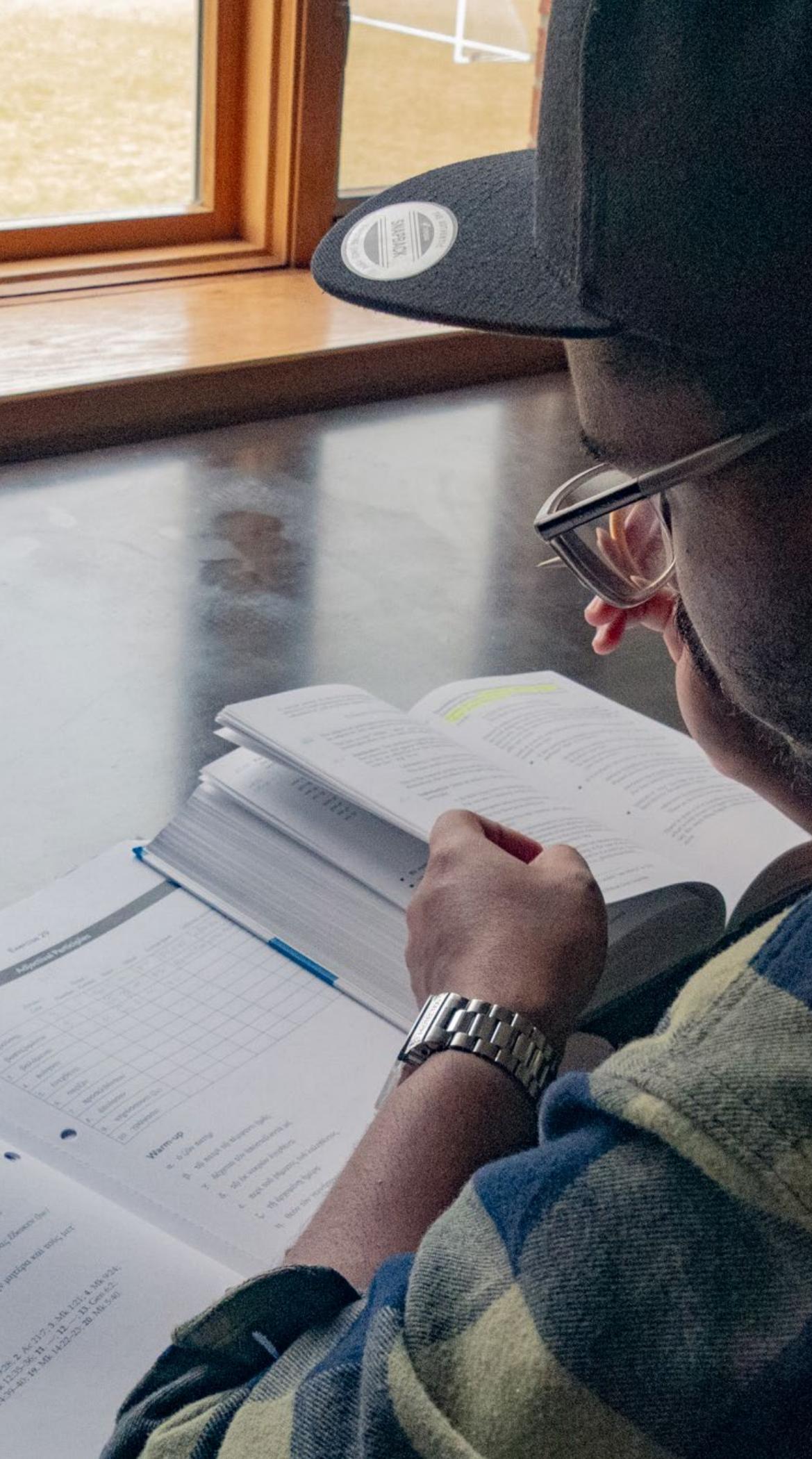


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## April

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### Registration for Fall Classes

Interested in taking a spring course? Contact our admissions department to learn more: (585) 582-8260 and [admissions@elim.edu](mailto:admissions@elim.edu).

## May

**16-17**

### Commencement Weekend

Please join us in celebrating our graduates and all of the hard work they have done to get to this point! We are so proud of each of them, and we cannot wait to see where the Lord will take them at Elim! **Baccalaureate, Friday at 7 p.m., Elim Life Church; Graduation, Saturday at 2 p.m., Elim Life Church**

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### Alumni Luncheon

We invite all alumni to join us at to celebrate our alumni and recognize Joe Nettleton as the Alumni of the Year. Purchase your tickets today [here](#). **12 p.m., the EBC Dining Hall**

## June

**May 19 - June 7**

### NYSUM Internship

Please join us in praying for our Freshmen students who will be spending three weeks serving the Lord in New York City at NYSUM.

**27-29**

### Class of 2000 Reunion

Are you an alumnus from the Class of 2000? Please reach out to Catie (Shoemaker) Arnau at [catiearnau@gmail.com](mailto:catiearnau@gmail.com) for more information regarding the 25th anniversary reunion!

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### Summer Classes Begin

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## August

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### Summer Classes End

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### Fall Classes Begin

We are so excited to welcome our students on campus for a new school year! Please join us in praying for our student body, faculty, and staff as they embark on a fresh semester. Interested in taking a fall class? Contact our admissions department to learn more: (585) 582-8260 and [admissions@elim.edu](mailto:admissions@elim.edu).

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### First President's Chapel

We invite you to join us for our President's Chapels throughout the school year! Join us in person or via livestream on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). **11 a.m., the Tabernacle**

# Letter from the President



Dear Elim Family,

Greetings in Jesus!

The older I get, the more time seems to fly by at what appears to be light speed! It feels like “just yesterday” that Debbie and I moved from Maryland to Lima, NY...that was May 29th of 2020 when the world was on *fire* with COVID and monumental unrest in our nation! Well, here we are now, almost one year after our 100th Anniversary and the 2024/2025 graduation commencements are just right around the corner.

Our beloved school now has a new (and permanent) name: ***Elim Bible College***. Our new name culminates everything we’ve been through in our 100 years of existence. A spiritual *Oasis* equipped with the Word of God and facilitated in a *Chrisitan higher educational environment*. One of our new EBC logos is in this edition of The Elim Herald.

A HUGE Jesus shout-out! In January, the Lord was *abundantly gracious* and *loving* to provide funds for Elim Bible College to pay off its \$1.4 million mortgage!! This is such a major blessing... Thank you, Lord!!

