

Mission Statement - **To Know** the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, recognising His calling and purpose for our individual lives. **To Show** the love of God to the Church, the family of God and to the family He has given to us. **To Go** into our community, country and world sharing the Gospel message by word and by deed.

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Elim is part of the world wide Pentecostal movement that traditionally emphasises the foursquare Gospel. This is a commitment to sound preaching and teaching that proclaims the Lord Jesus Christ as 'The Saviour', 'Healer', 'Baptiser in the Holy Spirit', and 'The Coming King'.

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Thought for the Week:

Watching With Jesus

"Stay here and watch with Me" ([Matthew 26:38](#)).

"Watch with Me." Jesus was saying, in effect, "Watch with no private point of view at all, but watch solely and entirely with Me." In the early stages of our Christian life, we do not watch *with* Jesus, we watch *for* Him. We do not watch with Him through the revealed truth of the Bible even in the circumstances of our own lives. Our Lord is trying to introduce us to identification with Himself through a particular "Gethsemane" experience of our own. But we refuse to go, saying, "No, Lord, I can't see the meaning of this, and besides, it's very painful." And how can we possibly watch with Someone who is so incomprehensible? How are we going to understand Jesus sufficiently to watch with Him in His Gethsemane, when we don't even know why He is suffering? We don't know how to watch with Him - we are only used to the idea of Jesus watching with us.

The disciples loved Jesus Christ to the limit of their natural capacity, but they did not fully understand His purpose. In the Garden of Gethsemane they slept as a result of their own sorrow, and at the end of three years of the closest and most intimate relationship of their lives they "all ... forsook Him and fled" ([26:56](#)).

"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit ..." ([Acts 2:4](#)). "They" refers to the same people, but something wonderful has happened between these two events - our Lord's death, resurrection, and ascension - and the disciples have now been invaded and "filled with the Holy Spirit." Our Lord had said, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you ..." ([Acts 1:8](#)). This meant that they learned to watch *with* Him the rest of their lives.

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Welcome: if you are a visitor to Bont Elim we would like to extend a warm welcome to you; - so that we can keep in touch please complete the following tear it off and pop it into the box by the front door or hand it to Pastor Jason;

Full name: **Telephone:**

Address: Please turn over

Paying Attention To Habits:

There was a fire one night at a convent and several nuns who lived on the fourth floor were trapped. They were praying for divine providence to show them a way out of the fire when one of the sisters screamed, "We need to take off our robes, tie them together, and climb down to safety."

Later as they were recounting the event to reporters, they were asked if they were afraid that the crude rope might not hold up. "Oh, no," they said, "Old habits are hard to break."

Do you know the story of the touchstone? It tells of a fortunate man who was told that, if he should find the "touchstone," its magical powers could give him anything he wanted. It could be found, he was informed, among the pebbles of a certain beach. All he need do is pick up a stone - if it feels warm to the touch, unlike the other pebbles, he has found the magical touchstone.

The man went immediately to the beach and began picking up stones. When he grasped a pebble that felt cold, he threw it into the sea. This practice he continued hour after hour, day after day, week after week. Each pebble felt cold. Each pebble was immediately tossed into the sea.

But then, late one morning, he happened to take hold of a pebble that felt warm, unlike the other stones. The man, whose consciousness had barely registered the difference, tossed it into the sea. He hadn't meant to, but he had formed a habit, and habits can be hard to break.

Most of my habits are more like routines. I habitually arise about the same time every day - too early, it seems. I exercise. I fix oatmeal for breakfast. Most days I listen to the same kinds of music and even read the same kinds of literature. (I hope I don't repeat the same old stories.) My routines include those places I like to visit and the people I like to see. It's all fairly predictable. But what I call routine is more like a series of habits, some of which work well for me and some I should perhaps look at a bit more closely. In fact, any behaviour that I repeat, I reinforce. If I repeat it often enough, it becomes habit. Soon I don't even think about it - old habits are hard to break. Even good ones.

A Spanish proverb says: "Habits are first cobwebs, then cables." The metaphor works well for "bad" habits. They first entice, and then ensnare us like a cobweb. And if we continue in the behaviour, the web grows stronger and can be as difficult to break as a steel cable.

But some habits can work in our favour. Such as patterns in the way we live our lives. Or positive attitudes and healthy ways of thinking. Our habitual attitudes and behaviours can either help us or hinder us. The truth is this: we form our habits, then our habits form us. So we ought to pay attention to the habits we're forming.

