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*100th
Anniversary
Recap*





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“The Sound of Music” Theatrical Production

Join us as we travel to Austria to enjoy this beloved classic prepared by our Theater class! [Purchase your tickets today!](#) **Friday: 7 p.m., Saturday: 7 p.m., Sunday: 2 p.m., Tabernacle**

December

13-January 12 Christmas Break

Please join us in praying for our students as they travel home during the semester break! Pray they will be lights in their homes with their family and friends. Breaks are always a time when our students struggle to maintain the momentum they have gained while on campus; we pray they will be lights in the darkness.



January

13-17

Week of Prayer

Come join us as we take time to learn and pray! **Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Tabernacle**

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Do you know a high school student who would benefit from seeing what the community is like on campus? Visit our [website](#) to register today! **All day, various locations**

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



Letter from the President



Dear Elim Family,

I'd like to reiterate here, in *The Elim Herald*, something that I mentioned in an email communication back in September.

On **Thursday, September 19th**, at an on-campus Board of Trustees meeting of Elim Bible Institute and College, after much prayer and seeking God, a decision was made to alter the name of the College. After a visceral discussion on the two names that were presented for the change, *Elim Bible College* or *Elim Christian College*, it was then voted on and the majority vote settled on **Elim Bible College**.

The words, "*Institute and*" were removed. On this point, the entire Board of Trustees was in unison. The Board came to the conclusion that the word, "*Institute*" has clearly become archaic (1800's) and today represents more as a vocational school that teaches useful skills or technology as well as a research school.

**Please note that changing the name of a college in NYS requires several steps. At this point we have only obtained the internal approval and still need to seek regulatory approval from the NYS Department of Education and the Board of Regents. Since fulfilling the legal requirements of changing a college name is a lengthy process, we wanted to notify you about the proposed name change. We will notify you as soon as we have received approval from the State.*

Historically, our Bible College has gone through two name changes before this present change: Elim Bible Institute (the original name), Elim Bible Institute and College, and now Elim Bible College. Actually, throughout my four years as president, it has not been unusual to hear some alumnus and alumna as well as donors, either in person, through e-mail, or even over the phone, refer to our college by our new altered name, *Elim Bible College*. It happens all of the time. So, this is not at all a substantial deviation from our original first name. This new name still very much expresses both who we are (Elim), and our specificity for being a Christ-centered leadership training ministry college, regardless of any degree we offer.

As a Board of Trustees, we prayerfully strive to hear from God in all decisions for our Bible College. However, acknowledging that we are only jars of clay and will at times come up short in decision making, nonetheless, we feel that altering the name of EBIC was the right thing to do.

Endless thanks for your many prayers and support for Elim throughout the years. Again, I will let you know when we officially have a "go ahead" from the State of New York for our name altering.

Because of Him,

Fred Antonelli, Ph.D., LPC
President



Elim Bible Institute and College
100 YEARS
2024 - 2024

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A New School Year, a New Move-In Day!

Beginning a new journey that will change your life!

If I could choose one phrase to describe Elim's 2024 Fall Arrival Day Weekend, I'd say "Oh, the faithfulness of God."

There were many changes to how this year's arrival day was going to flow, and it was all geared towards giving the new students a better welcoming experience. Students had a full weekend to move in and make great connections. We had the privilege of having 4 amazing International Students join us for the 2024-2025 Academic Year.

It was awesome seeing the ways that these new students stepped on our campus. They did so in confidence and expectancy for the Lord to do something new, and that He is! Quickly the new students made connections with returning students



and have continued to build Christ-centered relationships through the first half of this semester.

It is truly amazing to see the faithfulness of God and what He is already stirring up in the hearts of these freshmen. The passion and expectancy for God is undeniable, and it has brought forth a deeper yearning for that which God has set out for us. Many of the new students have begun spontaneous worship sessions on campus, inviting those around them to join in and worship our King. It is truly inspiring and has gotten the campus fired up and looking forward to what God will continue to do here in the hearts and minds of His people.

Written by Shaniah Bell, Admissions Counselor at Elim Bible Institute and College.

Inside Elim's Apologetics Club

An Interview with Shaun Fowler

In the Spring of last year, Shaun Fowler and I co-founded an Apologetics Club at Elim Bible Institute and College, aiming to engage students in thoughtful dialogue about faith, reason, and the Christian worldview. With Shaun's experience and training in apologetics, he has been instrumental in leading these conversations. In this interview, we dive into Shaun's journey into apologetics, his work with Ratio Christi, and his vision for the Apologetics Club at EBIC.

