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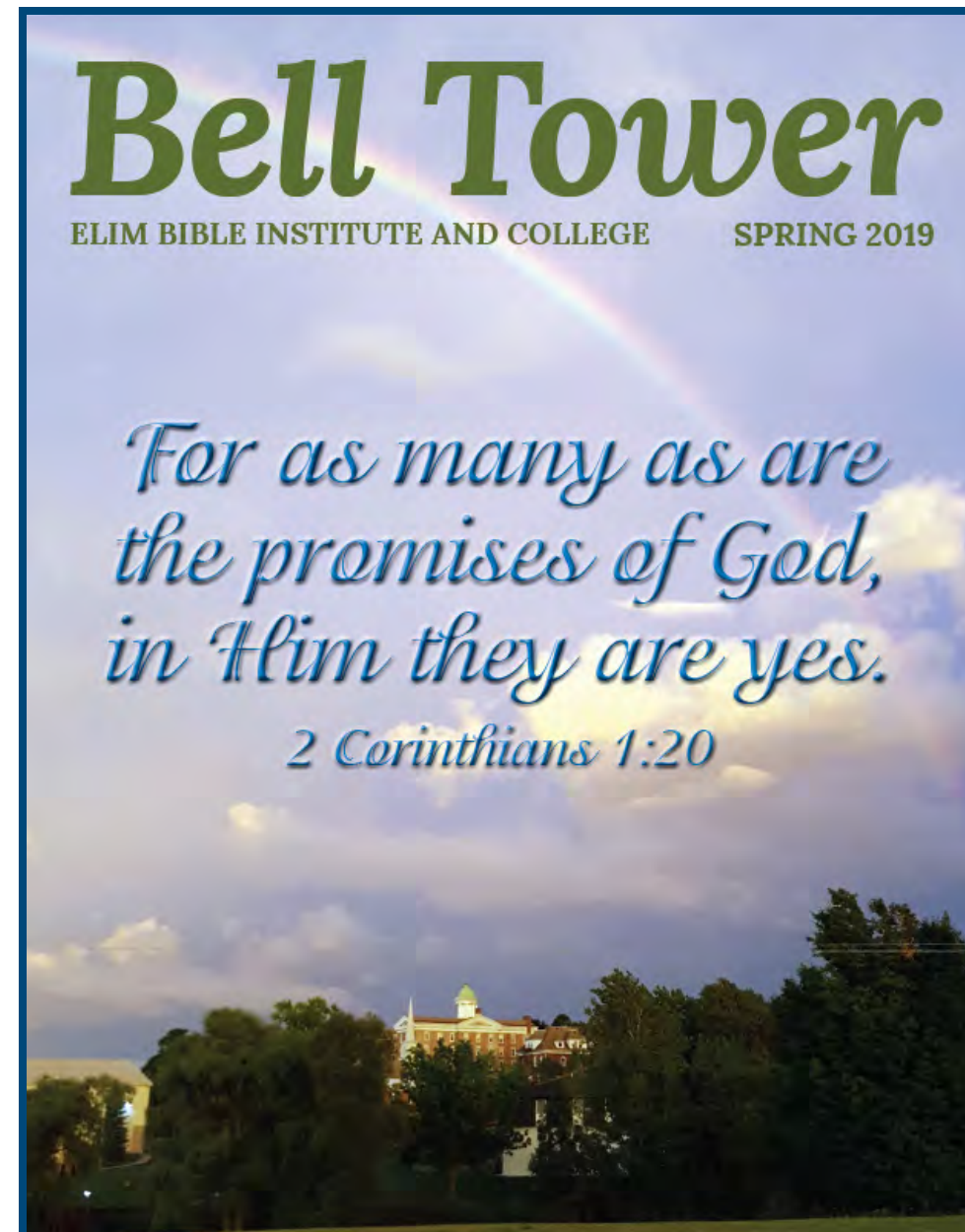
Acts 3:19 says, "...when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord..."

This, my dear family and friends of Elim, is the explicit purpose of the "brand new" look for our Elim Bible Institute and College magazine...The Elim Herald! The Elim Herald isn't doing away with the former Bell Tower Magazine, but rather incorporating it into a more usable, friendly, complete and interactive form of information for the reader. We're just picking up and building from the great work that Terri Cavanaugh has done for years with the Bell Tower.

To herald is to; proclaim, announce, bring a message of news. And for us, it's to bring our student body, alumni, donors, ministry partners and friends a new, yet appropriate, magazine that ministers to every age. Also, to bring to the forefront relevant and news worthy information regarding our students and staff through, articles, videos, testimonials, activities, chapel services, needs, ministry and "front page" news stories from around the campus! Because the magazine is *digital*, we're able to offer multiple times more of a variety than we could with the Bell Tower. As the school becomes more financially healthy, we'll take a second look at possibly doing both the paper copy as well as the digital of The Elim Herald.