Also, please read one of our featured articles regarding the powerful time our entire campus experienced with God as Evangelist *Sean Feucht* brought a highly anointed word and a challenge to be **BOLD** in evangelism by sharing the Gospel with Holy Spirit power to this challenging lost culture. A cry and passionate longing for a **5th Great Awakening** to be poured out, not only over our nation, but over all nations!!

I hope you enjoy this Spring edition of The Elim Herald. Please continue to pray for EBC as “*We run through a troop and leap over a wall*” (Psalm 18:29) in sending students into the harvest to win souls for the King and His Kingdon in these Last Days.

Because of Him,

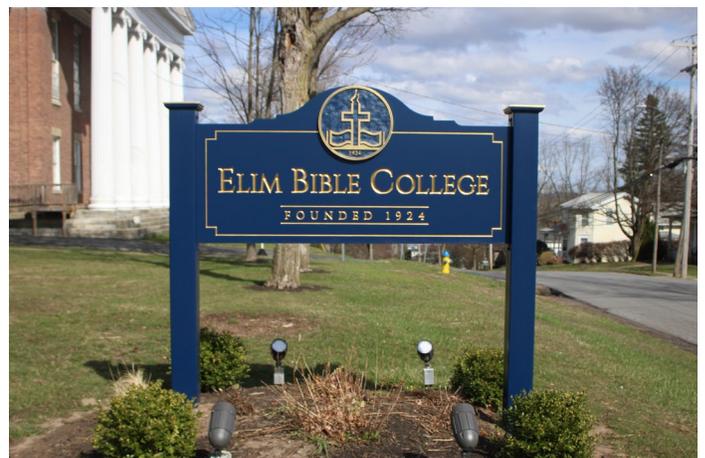
Fred Antonelli, Ph.D., LPC  
*President*

# ELIM

## BIBLE COLLEGE

Hello to all of our Elim family! As I am sure you have already noticed, we have gone through a bit of a name change recently. We are truly delighted to let you all know that we have officially become “Elim Bible College.” We are excited to embrace a name that is clear, concise, and much easier to remember. When we became accredited in the 2010’s, we knew we would have to add “college” to our name, but it was very hard to let go of our roots in “Elim Bible Institute” or “EBI.” Because of this, we took on the title, “Elim Bible Institute and College” or “EBIC.” Obviously, this is quite the mouthful and very difficult to work with.

As of this past February, we are incredibly excited to take on the much easier to remember name, “Elim Bible College” or “EBC.” God has been so faithful to us as we worked through the process of officially changing our title, but we can finally say that not only do we have a brand new sign in front of our campus proudly expressing our new title to all who drive



by, but we are also legally recognized as Elim Bible College.

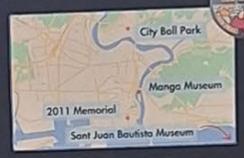
We have gone through many changes throughout our 100 years, whether it be our location, name, degree offerings, accreditation, staffing, faculty, et cetera, but we are so blessed to remain steadfast upon our solid foundation in Christ. No matter what our name may be, our call rests in the Great Commission as we work “to prepare Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered servant leaders for global ministry and worldwide revival.” Ivan Q. Spencer followed the Lord’s call 100 years ago to create a school to raise up the next generation of ministers, and we are beyond honored to carry on that legacy to this day. Whether we are known as Elim Bible Institute, Elim Bible Institute and College, or Elim Bible College, we will not waver from our commitment to Christ and the Great Commission.

*Written by Leah Waters, Marketing Director at Elim Bible College.*



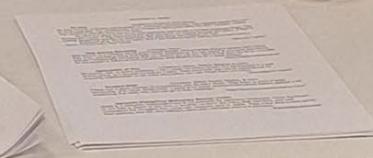
There have been over 300 flavors of Ki Kato produced in Japan.

# Japan



There are many festivals held throughout Japan each year. They often mark the start of a season, are centered around a legend, or coincide with a holiday.

Population Estimate: 122,700,000  
Main Religious Beliefs: Shintoism, Buddhism, Atheism  
Apx. Percentage Christian: 1.5%  
Status: Unreached



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A special shout out to all of the missionaries who shared about their ministries with our students during October's Missions Emphasis Week!

## Missions Emphasis Week

The theme of Missions Ephasis Week this past Fall semester was “*to the ends of the earth*” based on Acts 1:8.

Brother Harry Vellekoop kicked off our opening session with a message on bringing **closure** to the Great Commission. He traced the Great Commission back to Genesis 12:3, with God’s promise to Abraham that “all the families of the earth will be blessed through you.” He demonstrated with a vivid object lesson the great need for missions to focus on completing the Great Commission by focusing on bringing the Gospel to the three billion unreached people groups who have yet to hear and respond to the Gospel!

Brother Tom Brazell continued in the second session, speaking on our **response** - “Here I am” - here I am to worship (Romans 12:1); here I am to listen (1 Samuel 3:1-10); and finally, here I am to go (Isaiah 6:1-8)! Brother Clem Ferris continued on Thursday morning speaking on the theme, “**Acquiring Spiritual Sight**”, drawing from the account of Jesus healing a blind man in Mark 8. He challenged us to seek to set our spiritual vision beyond where we are! Finally, Clem closed with a session on the topic,



“**Nations Prophetic Perspective**”, through the lens of a proper understanding of the sovereignty of God (Isaiah 6:1).

Other highlights from Missions Emphasis Week include hearing from our international students representing the world - from Ghana, Kenya, Congo, Liberia, Mexico, Sri Lanka, Singapore, and Poland. Prayer is also always an important element. This year, we dedicated time during one of the sessions rotating around to different stations set up in the Tabernacle representing various regions of the world. Finally, students also had the opportunity to visit with some amazing missionaries from various fields as well as missions’ organizations. And of course, we cannot forget the international food that our Dining Hall staff prepared for our students!

May the flame of global missions continue to burn bright and strong at Elim. In the words of Elim’s founder, I.Q. Spencer, in *Willow in the Wind*, “The visitation of the Holy Spirit **must carry a world vision**, or it shall stagnate like other movements” (cited in Meloon, p. 165).

*Written by Matthew Slisher, Ministry Director and Faculty at Elim Bible College.*

# A Roller Coaster Ride through Suffering, Loss, and Grief

### *A Sweet Relationship Began*

I entered Elim Bible Institute (EBI) in 1974 as a very shy and lonely freshman. I had been raised by my father, along with four other siblings. My biological mother was never around in my life. Fortunately, through a neighbor who believed all the kids in the neighborhood should go to Sunday school, I learned about Jesus and gave my heart to Him at age 15.