Cana: Shaun, could you share a bit about your journey into apologetics and what led you to pursue a certificate from Biola University?

Shaun: I've wanted to be an apologist since my college days, but after getting married, I entered the business world instead. After about six years, I had the opportunity to run an apologetics ministry, and around that time, Biola University launched their apologetics certificate program. I liked the idea of formalizing my passion through the certificate, and it aligned perfectly with my earlier interests.

Cana: How has your formal training in apologetics influenced your approach to engaging with people who hold different worldviews?

Shaun: Mostly, it has given me confidence in studying broadly and deeply. I've developed a better understanding of common objections and arguments people tend to raise. When someone expresses a

view, it's usually based on ideas that have already been thought through by scholars or philosophers. Often, you can trace these ideas back to pop culture or earlier thinkers. This knowledge allows me to explain why the Christian worldview offers better answers and explanations. That said, social media has made it harder to trace where certain ideas originate.

Cana: What drew you to work with Ratio Christi, and how has your experience with the organization shaped your understanding of apologetics?

Shaun: Joining Ratio Christi was a turning point for me. Before that, I was more academic in my approach and assumed Christians weren't interested in the intellectual side of Christianity. But after teaching students classical apologetics, I realized they needed practical skills for having meaningful conversations. I shifted the focus of our group to emphasize good



dialogue. One memorable moment was during a debate with an atheist group on campus—our students struggled to converse effectively. Watching that unfold made me realize how important it is for Christians to know how to talk to people, not just possess broad knowledge.

Cana: Can you share any memorable moments or conversations you've had while leading students in apologetic discussions on secular university campuses?

Shaun: One that stands out is when we'd go to the campus coffee shop in the evenings. Students playing board games would stop what they were doing just to come and talk with us. I found that really cool. At one point, I could sit back and watch fifteen different conversations happening all around the room. It was clear that the Christian students engaging in those discussions were gaining skills they'd carry throughout their lives.

Another memorable moment was when the president of the "Free Thinkers" club came to talk. I spent most of our conversation correcting her misunderstandings of the Bible. It amazed me that someone who had read the Bible so extensively could misinterpret passages so poorly, which had contributed to her deconstruction of the faith.

Cana: How do you approach conversations with skeptics or those who may be hostile to Christianity?

Shaun: It varies, but I always approach conversations by seeking to understand the other person. Many people in the church have felt unheard, and if someone was once part of the church and is now skeptical, listening can change their perception of Christianity. I often just listen in a pastoral way to whatever hurt they've experienced. Other times, I might be talking to an atheist whose views are inherited from their family, and I challenge what they think they know.

Cana: How do you balance the intellectual rigor of apologetics with the relational aspect of faith when engaging with students?

Shaun: A lot of the time, the issues aren't intellectual—they're emotional. I often find myself switching between being an apologist and a pastor. People's reasons for belief are complex, and as Christians, we should help them understand God better.

Cana: What advice would you give to someone just beginning their journey in apologetics, particularly in an academic or secular setting?

Shaun: I would suggest focusing on a particular area of interest. Apologetics spans so many fields—arguments for God's existence, historical evidence of the resurrection, and even church history. You don't need to be an expert in every area, but it's helpful to specialize in something you can bring to the church. Beyond that, everyone should learn how to ask good questions and have productive conversations.

Cana: What is your vision for the Apologetics Club at Elim?

Shaun: I want to spark more interest in apologetics at Elim because it's a vital area for the church. Many of our students will become future leaders, and what they learn here can be passed on throughout their lives. The club provides a safe space to explore doubts, ask tough questions, and get sound biblical answers. It's about building the confidence to share their faith and become the ambassadors Jesus calls them to be. I also want to prepare students to succeed beyond Bible school, drawing on the wisdom of Christian thinkers and philosophers who have reclaimed significant ground for Christ.

As we continue hosting the Apologetics Club, we hope this interview gives you a glimpse into the importance of being equipped to defend the faith, both intellectually and relationally. Shaun's experience and passion for apologetics have already had a tremendous impact on our group. If you're curious about apologetics or just want to engage in meaningful discussions, we invite you to join us at our next meeting.

Written by Cana Fuest, Faculty and Distance Education Chair at Elim Bible Institute and College.

Foundations Weekend

Building a firm foundation for our freshmen.