We hope you enjoy this, our first digital magazine approach, to a new and refreshing day in the life and future of Elim Bible Institute and College!

Dr. Fred Antonelli
President



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14-15: Commencement weekend.

Celebrate with our graduates!

Baccalaureate: Friday, 7pm

Seniors Brunch: Saturday, 10am

Graduation: Saturday, 2pm

June 7 - July 30: Online summer classes.

Take an EBIC course online this summer!

For more information call Admissions at 585-582-8260. Registration ends April 30th.

August 30: Fall semester begins.

Apply soon to attend EBIC in the fall at

www.elim.edu/apply or call Admissions at

585-582-8260 for more information.

August 31: First President's Chapel of the 2021/2022 school year.

View the livestream on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#)

September 24-25: Foundations Weekend

October 26-29: Missions Week

MAKE A DONATION?

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](#).

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Psalms 30:11 says, “*You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy...*”

It has indeed been a very interesting journey to say the least. From 23 years as a senior pastor in both North Carolina and Delaware and 23 years as a licensed mental health professional on the Eastern Shore of Maryland to now living with my wife, Debbie, in “The Founder’s House” as the president of *Elim Bible Institute and College*. Yeah, surprised me too!

As a former student, youth committee member and then board of director’s member to the school, I’m not exactly a stranger around here. However, to be “in and out” of Lima throughout the years and then to come back to live was, well, let’s just say an *unconscious* déjà vu surprise! But when God “airdrops” His voice into your heart, mind and spirit and wakes you up from a sound sleep at 1AM in the morning...it kinda gets your attention!

(In case you have not read them, at the end of this article there are two links from Charisma Leader Magazine and Charisma Digital that brings this to focus.)

In a quick summation...Elim will be turning 100 years old in three years. From this Bible College was birthed, Elim Fellowship and Elim Gospel Church. These *three* family entities have been used powerfully throughout the years and, at least the college and Fellowship, in three major revivals of God (The Latter-Day Rain, the Charismatic, and Jesus People Movements). But the financial sufferer out of all of them has been EBIC. Not at all casting aspersions on our great founder or our godly, compassionate and anointed leaders throughout the years, but frankly, the Bible college has lived in a “poor environmental mentality” for almost a century now. And as a result, we find ourselves in a never-ending battle of fighting to just keep the salt water from flowing into our nostrils, financially speaking. This mindset has got to change and change now if we are to survive as an influential historical Pentecostal/Charismatic Bible college!

My mission/commission here as the new president is to look to God in *tangible* ways, not unlike Nehemiah when he asked for materials to rebuild the Wall of Jerusalem, to restructure our anemic financial state of affairs as well as repair our two 1831 buildings that are aging badly and rapidly. Also, to work with our “brand new” *Marketing and Development Department* so as to, feverishly, through the latest Internet and technological tools, bring EBIC up to the standard of other accredited Christian schools in terms of a more robust student enrollment (something that is absolutely essential for us to survive). All of this while keeping true to our Pentecostal/Charismatic roots laid out by the Holy Spirit to our founder, Ivan Q. Spencer. This is not going to be an easy task, but then again, anything worth really having is worth working for. Now we are talking hard work and sacrifice, step by step...together! Or, as Sir. Winston Churchill said, “*It is a mistake to try to look too far ahead. The chain of destiny can only be grasped one link at a time.*”

I see all of us, staff, students, EF, EGC, alumni, donors, and friends of Elim as the links in that chain toward our destiny as a Gospel bearing, Spirit-filled Bible college for this crucial hour in our country and the world. Elim was custom built by God for this purpose, this task, this hour in history. Being able to reach out beyond our traditional bio-spheric borders to a larger support base of same faith believer donors only helps lead to a more fortified and healthy financial future for EBIC. It also helps us to not continue to over tax the faithful donors that have been holding us up thus far. Also, endowments, estate planning, scholarships, grants, specific giving to projects are all ways that can help strengthen our finances and secure a brighter future for our beloved EBIC. We now need to move our financial trajectory from over burdening the few to incorporating the many. Expanding the pond as well as bringing *freshwater* into it.

It is so apropos that in Psalms 30 David is singing about turning his mourning into dancing and walking out of his depressed state to a place of joy! But here is the important thing that we need to see. David was singing and getting all happy about something that he could not see but believed

would happen, that being, The Temple. David did not build it, rather, his son Solomon, built The Temple. Our Elim *fathers* were full of faith and believed with expectation that this Bible college and ministerial outreach would impact both this country and the nations in the last days. They also believed God to see the campus and its multiple needs become much *less needy*. They experienced it, *in part*, like looking through a glass dimly, seeing, but not completely. The brilliant focus of the end-result was not yet seen. David was rejoicing, by faith, on the road toward the vision; (The Temple). We now need to pick up that mantle of joy through faith as we put in place stones of fortified stability around this campus...both financially as well as structurally for a place to train young men and woman for end day REVIVAL! David danced and rejoiced yet did not see the finished product. We now are to build to prepare, with full vision, the commission laid before us for these exciting days of harvest!