When I entered Elim in 1974, Ruth Rodriguez (“Mom”) became my advisor. She was one of the kindest individuals I had ever met, and the hurting little girl inside me was drawn to her. Over the next three years at Elim, we got to know each other and a precious relationship grew. That relationship eventually turned into a mother-daughter relationship that lasted many years. She could not have been a better mom if she had given birth to me. She was a gift from our Heavenly Father, and I am who I am today because of her life and unconditional love.



### *Roller Coaster Ride*

I never could understand anyone’s fascination with roller coasters! You wait in line for what seems to be hours. Once seated, a bar will come down over you, and you realize there is no turning back. The ascent begins slowly as you anticipate—either with excitement or fear—that first drop. The first incline is not the only one you will experience. There are more inclines with just as many dips—along with some curves thrown in to make it more “interesting.” Depending on the type of roller coaster, some of these curves take you upside down, making you wonder if you will remain in the seat or fall to your demise on the ground hundreds of feet below. Although the ride may last no more than 90 seconds, it seems like forever. When it stops, you are left breathless.

I recall only one time when Mom rode a real roller coaster. It was at the insistence of her niece and nephew, who wanted their Aunt Ruth to enjoy something they enjoyed. Mom found herself seated next to her younger brother, a bar coming down over her whole body, and wondering, “What in the world am I doing?” All she could do as the ride began was to scream, “Help me! Help me!” Later, her brother winsomely asked who she expected to come help!

In April 2003, I found myself waiting in line for another type of roller coaster ride that I really didn't want to experience. But once I got in the seat, there was no turning back. My hope was that there was an end in sight, and all would be well.

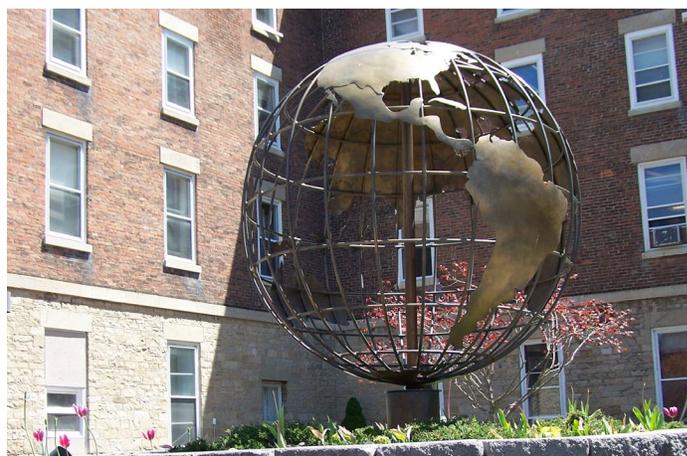
This last ride I took with Mom was similar to that first roller coaster ride. We rode it together, not for 90 seconds, but for five months. During those five months, there were many ups and downs and curves that left us hanging on to each other for support. One day we would be told something that gave us hope. The next day I would find myself asking the question, "What are we doing here?" as I wondered if we would survive this ride to the end.

Mom's first symptoms had been aches and pains, feeling tired, and back pain that got increasingly worse. Tests showed that she had pancreatic cancer—a cancer that is not easily diagnosed until it is too late to be treated and cured. Not wanting her to be alone at night, I slept on her couch for over four months, caring for her. I worked during the day but came back at night. In the last seven weeks of her life, a nurse came in the morning, and staff at Elim volunteered to stay with her during the afternoon.

Throughout the five months that Mom suffered, she never wavered in her trust in the One who was the Master Controller for this ride. She remained steady, trusting in the One who was in charge—the One to whom she had given her life completely. The night she passed, I found it hard to let her go. I was the one hanging on to her for dear life, wishing the ride would stop and we both could walk away into the sunset. But this I knew: God is Sovereign, and He has established the length of our days—and I trusted Him. When Mom's ride stopped on September 26, 2003, at approximately 3:15 a.m., she walked away into the arms of Jesus. I had to get off the ride by myself and walk into what I thought was total darkness.

### ***After Total Darkness***

Mom taught me much of God's grace during her illness. I am grateful I got to accompany her through her last roller coaster ride to the end. But, in my mind, a roller coaster is still running. There are ups and downs and curves thrown in for me to respond to. I no longer have Mom to hang on to, so I'm learning to put my trust totally in the Master Controller. Other



people are on the ride with me, surrounding me with love and doing what they can to help me get through this process of grief. I am mourning, but not as those who have no hope, for the Lord is my comfort.

Will there be another roller coaster ride for me? I don't know the answer to that question, but I want to be ready should the Lord ask that of me. I believe that how I respond to this loss in my life will determine how I weather the next ride. As I have tasted the bitterness of sorrow, I desire to have the sweetness of the Lord in my spirit. Mom's life exuded the sweetness of the Lord. My desire is that I can follow the example she gave me and live my life for Christ as she lived her life.

In my worship, I surrender my life to God. I give Him my fears concerning my future and depend completely on Him. I wait for His comfort. In Him, I rest.

*Ruth Rodriguez imparted her love for Christ and the world to her students during the 36 years she served at EBI. Many of those students are in distant countries today using what she taught them to reach the nations. The words "The World Was in Her Heart" are inscribed on a bronze plaque at the base of the Memorial Globe dedicated to her honor at the 2004 Missions Conference on the campus of Elim. The Globe is a challenge to the students at Elim to worship the God that Ruth loved and served—and to share His love with the world.*

*Written by Mary Novinger, Human Resources Manager, Payroll Supervisor, and Housekeeping Coordinator at Elim Bible College.*



Worship. Prayer. Spiritual ministry. Sound Biblical teaching. Humble service. These things are not just what we do at Elim, they make up *who we are*. These are aspects of the “Elim DNA” that many have talked about, and are what make Elim today fundamentally the same entity as when it was first founded.

In my four years as a student, I learned (sometimes the hard way), that Elim is about - or really, what God is about here at Elim. Working as a Recruiter here for the past two years, I saw a need for deeper connection, and real ministry. Potential students, especially young people, may not care about the specifics of a program or the intricacies of financial aid, but they will jump at the chance to encounter Jesus. As important as recruiting is, Elim has always had the most success connecting with people through ministry and God experiences.

One way this happened, led by the great Dick Grout, was a ministry team humbly called Servant. For



years, Servant was a key connection point with churches, remembered and loved by many as a representation of the life of Elim. Well, as Brother Dick recently said to me, “It’s time.” My wife, Bridget, and I have been working with Dr. A, and I am honored to reintroduce **Servant**, coming back this fall!