Every year, the Freshman class is given the opportunity to experience a weekend that is fully committed to strengthening and growing their spiritual foundation. Through sessions dedicated to the Lordship of Christ, water baptism, baptism in the Holy Spirit, and spiritual bondage, the students are given the chance to ground themselves in the Lord before diving into the rest of the semester.

It is always so encouraging to hear from students who have powerfully encountered the Lord during this weekend. Oftentimes, this is the first opportunity



that they have had to discuss and learn about these impactful topics. Our students are never the same, and the Lord always moves mightily!

One of our freshmen shared her experience below:

“I really enjoyed Foundations Weekend. After going into it without knowing what it would be like, I was pleasantly surprised! Every session that we did touched me spiritually in different ways, and I really felt the Lord’s presence. I thought that it was wonderful, and I can’t wait for next year!”

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

Soccer Intramurals

Enjoying the Elim community through sports!

If you ask any Elim student what one of their favorite aspects of living on campus is, chances are, they will tell you the rich community. One of the greatest factors that allows the community to thrive every semester, is the sports intramurals! In the spring semester, the staff and students participate in the Volleyball Intramurals, while in the fall semester, they play soccer!

This year, we had four very competitive teams working hard to earn first place! Each team was very evenly matched, and it was thoroughly enjoyable to watch the weekly competition! In the end, the



blue team took first place, the black team came in second, and the white and red teams took third and fourth, respectively. We invite you to come watch the competitions next fall, as friendly rivalries are once more awakened through these intense games!

A special thank you to Gabriel Cepeda and his team for making the intramurals extra special every year! We know this is not an easy task, and always requires sacrifices, but the entire campus is always so blessed!

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



Judah the Lion receiving a much-needed adjustment at the Lima Crossroads Festival.

Admissions’ Summer Fun!

Summer 2024 was very busy in the Elim Admissions Office. Our team members participated in many different events, including youth camps, a homeschool convention, and several conferences. Two events I want to highlight were Kingdom Bound and the Lima Crossroads Festival. Both events, along with the others we participated in, gave us countless opportunities to engage and interact with our community and prospective students.

Kingdom Bound Christian Music Festival

In late July, we were thrilled to be a part of Kingdom Bound – Western New York’s annual Christian Music Festival held at Darien Lake Amusement Park. Elim had the privilege of being both a vendor and a sponsor, with each opportunity giving us different connection points that allowed us to interact with hundreds of people over the course of three days.

Our vendor booth in College Park attracted many visitors especially high school juniors and seniors. We hosted a prize wheel, allowing them to win Elim merchandise in exchange for filling out information cards. This not only provided in-person engagement but also helped us to gather contact information for follow-ups.

As a sponsor, we had a prominent presence in the grassy area facing the main stage which became known as the “Elim Fun Zone.” This area featured yard games, face painting, and another prize wheel, making it a popular gathering spot for families. We also sponsored the Oasis Stage, just beyond the Fun Zone, where emerging artists performed daily. Another opportunity we had was through organizing

games, with the prizes being meet-and-greets with the artists and pit passes for the headliner concerts later that night! We were so grateful to Kingdom Bound Ministries for including such a sought-after prize package as part of our sponsorship.

Annual Lima Crossroads Festival

In early August, we joined our Lima community for the Annual Lima Crossroads Festival, a local event that draws people together for a day of fun, food, and community spirit. As in previous years, in addition to having a table displaying our Elim information, we also entered a team into the much-anticipated bed race. The bed race, a highlight of the festival, provided a unique and entertaining way for us to interact with attendees and demonstrate our commitment to local traditions. It was a fantastic opportunity to strengthen our ties with the local community and to highlight our Bible College and all it has to offer.

All our events this summer, but specifically Kingdom Bound and the Annual Lima Crossroads Festival, were invaluable opportunities for us to connect with potential students and the broader community. These events enabled us to share Elim’s mission, values, and degree programs, available on-line or in-person. As we look ahead, we are excited about future opportunities to engage with our community and beyond, foster meaningful relationships and grow our student population.

Written by Lisa Waldman, Admissions Director at Elim Bible Institute and College.

New Podcasts!

*Introducing our two new podcasts:
“Zero In” and “Beyond the Books”*

As many of you know, we recently launched a podcast, entitled, “Zero In.” Did you know that we also are launching a podcast geared specifically toward college and high school students? Take a look below to find out more!

Beyond the Books: The Beyond the Books podcast is hosted by two seniors, Colin Edlin and Robert Jones. This podcast is designed for students on campus and potential students in the near future. They cover topics such as student life, academics, and memorable moments that happen on campus. Colin and Robert also bring on fellow students as they share their experiences that they have had at EBIC. Elim is glad to have a student-based podcast and is excited to see where God takes it!