After an operation, there is then “therapy” for the patient. As the patient becomes stronger, the intense degree of therapy then becomes less needed. We need our Elim family more now than we ever have. *Elim Bible Institute and College* is on a new and vibrant course of financial and structural healing. We have just now begun to go through this financial restructuring operation, therapy is next, then, liberated healing! One of Elim’s great spiritual icons, Costa Deir, once said, “*Everything is within God’s grasp, believe and rejoice!*” I’m ready to lay down my cloth of mourning in poverty and rejoice and dance in expectation! Our hour has come, we are on the road...care to join me?

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[How God Led This Spirit-Filled Educator to His Calling in a Graveyard](#)



Dr. Fred and Debbie Antonelli

A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF ELIM

It has been close to a year since a newsletter has been published from EBIC and for that we apologize! We could blame COVID-19 as that seems to be a good catch all excuse! However, we cannot blame everything on COVID. That being said, our goal is to produce two Elim Herald issues a year for the first year and more frequently there after. To catch you up with all that has been happening, you will find about a year's worth of news in this issue; from landscaping to bell tower restoration to prophetic presbytery in March and everything in between! We are most excited about our new Alumni News section and hope you enjoy reading about Elim's truly amazing alumni. Please grab a cup of coffee or tea and enjoy this issue, we're glad you're here!

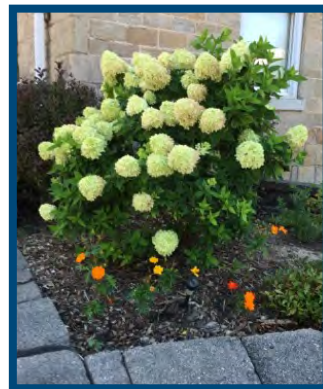


THINGS JUST GOT A LOT PRETTIER!

By Debbie Antonelli

If you live or work here on campus or have visited *Elim Bible Institute and College* during the last summer or fall, you must have noticed how beautiful the grounds look! The landscape was transformed into a lovely array of Daisies, Black-eyed Susans, Hibiscus, Hydrangeas, and several other transplanted flowers, like Knockout Roses, Tulips, Daffodils & Irises, to name a few. One of the first families we met when Dr. Antonelli and I arrived in late May were Jack, Darlene and Naomi Thorpe. If you have ever seen a green golf cart riding around campus, that's Darlene in the driver's seat. That's how we met. Dr. A, after talking with her and sensing her love for the grounds of EBIC, said, "I want you to WOW us with your gifting!" She began right away to do just that. I had the privilege of working with her last summer and fall. The wonderful thing about Darlene is that she truly enjoys what she does

and does it "heartily as unto the Lord" (Colossians 3:23). We are blessed to have her as part of the EBIC family, and look forward to more lovely flowering colors as we move into spring and summer!



BIG NEWS!!! BACHELOR'S DEGREE NOW AVAILABLE FROM EBIC!!

Have you heard the news?
Elim is now offering a
Bachelor of Science in Theology!
This is great news for new students and alumni!
For more information please visit
<https://elim.edu/academics/academics-programs/bachelor-of-science-degree>

**Alumni should contact us
ASAP for a degree audit to find out
how many of your credits can be applied
to the Bachelor's program.
Don't forget, credits from other colleges
could also be applied.**

REVIVAL PROPHECY DURING 2020 GRADUATION

When the *Elim Bible Institute and College* campus shut down in March 2020, due to COVID-19 mandates, EBIC's leadership quickly realized the traditional May commencement ceremony would not be possible. A quick and creative decision was made to combine their 96th commencement ceremony with the installation service of EBIC's new president, Dr. Fred Antonelli. This combined event took place on Saturday, August 29th in Lima, New York.

Elim Bible Institute and College is an accredited Pentecostal/Charismatic Bible College that will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in a little over three years. It sits on the old Genesee Wesleyan Seminary that was built in 1831 as a direct result of Charles Finney's historic 1830 revival that started the 2nd Great Awakening in the United States.

Dr. Fred Antonelli, the newly installed president of EBIC in his formal inaugural address, made a bold prophetic statement. Standing behind the "original pulpit" that Charles Finney preached his 98 sermons from in Rochester that led to the 2nd Great Awakening, Antonelli said; *"I prophesy, predict, declare from behind this pulpit, that God will again breath life on our dry bones nation, these United States, with another outpouring of His Holy Spirit...a 5th Great Awakening!"* This emphasis is becoming not uncommon around the Body of Christ. Sean Feucht, former worship leader of Bethel Church, has also predicted that a revival, similar to The Jesus People Movement of 1969 through the mid 1980's is beginning to happen in worship events at Huntington Beach in Southern California where hundreds of young people are coming to Christ and being baptized. Also, the Holy Spirit is moving in other cities throughout the country with Feucht's worship events.