Is there a behaviour or attitude you would like to make into a habit? Then reinforce it by repeating it at every opportunity. Is there a something you wish to change? Then substitute a different attitude or behaviour and repeat the new one every chance you get.

When it comes to habits, practice may not make perfect. But practice will certainly make permanent. Your habits will form you. So form the habits you want and let them mould you into the person you want to be.

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Welcome continued: e-mail address:

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| I would like to be contacted as I need someone to talk to | (please tick) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like to be contacted to learn more about Bont Elim | (please tick) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like to be contacted about opportunities for ministry | (please tick) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Prayer Warriors - *because prayer matters!!:*

A fellowship who pray together, stay together. **Please pray:-**

that God will reveal His direction and will for the future, opening all our eyes to what He wants us to do and how He wants us to do it.

that God will show us how we all fit into His plans for the Bont, and what we can do for Him.

that God will show us what we must do to get from where we are, to what He has for us to do and also, provide the grace, mercy, empowering and His Presence to get there.

that God will show us favour in the sight of our brothers and sisters.

that God will show my brothers and my sisters favour in my sight.

that God will bind us together with chords that cannot be broken, not in earthly compromise but in unity ordained in heavenly places.

that God will keep us focused on loving each other and prepare us to love those who He sends.

that God will prepare us to be a soul saving station.

that God will protect us from the wiles and the scheming of the evil one.

that God will keep us continually open to His promptings, plans, direction and changes.

that God will have His way in every part of our lives.

that God will be glorified; in my life, in my family, in my fellowship, in our community, in our movement, in our nation, in our work places, in our wider world scene.

that God will wash us afresh from our failings and shortcomings.

that God will protect and guide us from falling back into failings, issues and former bad habits.

that God will teach us His ways in all things.

that God will show us how to show others how to follow Him.

that God will help us to be good ambassadors, for good and for God, for our fellowship and our community.

that God will give us a desire to continually uphold those around us in prayer.

It all starts with a relationship with Him, a heart full of love for Him, and a desire to serve Him

Throughout this week please uphold in prayer these specific things...

- † We can thank God for the faithful witness of the five people who were baptised recently, please pray that for those who were visiting they will have experienced something that will have an influence for good and for God in their lives.
- † Please pray for our new coffee morning, that the Lord will use this ministry to bring people in to find out more about Him.
- † Please pray for all the leaflets that have been delivered; that they will encourage people to come in and hear the Gospel.
- † Please pray for those people who are struggling with addiction, that the Lord will break the chains that hold them and set them free.
- † Please pray for the Tugwell family who are going through very difficult times at present.
- † We continue to be challenged by the limitations of our current church building, please pray that we will be able to find a suitable building at the top of the Bont where our ministry can flourish.
- † Please continue to pray for Jason's work situation at this time.
- † Please keep praying for Gemma, that the Lord will work a miracle in her situation.
- † Please pray for Thelma at this time, that the Lord will surround her with His love.
- † Please continue to pray for Norman and Beth (Carmel).

Finally – let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!

Men of the Old Testament

Wordsearch - find the hidden words

P X E Z U D W E S W Y C B K H R B
 Z L D S X A Q F K A A A I P G Z X
 N O O C S B P Z S A M U E L I M T
 Y E A P C E Y K S G A S K F E H V
 Q I B K B L J I I B O O O Z I A H
 N P A U I I U F R J X L A N U J G
 Z O R G C S Q A O T C O I H Q I O
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 JEREMIAH
 JESSE
 JOB
 JONAH

JONATHAN
 JOSEPH
 JOSHUA
 MORDECAI
 MOSES
 NAAMAN
 NEBUCHADNEZZAR
 NOAH
 SAMSON
 SAMUEL
 SAUL
 SOLOMON

What's on This Week:

Monday	9.30 am	'The Coffee Pot'	7.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship
Tuesday			7.00 pm	Prayer meeting
Weds			6.50 pm	'The Zone' Kids Club
Thursday	9.00 am	'Little Treasures'	6.45 pm	'Lifers' Youth Group
Friday		Mums 'n' Tots	6.00 pm	'One Step at a Time'
Sunday	10.30 am 2.30 pm	Communion service 'Kingdom Kids'	4.00 pm 6.00 pm	Traditional Gospel service Contemporary Gospel service

Tailend: A ton of regret never made an ounce of difference.