Our ultimate purpose is to grow the Kingdom of God. Elim pursues this purpose by training servant leaders for ministry. As part of Elim, Servant’s outward-facing role is to bring more people to Elim to be trained and transformed. How? By ministering at churches, bringing the life and power of Elim out of them - to you! Within the school, Servant’s inward-facing role is to play a part in developing the students we have. Put the right students in position to do ministry, and they will grow with ample opportunity to learn by doing, from simple service to leading worship.

As we put things together and look forward to this season, I’m inspired by the words of 1 Peter 4:10: “*Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God.*” Let’s use our gifts here at Elim to get out and spread the joy of Jesus! I humbly ask for your covering in prayer, and stay tuned for what is to come this fall! You will be able to follow along on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#), and feel free to email me at [ianlaird@elim.edu](mailto:ianlaird@elim.edu) to get connected!

*Written by Ian Laird, Servant Ministry Coordinator at Elim Bible College.*

## Week of Prayer

I came into prayer week ready for God to move. You see, all during break I had been trying to figure out what my devotional time should look like. After trying several Bible plans and other ideas that did not really work for me, I was excited about prayer week. I was ready for the speaker to share their wisdom, guiding us in our time with God and being able to take that with us after prayer week.

And the speakers delivered. One thing that really stuck with me was when Jodi Seidler shared that sometimes all God wants is for us to simply sit in his presence. She had us all lie on the ground, just sitting with God; not talking to Him, not reading the Bible, but just enjoying His presence. Alex Rivera shared a similar message, saying that we do not need to fill our time with God actively doing something; instead, we need to learn to be content with simply sitting and listening. We need to let God have a say in our quiet time.



Recently, I have been feeling that God has been speaking to me about the importance of being intentional. We need to be intentional in our time with Him. We are not just trying to get through the Bible, but rather to get to know Him. We must give God the chance to reveal more of Himself to us. Regular meetings with God outside of the busyness of our day, are so important. We need to find a time where we can set aside everything else so that we can truly focus on God. A relationship cannot grow well if you rely solely on chance meetings; you need to be intentional to make time for the other person.

I have now changed my morning routine to allow more time with God and let Him do what He wants to do with the time. I still get caught up with getting through sections of reading at times, but I am working on listening more to what God wants to do with the time.

*Written by Katrina Bennet, a current sophomore at Elim Bible College.*

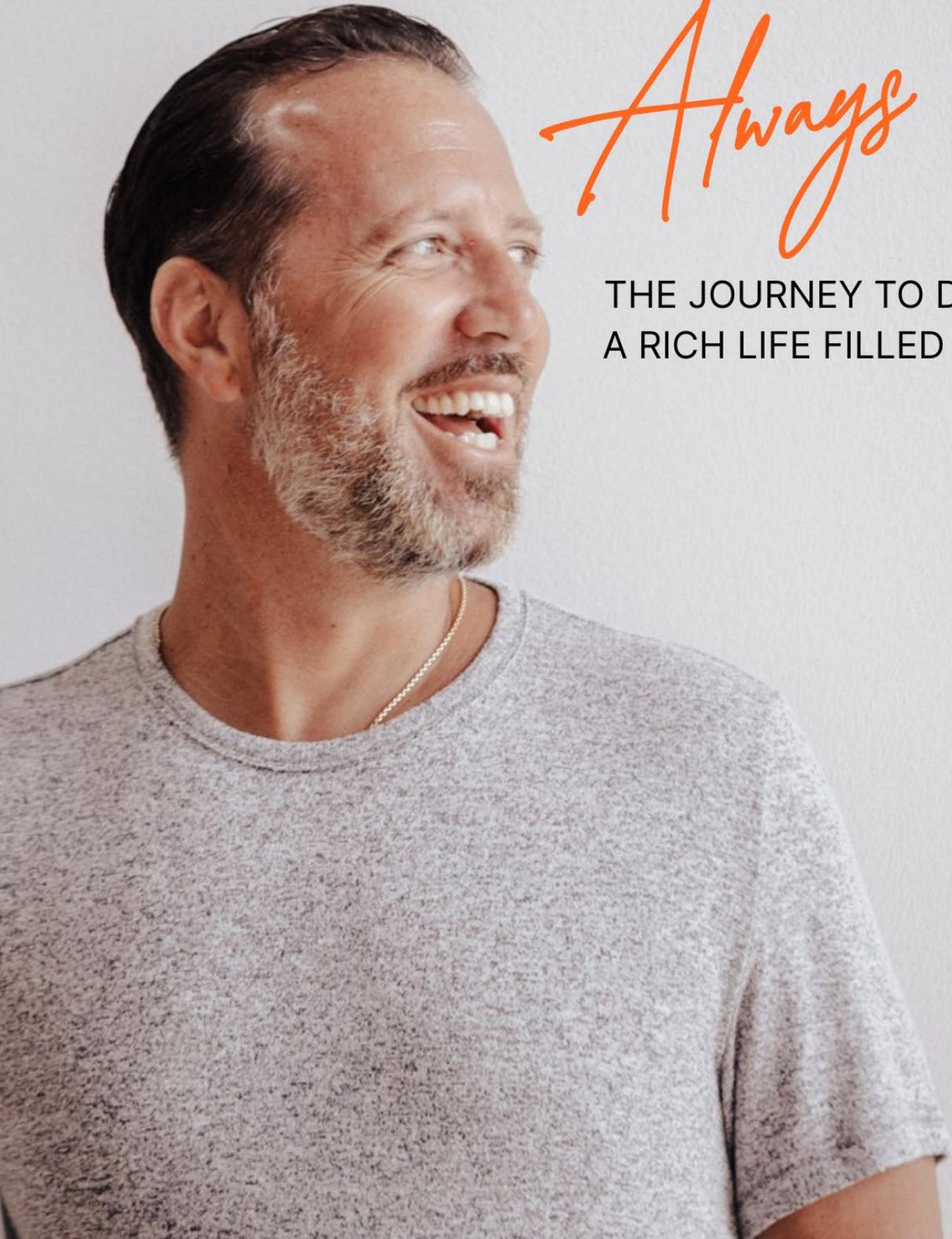
## Volleyball Intramurals

In our 24-25 year, we have had an exciting yet competitive volleyball season. Teams competed with passion, demonstrating both skill and sportsmanship, while fans cheered them on in an atmosphere of faith and fellowship. The tournament wasn't just about competition, it was an opportunity for students to glorify God through teamwork, perseverance, and encouragement. With thrilling rallies and people on the edge of their seats, the event showcased the unity and dedication that define the heart of Christian athletics.