Dr. Antonelli is also a product of the Jesus People Movement having given his life to Jesus in 1970 as a hippy rock musician. His challenge to the Elim graduates

was; *"You either influence the earth, or populate heaven. You either connect with the temporal or live for the eternal!"* He went on to say; *"A harvest has started, a gathering is upon us, a reaping has begun. I believe we're on the cusp of a 5th Great Awakening. Elim was used greatly in The Latter Day Rain Movement as well as the Charismatic and Jesus People Movements. And I believe Elim will be greatly used in this Great Awakening as well. Christ is the only source that... frees the soul, gives hope to the hopeless, provides grace to the broken, destroys racial prejudice and gives agape love that frees the heart to love back!"*

EBIC is now reopened and hungry young hearts for Jesus occupy the Elim campus. Dr. Antonelli said, *"Like the smell of rain before it actually arrives... revival is on its way!"*



Dr. Antonelli preaching from the pulpit used by Charles Finney

Written by Leah Wilson, Marketing Director of Elim Bible Institute and College for Charisma Magazine.



DISTANCE EDUCATION: EARN A DEGREE ONLINE!

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 into a class at a specific time.

Want to learn more?
Contact Admissions at 585-582-8260 or
admissions@elim.edu. You can also visit
<https://elim.edu/academics/distance-education>
for more information.

RESTORED BELL TOWER

There may not be a more iconic symbol of *Elim Bible Institute and College* than the beloved bell tower! The bell tower is visible from many areas of Lima and is probably the first thing you see as you head toward the campus. Hundreds if not thousands of photos have been taken of this great structure from the ground and yes, even from within its walls. Many students have climbed up the stairs to the tower, even when they should not have! You know who you are!

As with any wooden structure, time took a toll on the bell tower and in the summer of 2019 the pillars were removed for reconstruction. Thus for many months, the bell tower stood “toothless”. However in the summer of 2020, Elim was blessed with a donation to restore the bell tower!

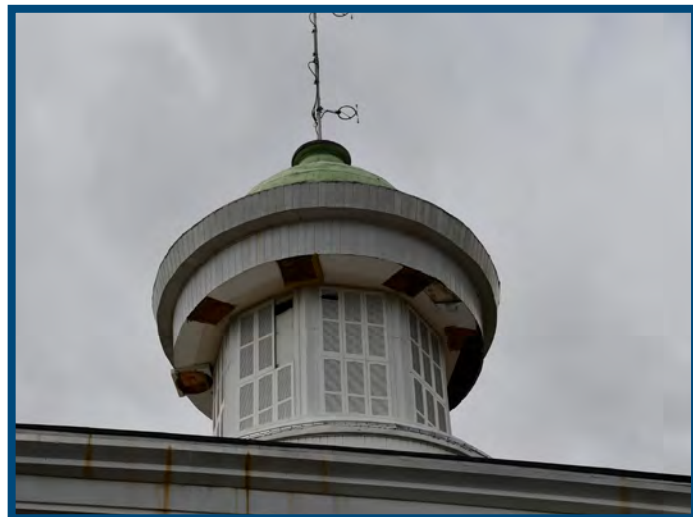
A group of master craftsmen made their way to the Elim campus from Delaware and spent a week doing the reconstruction. We are so grateful to this team! But since a picture is worth a thousand words, we’d rather show you what an incredible job this team did in bringing Elim’s bell tower back to life!



Pillar Damage



Loading Reconstructed Pillars to Roof



Toothless Bell Tower



Installing Pillars



Restored Bell Tower at Night



*Restoration team:
Levi Rios
Harvey Borkholder
Robert & Sonja Quinonez
Albert & Elmina Miller*

GUY GABRIEL

We are excited to share that Guy Gabriel has joined our Admissions team as an Admissions Liaison. His main purpose at Elim will be to spearhead a campaign to encourage pastors to consider sending students from their church, ministry outreach, family, etc., to attend EBIC. Guy is a proud EBI graduate (Class of 1980) and an Ordained Pastor with Elim Fellowship. He has served in several ministry roles over the years (Senior Pastor, Youth Pastor, Associate Pastor, to name a few) and has served on the Staff of Elim Fellowship with Christian Youth Aflame Youth Camps and Teen World Outreach. He and his wife, Glenna, have been married 43 years and have raised three sons.

Elim has played a pivotal role in his life. Throughout all of his ministry, he has had a longing to see people experience the value of a solid Christian education, which EBI provided for him. You may be hearing from Guy in the coming months. You can also contact Guy by calling the Admissions Department at 585-582-8260. We look forward to connecting with you soon!



WE ARE LIVE!!

By Danuta Case, Executive Vice President and Provost

That is exactly what happened on the Lima hill. As many small colleges closed and even bigger colleges struggled with the sudden changes, EBIC faculty transformed their classes from face-to-face to virtual rooms within one week. Some sailed very well, some struggled a little more, but all reached the shore victoriously at the end of the 2019/2020 academic year. Even though we were not able to have a graduation celebration in May, most of our graduates arrived on our campus at the end of August to celebrate their victory and walk across the stage.