Zero In: The Zero In Podcast is hosted by Elim Bible Institute and College’s president, Dr. Fred Antonelli. From time to time, Dr. A will bring on guests from different churches and other organizations that are affiliated with Elim. They could be pastors, ministers, or even staff and faculty here on campus, who talk about their experiences at Elim. Some might even share what God has in store for Elim and where it’s heading. Elim is proud to have Dr. A as a host for this podcast!

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

Campus Picnic

An annual opportunity for students, staff, and faculty to kick-off the new school year.

The first Friday of the 2024-2025 school year was a beautiful late-summer day. The sunshine and cool breeze created the perfect atmosphere for EBIC's annual Campus Picnic! The kitchen staff, led by Elim's Foodservice Director, Jonathan Pellicano, and Assistant Chef, Miguel Todd, prepared a delicious meal for all of the staff, faculty, and students to enjoy together. The Campus Life Department also had a massive part to play in the festivities, creating fun competitions and games to allow students and staff to bond.



The picnic allowed the returning Elim family to become acquainted with new students and staff. Through delightful fellowship and fun games, friendships were formed and new faces were properly welcomed to The Holy Hill.

Special thanks to Gabriel Cepeda and his team for hosting the event and heading-up the games, and to Jonathan and his kitchen crew for helping to set the tone for a fun-filled evening!

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



Elim's 100th Anniversary Recap

The 100th Anniversary celebration was a resounding blessing to all of us. More than 500 guests arrived on our campus to celebrate the goodness and faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ! The sound of worship soared beyond the walls of the church and many of us received a renewed sense of our purpose and vision. The messages preached by our speakers were inspirational and challenging. The stories shared during the panels were enriching. The videos and displays reflected Elim's rich history and its tremendous impact worldwide. To me personally, it seemed like a great blend of nostalgia, inspiration, as well as forward-looking vision. Many guests enjoyed reconnecting with old friends. We have received an abundance of positive feedback from many attendees and we are extremely thankful to all of the participants, to the many donors who made this event possible, and most of all to God for the outpouring of His blessings. Thank you!

We have also received much communication from people who regretfully were not able to attend the event. If you were not able to join us for the celebration, please take a look at the photo gallery and listen to the anniversary sessions at [Celebrating Elim's 100th Anniversary](#). You may also choose to purchase some of the great 100th Anniversary Merchandise by clicking the link below: [Purchase 100th Merch](#). They will make great Christmas gifts!

Here you can also watch the short video summarizing Elim's Impact at [Global Impact](#).



Elim's last 100 years have been filled with God's unwavering faithfulness. While we remember the many challenges and triumphs, the many lives transformed, let us step boldly into what lies ahead, trusting that He will provide the wisdom, courage, and resources we need to navigate the challenges of tomorrow. May Elim's mission to prepare Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered servant leaders for global ministry and worldwide revival continue to resonate in our hearts and may God be glorified through it all.

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

Summer Internship Testimonies

Throughout the summer, many of our students served at different ministries to fulfill their required internships that will help them earn their degrees. The students served at NYSUM (the New York School of Urban Ministry) in New York City, the Roca Blanca Mission Base in Oaxaca, Mexico, and Camp Judah in Varysburg, New York, just to name a few. We asked several students who served at NYSUM and in Mexico to share short testimonies with us as they reflected on their time in ministry throughout the summer.

NYSUM Testimonies

“There are so many lessons we can learn when we step out of our comfort zone and enter an unfamiliar area. The NYSUM experience was one such situation.

“One time our team was ministering to homeless people with the NYSUM food truck. I met a fellow who was in his forties and had lived on the streets nearly all his life. He had a traumatic childhood that I couldn’t relate to personally. But he asked me, at one point, what my answer was to life. What did I think it was all about? It was in that moment that God delivered a verse to my mind. The verse was Hebrews 12:2 which says, ‘...looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.’ The moral I learned here, is that Jesus

the brilliant son of God, relates to every man, woman, and child, regardless of class, status, or demographic. And His salvation applies to everyone, no matter who they are. Jesus is the answer to life.”