Here at Elim Bible College, we believe that a healthy competition is such a great way to bring the community together. Even for those who are not playing in the tournament, they still come out encouraging the teams to play at their best! After a long week of classes, work and other responsibilities, who wouldn't want to be part of a friendly competition?!

*Written by Robert Jones, Marketing Assistant at Elim Bible College.*



A man with a beard and mustache, wearing a grey t-shirt and a gold chain, is smiling and looking towards the right. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

*God's Love  
Always Wins*

THE JOURNEY TO DISCOVERING  
A RICH LIFE FILLED WITH CHRIST

# Cover Story

“Sammy, you will find out how awesome I am, and you will fear me, and when you fear me, you will obey me, and when you obey me, you will fall in love with me.”

Sitting in the middle of a rehab in Washington D.C., due to a heroin addiction, these were the words that rang so clear in my head as I struggled with the decision to leave or stay in rehab.

At first, these words seemed strange and intimidating. Fear and obedience were not concepts I had associated with love. Life had taught me to run from fear and reject authority. But sitting alone and stripped of the distractions and defenses that had long defined my life, I pondered the deeper meaning of those words.

By the grace of God, I decided to heed His voice and stay in rehab for an additional 13 months. It was in those months that I discovered the “awesomeness” of God. It wasn’t about mountain top experiences or grand miracles, though those could be part of it. It was about recognizing the steady, unchanging presence of a God who had never abandoned me, even in my darkest moments. Through all of the pain, mistakes, and brokenness, God had been there, patiently waiting for me to see His hand at work. I began to see God as the ultimate authority, one whose power and justice were balanced by infinite grace and mercy. This fear wasn’t paralyzing; it was freeing. Obedience didn’t come naturally at first, but



as the days went by, obeying God became less about following rules and more about aligning my life with the One who truly knew what was best for me.

And then came love.

It was gradual and soft, but a love that I have never experienced before. I no longer saw God as a distant, demanding figure but as a loving Father who desired a relationship with me. It was this relationship that would open the doors for me to attend ELIM, become a Pastor, and use my story to reach the lost and make disciples.

We may not all sit in a rehab center debating surrender, but we all face moments when we must decide whether to trust God fully. His invitation remains the same to you as it was to me: discover His greatness, stand in awe of Him, walk in obedience, and ultimately fall in love with Him.

For those struggling to take that first step. Remember God meets us right where we are, even in the most unlikely places. He speaks words that challenge us, but they are always rooted in love and when we respond to His call, we find a life richer and more beautiful than we ever imagined. I found that out and so can you.

*Written by Rev. Sammy Foster, Pastor of Lighthouse Church in Glen Burnie, Maryland and Board of Trustees Member at Elim Bible College.*

## Podcast Updates

Elim Bible College has two podcasts which are available for everyone to watch! The first one is [Zero In](#) which is hosted by Dr. Fred Antonelli and sometimes by another Elim staff member, Ian Laird. This podcast revolves more on the topics of goals of Elim and where it is heading in the near future. They bring on many different guests as they speak about the purpose that Elim has to offer to everyone!

The second podcast is called [Beyond the Books](#)! It is a “student-based” podcast hosted by Colin Edlin and

Robert Jones and they also bring on fellow students on campus to unravel the many memories that Elim can create as a student. They cover topics such as worship opportunities, testimonies, and so much more! The goal of this podcast is to reach and branch out to potential students who might be interested in attending Elim!

*Written by Robert Jones, Marketing Assistant at Elim Bible College.*





**Students, faculty, staff, and visitors were all blessed by the time of ministry led by evangelist, Sean Feucht during his visit on Tuesday, March 18th.**

## Welcoming Sean Feucht

On Tuesday, March 18th, Elim Bible College was thrilled to welcome national evangelist, Sean Feucht. The 2024 to 2025 school year has been marked by the theme of Evangelism based on the Great Commission Jesus gives in the book of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (28:19-20) Considering this as our theme for the year, it was an honor to host a globally recognized evangelist to share with our Elim family.

Sean truly blessed the community with two different sessions packed with a powerful and timely word. During the 11 a.m. chapel and the 7 p.m. special service, he kept reiterating the desperate need for this generation to go out into the world with BOLDNESS. It is imperative that we approach sharing the Gospel with the nations with the strength and courage that is given to us through Christ. His impartation was truly empowering and inspiring, and it was evident that his



exhortation emboldened students, staff, faculty, and visitors alike.

Sean also hopped on our “[Zero In](#)” podcast with Dr. Antonelli and two of our board members, Rev. Sammy Foster and Rev. Joshua Finley. I would encourage you to listen to their deep discussion that dives into how pastors and churches should handle the hot-topics that are so prevalent in today’s society. The episode is fascinating, and will incite every listener to take a step back and consider each topic through Biblical research and prayer.

During his short visit to our campus, Sean Feucht led us into the presence of the Lord and repeatedly preached the Bible. He encouraged our Elim family to step out in boldness, and reminded the community to never stray from the truth of the Word. We are so grateful that he visited, and we hope all who attended the sessions and listen to the podcast are blessed.

*Written by Leah Waters, Marketing Director and Faculty at Elim Bible College.*



## Student Ministries

Student Ministries remain a vital part of students' preparation for a life of ministry - no matter their calling! We continue to have strong partnerships with area churches and ministries where students serve together in teams on a weekly basis each semester. Our Student Ministry teams serve in the areas of youth ministry, worship, refugee ministry, after-school children's outreach, children's ministry, compassion ministry, as well as evangelism!

We strive to provide students with a variety of experiences participating in various types of ministries throughout their training at Elim. The relationship and networking opportunities that are formed are so valuable. In fact, it is not uncommon for students to *plead* to not be reassigned to a different ministry, simply because they build such strong bonds with the ministry site leaders and the people where they are serving. In addition to this, we also have students (commuters and distance learners) who are serving weekly in their home churches and continuing to grow and develop the gifts that God has given them.



Our students truly are our best ambassadors as they go out as representatives - first and foremost as servants of Christ, but also as shining examples of the mission that we continue to hold fast to - ***preparing SERVANT LEADERS!*** The overwhelming feedback we get from the site leaders is how impressed they are with our students, and how much of an impact that they have on their ministry!