Most of our students returned in the Fall of 2020 and together we are moving forward. As the result of the pandemic, our college received a grant to upgrade our technology. It enabled us to convert all our classrooms to have a dual purpose: An on-campus classroom and a virtual room as well. We have equipped our classrooms with cameras, speakers, microphones, WiFi, computers, and interactive monitors. Using Zoom technologies and a college management system, students are able to connect and participate live in classes from remote locations. If someone is quarantined, they do not have to miss classes.

Instead they are able to join us from their rooms and are able to participate. We have worked through the technical glitches, and have already witnessed God's provision and His faithfulness during a difficult and challenging situation.

God inspired Ivan Q. Spencer to start the college, He used many people to serve at the college and keep the flame burning, and He is not stopping because of the pandemic. Instead, He turned it for good and helped us become more tech savvy and be able to conduct classes with students from various locations. Until now, you had to live in Lima or the surrounding areas in order to enroll in a class. Now, you can enroll and simply join us online from pretty much anywhere in the United States as long as you have a decent laptop or a desktop with a camera and a solid Internet connection. Is there anything impossible for God? He is still on the throne and COVID-19 did not surprise Him. He also still remembers Elim Bible Institute and College and He is preparing this small college for a great revival. Do you want to be a part of this undertaking?



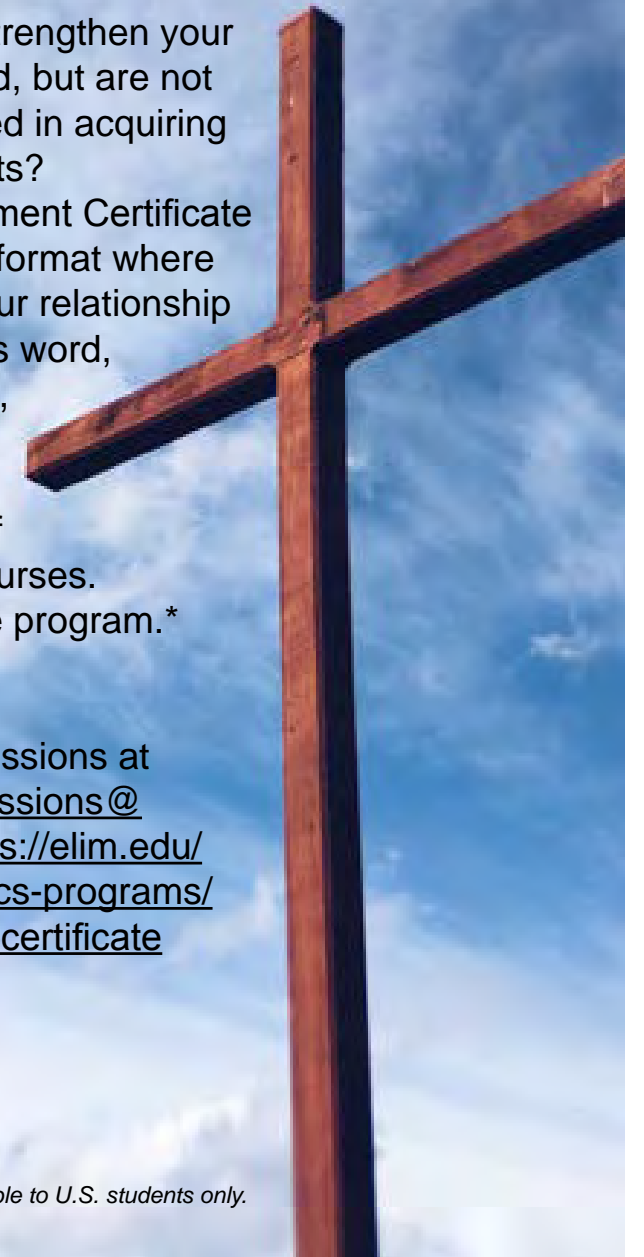
College Hall classroom with distance education capability

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT CERTIFICATE

Are you looking to strengthen your relationship with God, but are not necessarily interested in acquiring college course credits? The Spiritual Enrichment Certificate program provides a format where you can focus on your relationship with God, dig into his word, build your prayer life, and be mentored without the rigorous demands of taking accredited courses. This is a non-degree program.*

Want to learn more? Please contact Admissions at 585-582-8260, admissions@elim.edu or visit <https://elim.edu/academics/academics-programs/spiritual-enrichment-certificate>

*This program is currently available to U.S. students only.



ONE WEEKEND CHANGES EVERYTHING!



Click the image above to view the video, *Foundations Weekend at EBIC, from a Student Perspective*

Foundations Weekend is geared toward Freshmen, although all students attend. This special weekend is the students first introduction to the wealth of deep spirituality offered here at Elim. Worship, sermons, workshops, and fun round out this insightful and eventful time of preparation. Watch Hannah talk the impact Foundations Weekend had on her walk with the Lord.