~ *Josiah Gariboldi, Class of 2027*

“There are many testimonies I could give but this is one that God put on my heart to share. It was a Wednesday night, and we were sent out in groups to do homeless ministry. We were given food, clothes, and other necessities to hand out to homeless people as we went along. As we walked down 34th Street we passed a man who was digging through the garbage. We introduced ourselves to him and gave him what he needed. As we began to tell him about Jesus and the Good News, he began to quote Scripture to us! He shared his testimony with us and how God always provided for him and even now God had provided for him by using us to give him food and clothes. At one point we ended up singing ‘This Little Light of Mine’ together on the street. This is not a typical testimony. It’s not a salvation story but it was ministry. As much as we were encouraged by this man, we encouraged him because we listened. Sometimes, listening means more to people than we know.”

~ *Rebecca Loos, Class of 2027*

Roca Blanca Testimonies

“My trip to Mexico helped me realize a lot of personal flaws that I had, that wouldn’t have been pointed out unless God led me to actually go on



this trip. The behavioral environment of the people I met in Mexico was very uplifting, seeing some of the worst situations; the positivity radiating off of them and the openness to speak to us about Jesus spoke a lot into my life with how I live and look at certain situations. It also taught me how to be able to get through the unexpected and rapid changes we experienced. This also got our team closer than we could've ever imagined, building teamwork throughout our group and the unrelenting support whenever someone needed it.”

~ *Jacob McNeil, Class of 2027*

“I could write pages and pages of the amazing things that happened in Mexico, but one of my favorite memories was playing outside with the children who came to the base. It was around 100 degrees outside, and the humidity was more than I had ever felt in my life, but I had so much joy playing with them that the heat did not bother me at all! Even more treasured memories are the ones of the many times my team and I told jokes around the table, played games in our leader’s room, and made music late at night. Through this mission trip, the Lord taught me to be thankful

for the little things and be intentional about living for Christ in all circumstances. I am so grateful that I was a part of this amazing adventure!”

~ *Grace Keir, Launch Certificate Graduate*

“The most impactful part of the trip to Mexico for me was the people we met and served alongside with or even were just served by. On day one of being in Oaxaca, we woke up to a beautiful sunny day, though far hotter than what I would consider comfortable, there was no denying the beauty of the area. We started the day out with a little tour and when we returned it was a bit of a shock as we sat down at the table, and people came out and began to serve us, pouring our drinks and bringing out our plates, taking them when we were done, the whole service experience. As the days continued, this was our experience each time we came for a meal, and each time our server greeted us with a smile and gladly served our team. Eventually, we became curious, and we began to ask our servers about themselves and we heard some powerful testimonies, all of which were shared with a smile and an expression of gratitude for what they had. Their service to us, and their testimonies, touched my heart, as I learned about what God had done for them, and it put into perspective more of what God has done in my own life. They served us faithfully day in and day out and it made me want to emulate that in my own life, so that I can show others what God has done for me in the way they showed us what God did for them, through service.”

~ *Oskar Heinsler, Class of 2027*



Video Gallery

Check out some of our latest videos! View more on our [YouTube channel!](#)



~ 100th Celebration ~
Thursday Night Session



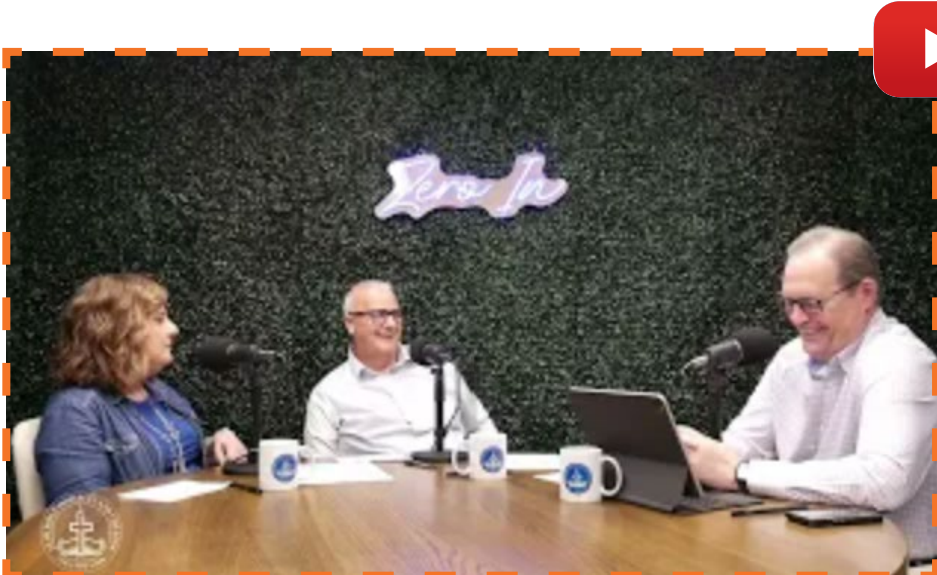
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Friday Evening Session



~ 100th Celebration ~
Saturday Evening Session



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A Special Message to Our Alumni!