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in having a conversation about becoming a Student Ministry partner as a host ministry, please reach out to the Ministry Department at [ministry@elim.edu](mailto:ministry@elim.edu). Alternatively, you can fill out this [Student Ministry Request form](#). While we cannot promise that we would be able to provide a team, we are always looking to engage in conversation and explore possible avenues for new partnerships! Please reach out!

*Written by Matthew Slisher, Ministry Director and Faculty at Elim Bible College.*

## Prophetic Presbytery

The Prophetic Presbytery Service at Elim Bible College was a powerful evening of divine encounter, as students and faculty gathered in an atmosphere of prayer, worship, and prophetic ministry. Seasoned prophetic leaders spoke words of encouragement, direction, and affirmation over individuals, confirming God's call and purpose in their lives. The presence of the Holy Spirit was tangible as hearts were stirred, faith was strengthened, and destinies were ignited. More than just a service, it was a sacred moment of revelation and empowerment, reminding all in attendance that God is actively speaking and leading His people.

This year, we had the Class of 2025 receive a prophecy from Sister Sylvia, Phil McNeil and, EBC's President, Dr. Fred Antonelli. Through God, they gave powerful messages to our senior class and we hope that they cherish the moments forever. As these students move forward onto bigger life goals after graduation, we will continue to always lift them up in prayer and ask God to be with them at all times!

*Written by Robert Jones, Marketing Assistant at Elim Bible College.*



# Elim's 2025 Talent Show

Greetings Elim family and alumni! On March 1st, the Junior Class hosted Elim's annual Talent Show. This year, the Junior Student Council decided to go with a theme that resembled something very similar to the hit television show America's Got Talent. So, our final theme ended up being Elim's Got Talent!

In true AGT fashion, we thought it would be fun to set up a judge's table that resembled that of the show's. So, our Treasurer/Secretary, Doxson Deivendran, took on the role of judge Howie Mandel. Our Female Representative, Emily Campbell, took on the role of Heidi Klum. Our Vice President, Elena Renaldo, took on the role of Sofia Vergara. Then I, the Class President, Toby Price, took on the role of Simon Cowell. Finally, you can't have an AGT themed show and not have Terry Crews. So, our wonderful Male Representative, Jeffrey Hicks, played that role with excellence.



We ended up having about 9 acts total featuring different acting skits and musical acts. Some of these skits included a hilarious skit about a Grandma done from the perspective of an aspiring director, as well as a funny re-enactment of a Military skit done by Studio-C. Then, our musical acts included the well-known "Bunny Song" from VeggieTales and even a song written by our very own EBC President, Dr. Fred Antonelli titled, "You've Just Gotta Praise Him".

Overall, the Talent Show was a lot of fun and a hit with all who attended! We couldn't be more thankful for all the support from Elim's staff, students, and alumni. Additionally, I'd like to issue a heartfelt thank you (and a Golden Buzzer) to the Campus Life Director, Gabriel Cepeda, for all the help he extended to us in the final week leading up to the show. The Junior Class thanks you all for your constant prayer!

*Written by Toby Price, Junior Class President at Elim Bible College.*

# Video Gallery



# ZERO IN



*Sean Feucht*



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# BEYOND THE BOOKS



*Shaniah Bell*



# ZERO IN

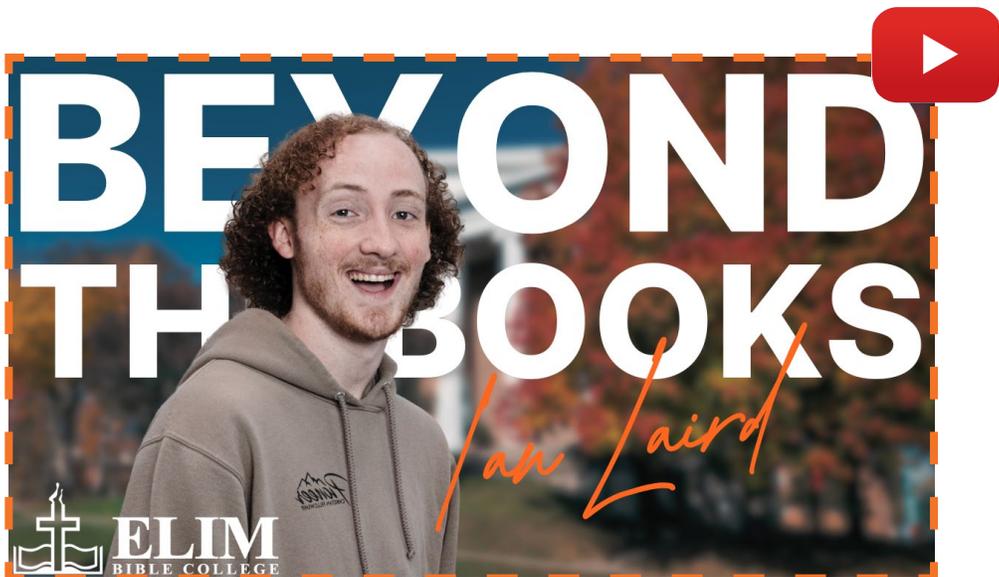


*Michael Guertin*





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## A Special Message to Our Alumni!

Greetings Alumni friends! I hope this letter finds you well. As always, God is moving in amazing ways here at Elim, and I am excited to share these incredible things with you!

First and foremost, I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all of our Alumni Leaders who faithfully support Elim every month. Your generosity enables us to invest in the next generation of students, equipping them for God's calling on their lives. If you've been considering contributing, this is a meaningful way to invest in their future. Alumni Leaders are offered some amazing benefits such as Amazon Prime discounts, free membership to EBC's gym, unlimited Google Drive storage and so much more! For more information, please [click here!](#)

To those who have been steadfast in your financial support — **Thank you!** Your commitment allows us to accomplish so much more than we ever could alone.



To our new and faithful Alumni Ambassadors, we would like to issue you a sincere thank you! If you haven't heard of our Alumni Ambassador program yet, it helps us connect with other alumni in each ambassador's respective area through events and keeping the Elim Family connected. As we move forward, our ambassadors will get to share their ideas and vision to help us continue reconnecting with our alumni community. If you are interested and would like to learn more, please [click here!](#)

In other news, we have some new and exciting milestones to bring to you! As part of our continued growth, recently, Elim has undergone a name change.

We are now **Elim Bible College!**

In addition to this significant change, we are proud to announce that we are no longer tied to a mortgage and it is officially paid off. Though our name has changed, our mission remains steadfast: to prepare Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered servant leaders for global ministry and worldwide revival.