JOSH HALL

We are excited to share that Joshua Hall has joined our Admissions team as a Recruiter. His main purpose at Elim will be to recruit youth from churches, schools, and youth groups and invite them to attend Elim. Joshua is a proud Elim Bible Institute and College graduate (Class of 2019). He has served in several ministry roles over the years, having served as a Worship and Youth Pastor, the Youth Director of Open Door Youth Center, and the Assistant Director of Revelation of Freedom Ministries in Pennsylvania.

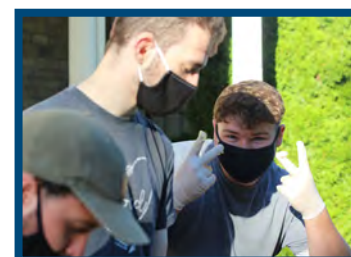
Elim has played a pivotal role in his life, grounding him in the Word of God, and refining & developing his character. His passion is to see the next generation awakened to the glory, majesty, and beauty of God. You can contact Josh by calling the Admissions Department at 585-582-8260. We hope to have the opportunity to connect with you and your ministry soon!

ANNUAL CAMPUS PICNIC, FUN IN THE SUN

Every fall EBIC students, faculty and staff gather for the campus picnic. Last fall did not disappoint! The weather was fantastic and for the second year in a row, the picnic was held outside under a blue, sunny sky. The campus picnic provides an opportunity for the EBIC family to relax, play games (a little friendly competition never hurt anyone!) and eat good food. Thank you kitchen staff for your hard work to make this successful and fun!



All ages enjoyed showing their muscles!



Serving food with a smile, good job!



Can anyone guess what this game is?



MOVING IN DAY

By Krista Vann, Admissions Director

My name is Krista Vann. I am a proud alumnus of *Elim Bible Institute and College* and I now have the privilege of serving as the Admissions Director. I love working with incoming students; hearing their stories and walking with them through the highs and lows of the college decision process is one of the things that brings me the most joy!

Working in the Admissions Department means my team and I work hard year round in preparation of one very important day; arrival day. Each August carries a sense of anticipation as we count down the days for our new and returning students to move-in. However, this August, arrival day carried an unusual excitement.

Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, all our students were required to pack up and leave the campus in March 2020 instead of May 2020. March held some tearful departures as we all said goodbye far sooner than we were ready to (especially to the graduating students who weren't returning as a student the next fall). If you are a part of the EBIC family, you know that there is a beautiful family-feel in "the Elim bubble" that you just don't find everywhere you go. Even as a staff member, I have such a special relationship with the students. I mentor a few students and some students are my closest friends. I love getting to know our students. They are such a special part of my life here in Lima.

Normally, the summers on campus are quiet without the students around. Truthfully, after a couple of weeks, it is too quiet and we (as a staff) miss our students and are ready for them to be back. Now, imagine how much we missed our students after they had been gone for five months rather than the normal three months they're normally away! To say we were ready for them to come back is an understatement! Welcoming new students and their families to the campus is the pinnacle of the application/

enrollment process. You can imagine the Elim community's excitement when NYS released their reopening guidelines for the Fall 2020 semester and it was confirmed that we could safely reopen our campus!

Having been a student myself, I know that the Elim experience is

unparalleled. The truth that EBIC instills in young adults and the way it prepares them for a life of service to the Lord is the biggest reason that I believe in EBIC's mission. I know the impact EBIC has had on my life and ministry. Thus, when new students arrive on-campus, I am already anticipating the great

experience they will have as students. There is a wonderful transformation that the Lord brings to all who are willing. Even on arrival day, I am looking forward to the lifelong friendships they will make during their time as a student. I am expectant for the healing work the Lord will do and, most importantly, the foundation they will build in their relationship with the Lord as they study His word and spend time with Him through classes, chapels, special events, and their own personal quiet time. It's because I truly believe in the Elim experience that my anticipation to have students on-campus rather than studying virtually was so magnified.

Additional guidelines couldn't take away from the undeniable excitement of arrival weekend. Who could have imagined that we would need a COVID-19 check-in station for new student registration? Or that a handful of students would be forced to arrive on campus two weeks prior to the start of the semester to complete a NYS-required quarantine? Or that our fun gift for our new and returning students would be an "EBIC face mask"? While this was something we could not have anticipated at the beginning of this year, I'm grateful the Lord was not surprised. We were able to welcome all of our new freshmen and returning students and hold a graduation/inauguration ceremony for our graduating students and our new President, Dr. Fred Antonelli, on Saturday, August 29, 2020. It was wonderful to celebrate and worship the Lord together as an Elim family again. Words can't even explain the happiness I felt to be in the same room with the people that have become my family again. We successfully reopened the Elim Bible Institute and College campus after being closed for approximately five months with NO cases of COVID-19. Praise God for His provision and continued protection!



