it is a minute depiction of Father God's love for you and me. God compares His love with that of a mother who cares for her child. "Can a woman forget her nursing child...surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you" (Is.49:15). Here we can see that His love for us exceeds even that of a mother's. God's love for His children is great. He wants you to know and

experience it in a personal way. Know that God demonstrates His love in many ways. Once—and I will never forget—He sang to me – "Freely, freely you have received. Freely, freely give, go in My Name and because you believe, other's will know that I live." Zeph 3:17 says, "He will rejoice over you with singing." In what ways have you experienced God's love today?

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"Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with loving kindness I have drawn you. Jer 31:3"



Should Christians Ever Get Angry? ~ Bro. Craig

When reading Eph 4:26, "Be angry but sin not," the most obvious answer to the question "Should Christians ever get angry?" is yes. Most Christians would assume that God is giving us a license to get angry; that it's ok to get upset if you get cut off on the expressway; someone bumps into you with their

cart at the grocery store and doesn't apologize; or your boss gives you a load of work that has to be finished before you leave.

These are all seemingly legitimate reasons to be angry, but is this the type of anger God is talking about when He says "Be angry?" There are several instances when God is angry in the Bible: Sodom

and Gomorrah; the Israelites with their murmuring, complaining, & disobedience; and when King Saul decided to spare the Amalekite King. Even Jesus got upset with the religious leaders who turned the Temple into a marketplace. Now most may look at this example and say Jesus' anger was out of control. ~ continued to page 3

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Should Christians...cont.

But He was in full control of what He was doing and saying. His anger was pure and justified because of His concern for God's House.

There are two types of anger: righteous indignation and sinful anger. Righteous anger is when we are angry at what God is angry at such as: sin, immorality, social injustices or ungodly behavior. Sinful anger is when we are concerned with our own selfish issues and desires such as: pride, inconveniences, feeling deprived, & not getting things we want when we want them. Sinful anger produces: jealousy, quarreling,

hostility, slander, gossip, disorder, & even rage. Eventually that anger turns into a hardness of heart which turns into unforgiveness which leads to bitterness. Once you allow bitterness to penetrate the depths of your heart, it becomes more difficult to let go of the offense and overcome your anger.

This is why Eph. 4:26 also says to not let the sun set on our anger; we must quickly take whatever steps necessary to overcome our anger by forgiving those who have offended us no matter how difficult it may be. Here's the takeaway: we all at some point will get angry—be it righteous anger

or sinful anger—but there are methods to use when angry. For example, you can approach the person who offended you and express your feelings in a righteous way. After you've expressed how you feel, forgive them & try to reconcile the relationship if possible.

In other cases you may not be able to confront the person who has offended you and then, all you can do is cast it onto the Lord and allow Him to deal with it. Pray for the offender and ask God to help you to forgive them. When dealing with anger, situations may feel out of your control, but know that it's still in God's control.

Heaven's Gates & Hell's Flames

Elim presented the live play "Heaven's Gates & Hell's Flames"—Sun., May 21st – Wed., May 24th. Over 100 people made a commitment to follow Jesus as Lord & Savior over the course of the play. It was a huge success for the Kingdom of God. Hallelujah!



Things to Look Forward To

JUNE 18, 2017
Father's Day



Come and celebrate dad with us!

JULY 10-14, 2017
Vacation Bible School



Come out and join our children as we have fun learning about Jesus!

JULY 30, 2017
Youth Rally



Come and join us as we celebrate the youth at 5pm!

Dear Mother Eunice,

Now that it's summer-time, I was wondering, does Elim have a dress code?

That's a good question. Elim does not have a formal dress code. However, we do believe that every aspect of our lives should glorify God.

That doesn't mean we have no liberty in our dress. Women can feel free to wear slacks and men don't have to wear suits and ties even though you will find our Pastor and leadership men in their suits and ties on Sundays.

The ultimate guideline comes from the Word which specifically talks about a woman's dress being modest (1Tim 2:9). Today this would be applicable to men and women.

Yet, there are still some things that are not appropriate for church in the summers (especially Sunday morning service) such as: short shorts, low-cut blouses, leggings without a long blouse to cover the backside, gym shoes and ball park clothing—though Wednesday mid-week service is much more casual.

I hope this answer brings clarification!

Have a question? Send it to 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

Minister Theresa Bowen
-- Tuesday at 8:45am



Weekly Intercessory Prayer Schedule:

Every Sunday 7am

1st and 3rd Tuesday
10am-12pm

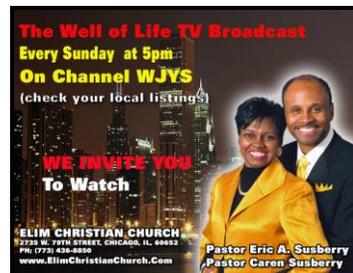
Every Tuesday
6:30-7:30pm

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
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Coming in 2017
Elim's Bookstore

We are changing our name!
This year we will formerly change our
name to:
Victory in Christ Kingdom Church