I would like to invite you to join our President's Chapel services held every Tuesday at 11 a.m. EST and are live-streamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). Every week we host a new Pastor or speaker to speak into the lives of our Elim family. Some of our most recent speakers include former Elim President Jeff Clark, Pastor Penn Clark, Sylvia Evans, Jodi Seidler, and Rev. Micheal Guertin who used visual representations and storytelling to bring aspects of the Gospel to life!

During the first week of March, we had our annual Worship Emphasis Week! It was a wonderful time where the students got the opportunity to press into the Lord's presence and to hear from the hearts of a few guest speakers, including me! Our students are always blessed during this time by the ways in which they learn to worship God in greater depth not only through song, but through their lives as well. It was a powerful week that the students will hold dear to their hearts for years to come.

On March 18, revivalist Sean Feucht of the Let Us Worship movement visited the Elim campus to speak during the President's Chapel and a special evening service! The time of worship was nothing short of beautiful, as we collectively beheld the Lord in all His glory. Sean's powerful message encouraged the students and all in attendance to be BOLD in their faith and to step out and share that boldness with the world. It was a reminder to walk courageously in our beliefs and to let our lives reflect the truth and light of Christ. It was a blessed evening that left us inspired and motivated to live with boldness and purpose in our faith!

The Class of 2000 is celebrating their 25th-year reunion this summer! Join us on June 27th-28th, 2025 on the Elim campus as we reconnect and celebrate the memories we created together. This celebration is not only for our classmates but for anyone who shared their time with us here on campus. We would love for you to join us and be a part of this special milestone! Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact one of the event hosts – Catie (Shoemaker) Arnau, [catiearnau@gmail.com](mailto:catiearnau@gmail.com). We can't wait to see you there!

Before I go, a special thanks to Dr. A and his wife, Debbie, for their incredible leadership, and to our Executive Vice-President, Dr. Danuta Case, for her unwavering commitment to excellence and theological truth.

Elim's Scripture focus for the year comes from Mark 16:15, "He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.'" Please consider praying this over the student body and staff as you continue in your thoughts and support for them!

Thanks for being a vital part of the Elim family! Blessings!

*Written by Rev. Guy Gabriel, Pastoral Liaison and Alumni President at Elim Bible College.*



# Elim Bible College Alumni Gathering

~ May 3rd, 2025 ~

Dear Fellow Alumni,

We invite all Elim Bible College alumni to a special time of fellowship on **Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM** hosted at **Freedom Community Church, [166 South Main Street, Shrewsbury, PA 17361](#)**. This gathering will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with fellow alumni, share memories, and be encouraged in your faith.

After a time of open fellowship, the afternoon will feature **Rev. David Spencer**, who will share about IQ Spencer's vision for End Time revival, followed



by a powerful time of prayer led by **Rev. Vardon Gainor**. Light refreshments will be provided as we come together to reflect on God's work and seek His presence.

We hope you will join us for this uplifting time of fellowship and inspiration. Spread the word and mark your calendars! There is no charge, but please RSVP to Dan Toth so we can plan accordingly. For more information, don't hesitate to get in touch with **Dan** at [dtoth64@gmail.com](mailto:dtoth64@gmail.com). We look forward to a blessed time together with you!

## Become an Alumni Leader!

*Are you passionate about supporting EBC and would like to become more involved?*

Did you know that Alumni have an opportunity to become an [Alumni Leader](#) by committing to support EBC with \$20 a month or more?

How will that benefit you?

- As an Alumni Leader, you will get an email account with the [elim.edu](#) domain, giving you additional benefits, such as:
  - Unlimited Google Drive storage
  - Amazon Prime discounts
  - Many software discounts (i.e., Office 360, etc.)
  - And much, much more!



- You will also become an Elim Library patron, giving you free access to Elim databases. This will enable you to access thousands of digital books, journals, and articles.

If interested or if you would like more information, please connect with our Elim Alumni Association President, Rev. Guy Gabriel, at (585) 582-8249 or [alumni@elim.edu](mailto:alumni@elim.edu).

*Written by Dr. Danuta Case, Executive Vice-President and Provost of Elim Bible College.*

## ALL NEWS IS WRITTEN AS PROVIDED BY ALUMNI



### **Ben Dodzweit**

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 1967

*My wife and I are celebrating 55 years of marriage on March 27th! I first saw her in a small country church in Richford, NY. Sent there to speak by Elim, I was nervously waiting alone up front when I felt a bump on the church pew. I ignored it. A second bump came. Turning around, my eyes beheld the prettiest girl I had ever seen. Smiling at me was Saralee.*



### **Daniel Dreyer**

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 1987

*After graduating from Elim in 1987 and then doing a few more years of education, Dan and Lorane got married in 1990 and Dan began working as a teacher in Rochester until he retired in 2021, while Lorane oversaw a large homeschool co-op. A year after retiring and moving to northern Virginia where their four children live, they were asked by Hossein Ebrahimi, another former EBI student, to help start Ariana Ministries, an Afghan-led ministry focused on evangelism, discipleship, and church-planting in the Afghanistan region. We proclaim the gospel on six different social media platforms and two satellite stations to hundreds of thousands of Afghans. Our follow-up team responds daily to 160 people who have questions about that they're they're hearing, and they average sending 60 digital copies of the Bible or NT daily to seekers. Last year, 102 people came to faith. To stay informed, go to [arianaministries.org](http://arianaministries.org).*

### **Stephen Flewelling**

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 1974

*We recently moved from New York to Maine where our four grandchildren reside. Both Daphne (Holliday) Flewelling and I work part-time and construction on our new home begins this spring. The Lord led our family to a good church where we can grow and serve, and we are grateful.*

### **Kent Hollenbeck**

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 1976

*Married for 44 years. Local church worship leader. Men's Bible study exhorter. 6 grandkids.*



### **Kathleen McBride**

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 1983

*Moved from Arizona after so many years. Became widowed in 2020, and am now currently residing in Clearwater, Florida. Recovering from a broken ankle, tibia, fibia, and knee. Living in hospital rehab until I get well enough to return to my apartment.*

## **Kyle Morley**

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 2020

*Rebuilding and Growing: My Young Life Journey*

*Four years ago, I stepped into Young Life in Geneseo at a time of rebuilding. COVID had nearly wiped out the ministry, and we were starting over. But a few key students caught the vision, took ownership, and helped rebuild from the ground up.*

*Since then, we've seen incredible growth. Multiple students have come to know Jesus, and Young Life has expanded beyond Geneseo. Last year, we launched Young Life in Perry, followed by WyldLife for middle schoolers. Now, we're preparing to start Young Life in Wayland/Dansville this fall, with strong support from local churches.*

