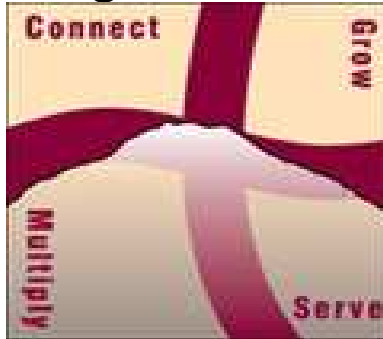

Elim Evangelical Free Church



Building disciples who finish the race by connecting, growing, serving and multiplying.

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Monies received to date for capital improvements:

\$12,725

Thank you for your generosity!





Why We Need Earthquakes

Without them, the planet couldn't support creatures like us.
Dinesh D'Souza

"...While natural disasters occasionally wreak havoc, our planet needs plate tectonics to produce the biodiversity that enables complex life to flourish on earth. Without plate tectonics, earth's land would be submerged to a depth of several thousand feet. Fish might survive in such an environment, but not humans..." [Read More](#)

Brian and Sarah Bennetch, our EFCA missionaries to Rome, Italy, have recently been **called to go to Haiti** for at least the next month to assist the EFCA with the work being done there in the aftermath of the earthquake. Brian and Sarah speak French (one of the languages used in Haiti) fluently, having served in French-speaking Europe for years prior to relocating to Rome. Please pray for their safety and their effectiveness both as a couple and as they work to help build a framework for future teams from the EFCA. Also keep in prayer the leadership of EFCA TouchGlobal as they start working to put together these teams to go to Haiti for short term (6-12 month) missions work in compassion ministries and evangelism.

"In the World"
John 17: 14-15
Cultural Interest

Important information on National Abortion Rights Action League ([NARAL](#)) attack on Carenet facilities!

On Wednesday, January 27, The Senate Committee on Health and Long Term Care held a hearing to review the merits of potential legislation that would serve to target pregnancy support organizations with excessive regulations that would not apply if they provided abortions or abortion referrals. These bills, if they make it through this hearing and into the legislative process and into law, will invoke regulations that could restrict operations and in some cases eliminate the ability of pregnancy support organizations availability to women who walk into their doors for help. SB 6452/HB 2837 - Concerning Limited Service Pregnancy Centers

Events @ Elim

Please don't leave valuables in your car during weekly events, or weekend services. On several occasions there has been theft, or attempted theft of vehicles in our parking lot.



Missions Update: The Dycks, in Venezuela, write that there is increasing civil unrest near their home with gun shots, burning tires and tear gas being used on the crowds. Please pray for their safety and that this crisis could be used by God to reach the lost.



"Touch of Love"

"Touch of Love" and involves putting together necessities kits for the orphans in Congo. Come on Sunday for an exciting introduction to this project!

M & M (More Mature 50+) Mexican Dinner

When: Sunday, Feb. 14

What time: After the second service, between 12:30 and 1:00 PM

Where: Puerto Vallarta Restaurant in downtown Puyallup

Directions: On 15th Street between Main and Pioneer Avenues

What: A delicious dinner with a short program afterwards

Please mark your calendar, and write a note for your refrigerator. Also an RSVP to Harold or Helen E would be of help, so we can give them an estimated number.

Annual meeting

Members: Make this Sunday's Business Meeting a Priority!

It is very important enough members are present for a quorum.

Voting will take place for:

Financial Secretary: San San Wibowo, Treasurer: Teri Parsons
New Elders: Dan Amos, Nate Champneys, Chris Pace
And up for Re Election: Elders Larry Short and Steve Kearns



Truth Project

We are looking into starting a group at Elim to do the Truth Project. The class will start **Sunday February 7, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.** The class will go for approx. 12 weeks. Ralph H and Stan P will be leading.



Challenge Fundraiser

Common Ground will be selling Sub sandwiches on February 7, Superbowl Sunday. This is a fundraiser for Challenge 2010. See Susan B, Frances A or [email Becky](#) for an order form. See the order form for additional information including cost.



Challenge Fundraiser-We Need Your Help!

We are having an Auction, April 17th and need your items. We are looking for many, many items and services to auction off. We need big things, small things and everything in between. All proceeds are going towards Challenge 2010. Please contact Frances A.

Men's Escape!

Men's Escape

April 23-25

Natapoc Lodges

Cost: \$99

"The Making of a Man"

Mark Rayburn is our guest speaker

Sign-up in the foyer.

Enjoy goodies and fellowship every Sunday morning!

Enjoy coffee and refreshments while getting to know one another between Sunday services! Sign-up in the fellowship room to provide refreshments or see Letha Grapenthin, 253-677-6796, igrapenthin@comcast.net.



Women's Bible Study: Beginning on January 5th

A.M. Study meets weekly from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at Elim

P.M. Study meets biweekly from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the Schlomer's (Next P.M. study: February 2nd)

Both morning and evening studies are studying the book of Hebrews.

Childcare is available for the morning study.

For more information: Helen E, Wendy H, Kim S.

If you haven't joined a study yet, now would be a great time!

Cannon Beach Conference Center Women's Conference

With Jennie Dimkoff, President of Storyline Ministries

Flyers for this conference are available in the foyer.

Dates: May 21st-23rd

Contact: Julie D

\$100 deposit due Sunday, February 21st.



Please be praying for our soldiers who are overseas:

Ken H

Jerry T



Rent-A-Student

Several of the junior and senior high school students will be participating in the **Challenge 2010 Trip** with Brian Sharpe next summer. In order to help them raise the finances to go, we are once again offering "Rent-A-Student". This program enables you to hire students to work with you or for you on projects with which you need help.

Round Table Pizza Cards for sale!

Round Table Pizza cards are available as a fundraiser to send the youth to Challenge 2010. Each card is only \$5!
Contact Frances A.

THE # LAST WORD



ELDERS: What in the world do they do?

Martin Schlomer

Last week, a person asked me, “While we were discussing your sermon in our Community Group, the question was asked, ‘What do elders do?’” This is a huge question! It is complicated by the fact that most of the time when the Bible references elders, it speaks about their need to be men of character and it says very little about their job description. When the does Bible speak about what they do, it mentions three things.

[Read More](#)