MARJORIE GROUT

Marjorie has joined the staff as Executive Secretary to the President. She feels privileged to be serving EBIC in this capacity at this strategic time. Marji has a long history with Elim, having been born here while her parents (Elmer and June Frink) served on staff. She then returned as a student in 1977 and met her husband, Dick Grout, at that time. They both graduated in 1980 and went into ministry as a married couple to Chicago, IL. They continued serving in various churches in the southern tier until 1989 when they moved back to Lima so that Dick could assume the position of Director of Worship. Since moving back Marji has been happy to work in several part time positions at Elim Fellowship. Marji and Dick have been married for 40 years, are the proud parents to five children and are thoroughly enjoying their seven grandchildren.



CHARLIE BROWN PERFORMED EBIC THEATER GROUP

On November 20-22 under the direction of Kelly Lackey-Walsh, EBIC students and staff pulled off three amazing performances of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown". Even in this COVID era, each performance had many attendees (social distancing and COVID protocols were practiced) and the livestream available for each performance has been viewed hundreds of times. We could not be prouder of this group! What a tremendous achievement! You're a Good Team EBIC Theater Group!



SUMMER COURSES

- College Composition
- Christian Worldview and Ethics
- Apologetics II
- History of Ancient Israel
- Evangelism in a Postmodern World
- Prophets of Israel (Bible elective)

Registration is open now until **April 30th**
 Summer term runs **June 7th through July 30th**

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: <https://elim.edu/academics/distance-education/>

GRADUATION WEEKEND

May 14th 7pm
 Baccalaureate Service at Elim Gospel Church
May 15th 2pm-4pm
 Graduation Ceremony at Elim Gospel Church

Join us via livestream on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#)

SPRING SEMESTER STARTS WITH WEEK OF PRAYER

Elim's Week of Prayer allows the participants to delve into a deeper understanding of the Word of God as well as its practical application. This is time well-spent in corporate prayer, personal reflection, and individual growth as speakers feed into the lives of the students. Much like Foundations Weekend, this is a pivotal time for our students. However, unlike Foundations Weekend, this time includes several days of focused prayer time, there are no classes during this week so students may focus on one thing, what the Lord is saying to them. Many students come away from this week with a clearer direction for their lives. This year featured many guest speakers and several times of wonderful worship. We are so grateful for how the Lord showed up during this week!



Dr. Nathan and Emily Sanders preaching



Sister Sylvia Evans preaching



Week of Prayer Student Testimony *By Leah Renaldo*

Being a senior here at EBIC means that I have been around long enough to have seen a couple different Weeks of Prayer. It has always been my favorite time of the year here at college, and I have always loved the different experiences I have had and I have valued the nearness I have experienced with God. This year, however, was different. I was very busy throughout the duration of the week with leading worship, and even starting a new job, so I felt like the panic of my daily life was overshadowing the power that everyone else was experiencing in that week. I did not feel like I was receiving anything particularly powerful because my mind just was not where it was meant to be. On one of the last nights of the week, we had a time of prayer with each other and I just kept to myself, feeling like I was not really getting anything out of the time while I watched my fellow students receive ministry that was breaking chains and changing lives. I began to feel very lonely and inadequate, until a close friend felt like they should come over and sit with me. They began to prophesy and pray over me, and the things that they said spoke to the exact feelings I was experiencing in the moment, and I began to weep. It felt like all of the feelings and emotions that I believed to have been lacking throughout the week all hit me at once. I learned very quickly never to doubt that God will speak. I felt like I was missing an "experience", but God knew exactly the moment that He needed to make His move to change my heart that week. God knows exactly what I need before I even utter a word. I can always trust Him!

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)



Pastor Phil McNeill preaching



Alex Seidler preaching

PROPHETIC PRESBYTRY, A SPECIAL TIME FOR SENIORS

Ask any senior at EBIC what the highlight of the year is and the answer will most likely be **PROPHETIC PRESBYTRY!** This is a decades-long practice where all seniors are given a dedicated 15 to 20 minutes of personal prophetic time from Godly brothers and sisters who are known for their gift of prophecy. This time of prophecy often acts as a launching point for these students as they move into their next season of life after Elim.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11



EBIC third year students receiving prophetic words



FACULTY / ALUMNI VIDEO SERIES

Ever wonder what happens after Elim? There are so many amazing alumni stories! We hope you enjoy this exciting new video series where current Elim faculty interview alumni to discover how Elim prepared them for serving the Lord literally all over the world. In these videos you will be able to hear how the alumni came to Elim, trained at Elim, and moved into the Lord’s calling on their lives. And, if that is not exciting enough, this series has been developed and created by a current EBIC student, Leah Renaldo! Please take a few minutes to watch these videos, they will bless you! Be sure to check back over the next few months as additional videos are added to this [playlist series](#) on YouTube!