*What began as a small, uncertain restart has become a thriving movement of teenagers encountering Christ. Seeing students step into leadership, grow in their faith, and reach their friends has been incredible. God is moving in our local schools, and I'm excited to see where He leads next!*

## **PASSING**

### **Carol A. Ralston**

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 1975

Date of Passing: July 22, 2024

*Jack Rowe, the class of 1975, passed away at his home on July 22, 2024. Jack Rowe and Carol were married over 28 years. Jack and Carol worked at new Life Center Church in Okanogan, Washington. Jack worked in teaching in church and working with children's church. Jack and Carol had two children, Jennifer and Jeff.*

## **BIRTH/ADOPTION**

### **Kenneth McQuiller**

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 2011

Baby's/Adopted Child's Name: Jasper and Onyx

Date of Birth/Adoption: January 13, 2025

*We had identical twin boys back in January.*

# Alumni

Every year, more people are added to the Elim family as new students or staff. We want to help our alumni stay in touch with their Elim family and keep fulfilling the Elim mission as Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered servant leaders for global ministry and worldwide revival.

There are many ways for Elim alumni to stay connected to Elim!

- **Join the official Alumni Facebook group and catch up with old friends!**

[Elim Alumni Facebook Group](#)

- **Take a class!**

15% tuition discount for one class per academic year in any program and any mode (on campus or distance education) is available to all alumni who have completed an EBC program (certificate/degree).

- **Watch or listen to great chapel messages:**

[President's Chapel Livestream](#)

[President's Chapel on Apple Podcasts](#)

[Beyond President's Chapel on Apple Podcasts](#)

[Spotify](#)

- **View a variety of EBC focused videos on [YouTube](#).**

**Update your info** so you can stay connected! Recent move? New phone? Name change?

Please let us know at [Elim Alumni](#) or [Updating Your Contact Information](#).

**Questions?** Contact our Elim Alumni Association President, Guy Gabriel, at (585) 582-8249 or [alumni@elim.edu](mailto:alumni@elim.edu).

# Announcements

## ELIM ALUMNI

Calling all Alumni! We want to hear from you! What's new, what's exciting, how are you doing, what are you doing? YOU matter! We are always excited to hear from EBC alumni and let's face it, once you've attended Elim, you're family, plain and simple. We invite you to share your news and/or updates so it can be included in future issues of the Elim Herald by clicking [here](#).

## PRESIDENT'S CHAPEL

Did you know that the President's Chapel is now being live-streamed? This means you can join us LIVE to hear worship and a word from Dr. Antonelli and guest speakers. President's Chapels take place **every Tuesday** during the regular semester from **11:00am - Noon EST**.

Links to livestream:  
[Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#)

# FALL COURSES

In Person, On-Campus Courses (most can be joined virtually)

- Advanced Theology
- Apologetics I
- Apologetics II
- College Composition
- College Success
- Computer Skills
- Crossroads 1
- Elementary Piano
- Foundations for Life
- Hermeneutics
- History of Ancient Israel
- History of Missions
- Intercultural Communication
- Intermediate Piano
- Intro to Biblical Hebrew
- Old Testament Literature
- Pastoral Ministry
- Pedagogy and Camp Leadership
- Prophets of Israel
- Public Speaking & Preaching 1
- Public Speaking & Preaching 2
- Spiritual Formation
- Synoptic Gospels
- Theater
- Theology I
- Theology V
- Voice
- Worship Leadership

Distance Education Courses

- Advanced Writing
- Apologetics I
- Book of Hebrews
- College Composition
- College Success
- Crossroads I: Life Coaching
- Digital Marketing
- Evangelism in a Postmodern World
- Human Resources Management
- International Marketing
- Introduction to Biblical Greek
- Introduction to Biology

- Introduction to Business & Entrepreneurship
- John's Writings
- Marriage and the Family
- New Testament Literature
- Organizational Behavior
- Philosophy of Christian Music
- Physical Sciences
- Principles of Finance
- Principles of Marketing
- Prophets of Israel
- Public Speaking and Preaching II
- Quantitative Analysis I
- Romans and Galatians
- Spiritual Formation RTF
- Strategic Planning
- Theology I
- Theology III
- Theology V
- World Religions
- Worship Leadership
- Youth Ministry I

## TAKING A FALL COURSE

Interested in taking a Fall Course?

Registration is open  
April 14th through 25th.  
Fall term runs August 25th  
through December 12th.

Current students may contact the Registrar at [registrar@elim.edu](mailto:registrar@elim.edu)

Others may contact Admissions at [admissions@elim.edu](mailto:admissions@elim.edu)

For more information about Distance Education at EBC visit: [Distance Education](#)

# NEW HIRES!



**James Blake**  
*Adjunct Faculty*



**Lori Camiolo**  
*Associate Dean*



**Jeffery Haley**  
*Associate Dean*  
*Director of Ministry*



**Dr. David Phillips**  
*Adjunct Faculty*



**Lillianna Renz**  
*Assistant to the Pastoral Liaison*



**Armand Walker**  
*Recruiter*

# DISTANCE LEARNING

Did you know Elim is now offering degrees online? Life is crazy and fitting college courses into your busy schedule can be challenging! Now you can earn a degree from EBC with more flexibility than ever before. Distance Education at Elim includes courses that can be completed via virtual live classes or in an online format that does not require you to log in to a class at a specific time.

Want to learn more? Contact Admissions at (585) 582-8260 or [admissions@elim.edu](mailto:admissions@elim.edu). You can also visit [Distance Education](#) for more information.

# DONATIONS

Are you interested in making a donation to Elim Bible College? Making a donation to EBC is easy to do! In fact, you can even designate where you would like your donation to be applied, such as where needed most, scholarship fund, a specific student, or campus restoration. To make a donation, please visit this [page](#).

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## PODCASTS

Did you know that EBC currently hosts four different podcasts? Our two newer podcasts are [Zero In](#) and [Beyond the Books](#). [Zero In](#) is geared towards anyone in our Elim Family who wants to learn more about the college and ministry. [Beyond the Books](#) is created by our students for other college and high school students! We invite you to listen in!

In addition to [Zero In](#) and [Beyond the Books](#), our [President's Chapel](#) podcast allows you to listen to the sermons spoken in our Tuesday chapels while on-the-go. The [Beyond President's Chapel](#) podcast gives you a chance to listen to other special chapels throughout the school year.

Visit our [Podcasts](#) page for more information on all four of our podcasts!