Hey, alumni friends! I hope this letter finds you well and drowning in financial blessings! (Just kidding, but we'll take an offering if you are.) As usual, God's got some exciting things going on here at Elim, and I want to take a moment to share the good news with you.

First up, we're super excited about our new Alumni Ambassador program! A big shout-out to the half-dozen folks who have quickly jumped on board from Tennessee, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Ontario, Canada! Alumni Ambassadors will help us connect with other alumni in their areas, hosting gatherings, and keeping the Elim family connected. If you want to get involved, we need more people, and all Ambassadors will get to share their ideas and vision as we move forward in reconnecting with our alumni community. You can learn more and sign up [here](#).

Speaking of connecting, we're so thankful for our Alumni Leaders who support Elim financially every month. If you've been thinking about contributing, this is a great way to invest in the next generation of students. Thank you to those of you who have been so faithful in this! We can do so much more because of your continual support and commitment.

I'm excited about what's happening with Elim Fellowship. Phil McNeill, Mike Cavanaugh, and Joe Jansen are working hard to connect with credential holders and alumni, and we're looking forward to growing together in ministry. By the way, they're all Elim alumni!

Speaking of our Elim family, a huge shout-out to Elim Life Church! Greg and Melanie Falco, also Elim alumni, are a blessing not only to their congregation but also to our students and the community. ELC is the local church for many of our students, staff, and faculty, and they're always ready to lend a hand, whether in hosting events or helping out with alumni.

We need your help to connect with young people who could benefit from Elim. Your word of mouth and relational influence that you have are still the absolute number one way to recruit future students. Elim is one of the rare places still committed to staying true to a strong Biblical foundation amid all that is going on in the world. In your travels and ministry, please commit to sharing about Elim, and please let us know if perhaps your church or gathering would like to host a visit from us to share even more.

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.

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

Written by Rev. Guy Gabriel, Pastoral Liaison and Interim Alumni Coordinator at Elim Bible Institute and College.

Mission Nepal



Become an Alumni Leader!

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

Did you know that Alumni have an opportunity to become an [Alumni Leader](#) by committing to support EBIC 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.

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

MARRIAGES



Colleen Gauthier

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 1994

Date of Marriage: August 31, 2024



Ian and Bridget (Durant) Laird

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 2023

Date of Marriage: August 31, 2024

Ian and Bridget met five years ago during their first year at Elim, and after graduating, they got married! Ian works on the Admissions team at EBIC, and both are heavily involved with worship at the school and Covenant Life Church in Henrietta.

Donald and Valli (Bostwick) Rogers

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 1968 (Donald), 1969 (Valli)

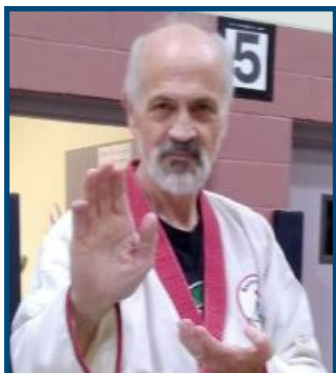
We have 5 children, 17 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. We all love the Lord Jesus and are looking for his soon return. Elim has had a great influence on Valli's life and mine.

ALL NEWS IS WRITTEN AS PROVIDED BY ALUMNI

Paul Caram

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 1969

1966-1969 were very exceptional and life-changing years in my life. I even had Ivan Spencer to my house. We live near Endwell, NY where Elim began in 1924.



Robert Dallmann

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 1988

We focus on magnifying the Name of the Lord. I oversee a Christian martial arts ministry called the Warriors of the Sword. We do evangelism, discipleship, teaching, and preaching. As well as offer Christ-honoring and family-friendly karate classes. For details visit our website: wots.online



Lowell Delp

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 1986

Lowell led an annual “Biker Sunday” for 20 years which draws 200 motorcycles and 600 people. We roast 2 pigs each year and enjoy 400 lbs of pulled pork...For more info check out my Facebook page.

Lowell’s cell # 215 896 8709

Ben Dodzweit

Bit of news from Helimission! We will be celebrating 30 years of service in Madagascar! I leave on Oct 20th to join our Director Simon Tanner in Madagascar for this great event.



Martin and Gwyn (Thompson) Eppard

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 1980 (Martin), 1981 (Gwyn)

I am very pleased to share that in mid-October I will be joining my Bishop, Steve Breedlove on an exploratory mission to the Anglican Diocese of Kigeme in Rwanda, Africa. We will be meeting with the bishop and church leaders there to discover how our diocese can best serve them in a long-term ministry commitment. We are hopeful that this will result in me leading teams to minister in a variety of ways in the coming years. For my part I am hopeful that my participation will also involve teaching and training clergy for ordination and service in God’s Kingdom. This has long been my joy and passion, and I would love to be used by the Lord in this area again. Additionally, I will be seeking to establish a ministry partnership with several parishes in our Anglican diocese (ACNA) for the continued support and participation in this mission. Already several churches have expressed interest in participating. Please pray for us in this exploratory mission to Africa.

Stephen Flewelling

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 1974

Daphne (Holliday) and I made our move from New York’s Hudson Valley area this year to Southern Maine where our son and four out of six grandchildren reside. We look back on our lives, and our three years at EBI, in gratitude for his goodness.

Bonny Grabowski

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 1992

I am volunteering at my church as an ESL teacher. My time at Elim and Teen World Outreach prepared me for this ministry. It has been a joy to serve as a missionary. I have students from Asia, the Middle East, and South America. Life is exciting serving Jesus.

Rev. Herbert Hatch

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 2000

September 1st I completed 11 years as pastor at the Old Brick Church in East Montpelier, Vermont. And, I'm glad I was able to attend the 100th anniversary at Elim this year, although I did run over a dead porcupine on the interstate headed home! Car not repaired yet.



Paul and Gloria Johansson

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 1956

Since moving to Virginia in 2006, we settled in the Hampton Roads Area (Williamsburg) near our son, Mark, and his wife Mary and family who also live in the area. For a number of years until Covid, I traveled to many nations to minister to missionaries and nationals. Here in Virginia we have been connecting with Elim Alumni and Pastors. We had four area meetings with Elim Fellowship Credential Holders and Elim Alumni in August. It was a rich time of reconnecting with Virginia Alumni with the new Elim Fellowship President, Phil McNeill and wife Sheryl and US Director Joe Jansen. In each area there was the joy of connecting and the sense of God's blessing on the gatherings. We were enriched by the Word and refreshed by the fellowship. We encourage all of the Elim Alumni to gather together in their areas, to water the roots of our Elim heritage.

Bill Lindsey

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 1955

Thank You for including Bill & Joan in your Elim Alumni communications. We are both proud and grateful to be Elim alumnus, Class of 1955, and 1959 and former staff. I was the Elim cook, from January 1956-1966, and Joan worked in the office for a few years, bookkeeping. It was the Class of 55 that built the archway at the front of campus. I helped Lloyd Moulton, Faculty, build the arch. Joan and I recently, September 5, celebrated our 65th Wedding Anniversary. We took the family to the Texas Roadhouse to celebrate. I was blessed to teach our Grands and great-grands an old family tradition during dinner; blowing ice water through a straw at each other! HAHA! We met at Elim, President Carlton Spencer announced our engagement as he presented Joan with her Graduation Diploma. Three of our four children were born while we were at Elim. Joan and I are so very grateful for those choice years. They are packed, and loaded, with wonderful memories! I would so enjoy sitting with you, and sharing those many stories from those years!



Denise Mills

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 2022

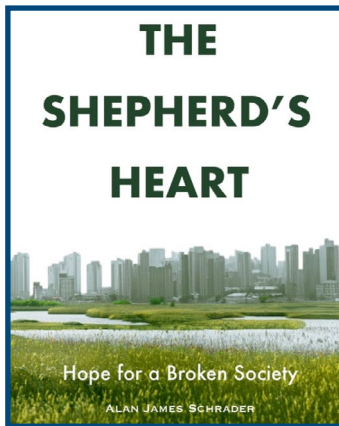
I am originally a 1976 Elim graduate but returned in 2021 as an online student to obtain the AAS degree in Biblical & Theological Studies. It was a most productive time for learning new things, understanding the scriptures more thoroughly and how to more effectively relate that to the people I encounter. I am involved as one of the four leaders of our local Sandpoint Single Adult Ministries group, which is open to anyone aged 40 and over from any of the local churches, or even those who do not have a church home. We meet weekly for a potluck meal and Bible study, which is taught by any one of our four leaders. I am very happy to have been an Elim student and would highly recommend it to anyone of any age.



Jason Protzman

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 1993

After 30+ years as a youth pastor, college pastor, church planter, young adult pastor, and associate pastor, the Lord has made a way for me to become the sixth Executive Director for our local Youth for Christ chapter here at Tulare-Kings Counties Youth for Christ in California's Central Valley that was chartered in 1968. I am honored to continue to champion Psalm 78, "We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and mighty wonders." Our main focus is to win kids for Christ through providing mentoring services to local public schools. Elim was foundational in my formation for service as a very young Christian and I will be forever grateful for those times at Elim in the potters hands.



Alan Schrader

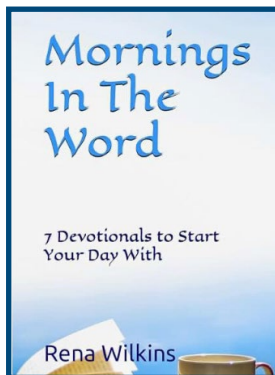
Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 1987

New Book: The Shepherd's Heart - Hope For A Broken Society

Vernon Smart

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 1978

Vernon ('78) and Gwendi (Stantial, att. '73-'74) Smart celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 1, 2024. On that same day, Vernon performed the wedding of their granddaughter, Natalie (Smart, '25) and Dominic ('23) Renaldo. Natalie is the daughter of Tim ('01) and Kerri (Bochman, att. '89-'90) Smart.



Rena Wilkins

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 2004

I published my first book this year! A 7 day devotional called "Mornings In The Word". It was a journey of faith to finally complete. One of the best parts has been seeing my children hold and flip through it. It's a tangible testimony to them about trusting God with your dreams.

Doris Zeck

Elim Graduation Year/Last Year Attended: 1981

Loving being active in our local Fairview Covenant Church, Granbury, TX. Also blessed with 2 children, a son-in-law, and 2 grandchildren.

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 EBIC program (certificate/degree).

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

[President's Chapel Livestream](#)

[EBIC Podcasts](#)

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

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

[Spotify](#)

- **View a variety of EBIC 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

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 EBIC 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](#)

SPRING COURSES

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

- Acts and Paul's Letters
- Advanced Writing
- Basic Christian Counseling
- Capstone
- Choir
- Christian Worldview and Ethics
- Elementary Piano
- Evangelism in a Postmodern World
- Hebrew Poetry & Wisdom Literature
- Hermeneutics
- History of the Christian Church
- Intermediate Biblical Greek
- Marriage and the Family
- Missionary Life
- New Testament Literature
- Prophetic Ministry
- Releasing the Anointing
- Romans & Galatians
- Theology II
- Theology III
- Theology IV
- Theology VI
- Voice
- Worship Leadership Lab

Distance Education Courses

- Acts and Paul's Letters
- Apologetics II
- Book of Hebrews
- Business Ethics
- Capstone
- College Algebra
- College Composition
- College Success
- Consumer Behavior
- Employee Training and Development
- Essentials of Nonprofit Accounting
- Foundations for Life
- Fundraising Development
- Hebrew Poetry and Wisdom Literature
- Hermeneutics
- History of Ancient Israel
- History of the Christian Church

- Intercultural Communication
- Introduction to Biology
- Introduction to Business & Entrepreneurship
- Leadership and Management
- Marketing Management
- Microeconomics
- Music Theory II
- Nonprofit Governance
- Old Testament Literature
- Pastoral Ministry
- Physical Sciences
- Public Speaking
- Quantitative Analysis I
- Spiritual Formation RTE
- Starting and Managing Nonprofit Organizations
- Theology II
- Theology IV
- Theology VI
- Worship and Cultural Expression
- Youth Ministry II

TAKING A SPRING COURSE

Interested in taking a Spring Course?

Registration is open
October 14th through 25th.
Spring term runs January 20th
through May 15th.

Current students may contact the
Registrar at registrar@elim.edu

Others may contact Admissions at
admissions@elim.edu

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

NEW HIRES!



Josiah Gariboldi
Maintenance Technician



Sergeline Hogu
Campus Life Assistant



Joseph Letarte
Maintenance Technician



Armand Walker
Admissions Counselor



Calli Weiler
Admissions Counselor

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 EBIC 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. You can also visit [Distance Education](#) for more information.

DONATIONS

Are you interested in making a donation to Elim Bible Institute and College? Making a donation to EBIC 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 EBIC 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!