The Bowden family serving in Niger

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MARRIAGES



Kristine Johnson

Last year attended: 1998

Kristine and John had a small quarantine wedding on June 27, 2020 and later celebrated with friends and family. Former Elim classmate Damon Bilger was the wedding photographer.



Lisa Lankheet (Sochacki)

Last year attended: 1985

Married Dave Lankheet on October 5, 2019



Cheyenne MacLean

Last year attended: 2018

Married Mike Monroe on September 19, 2020

OBITUARIES

Clarence Norman (Norm) Moran

Clarence Norman "Norm" Moran was born in Chester, PA on Christmas Day in 1934. The Lord got a hold on his life very early, and he enrolled at Philadelphia College of the Bible, then Elim Bible Institute, graduating in 1957. That year he married his partner in ministry for life, Nancy. One of his greatest God-given gifts was that of being a counselor. He was a visionary who acted out thoughts and plans to execute success. Norm was always eager to share God's word and the promises of eternal life through Jesus, and he always stayed faithful to his calling.

Link to full obituary

Laura Scavo (Silva-Cortes)

Last year attended: 1986

As written by Laura's husband, Tim. Laura Silva-Cortes (Scavo) and Tim Scavo (1986) we were married by Stacy Cline the year of their graduation at Elim - 1986. Laura died on 6/8/18, she was at peace with God and man. My wife of 32 years passed into Paradise. During our marriage Laura gave me 3 children, they're all in their 20s now. Laura was a licensed clinical social worker and psychotherapist. I worked in the mental health field as a job counselor.

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 hope you enjoy the following Alumni News! 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 livestreamed? 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](#)

ALUMNI NEWS

ALL NEWS IS WRITTEN AS PROVIDED BY THE ALUMNI

Joshua Aguilar

Last year attended: 2019

Spending this season In Huntington Beach California do missionary training, and then going on tour across the country with a group called Circuit riders.



Josephine Ayers

Last year attended: 1994

Flames of Fire Ministries, Inc has been online since 2016. Since then we have had two books released, (#3 on the way), 4 conferences, and 3 prophetic Mentoring Classes. We launched a jail ministry, and now a cell church movement. I write for Charisma and just recently was asked to be on their podcast platform. I was also just asked the same, by Spirit Fuel, for whom I write for. We are a ministry that has a heart to launch others into their end time destiny, by educating, motivating and activating people into their end time destinies. Last but not least teaching the Body of Christ about the authority that they have in them, given to us by Jesus, and then having them walk in it, with signs and wonders following. I teach on how to hear GOD's voice, especially in these times.
www.flamesoffire.us

Elizabeth Badley (Edwards)

Last year attended 1995

I've had five kids since then, 22,20,17,13 and 8 years old. Live in Everett, WA. Have been a youth minister in two Catholic Churches and now work at a title I public school. Married 23 years.



Rashaud Bailey

Last year attended: 2020

In the process of obtaining an LLC / website for my apparel and my own brand (plan to receive business counseling). My nephew is doing well and growing fast, I'm excited about him and the love I could show him.

Berdinka (Hayden), Susan

Last year attended: 1981

Maiden name: Hayden

Late Husband: Alan Roby (class of 82)

Our (Alan's and mine) two eldest children (of 4) have had our first and second grandchildren in the last 2 years - 2 girls! The second one was named for her granddaddy (Alana). He would be bursting with pride. I know I am.



John Byron

Last year attended: 1989

Dr. John Byron, Professor of New Testament, has been named Dean of Ashland Theological Seminary.

"We are very pleased to have Dr. Byron as the leader of our Seminary," said AU President Dr. Carlos Campo. "He is an accomplished academic and faithful man of God, with an extraordinary background and the vision needed to lead ATS." Byron studied at Elim Bible Institute, received a MA in Biblical Studies from Regent University, a PhD in Theology from the University of Durham, England and completed post-graduate work at Jerusalem University College in Jerusalem, Israel. The author of six books and more than 30 published articles and essays, Byron served as a translator for the Common English Bible, is a columnist for Biblical Archaeology Review and excavated with his students at Tel-Gezer in Israel. He and Lori, also an Elim graduate, enjoy cycling, cooking and traveling together.



Pastor Michael Cavanaugh

Last year attended: 1994

After stepping down as the President of EBIC I have started a new ministry called Not Many Fathers. I describe the ministry this way, "I help emerging Christian leaders in how to make wise life and leadership decisions, preach dynamically, and boldly launch their ministry visions so they can reach their God-given potential." Right now I've been working on putting a website in place called notmanyfathers.com. I'm hoping to be able to offer free and low priced materials to help emerging leaders get the foot hold they need to be successful in ministry. I'm also authoring a series of small eBooks. The first one soon to be released is called How to Not Quit the Ministry. All of these will be free in my website in eBook form. Life goes on but our mission must endure.

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Geoff and Lydia Clough

Last year attended: Geoff, 1993 | Lydia 1987

Geoff and Lydia just moved to Cazenovia, NY after 30 + years of living in Geneseo, NY. Geoff has been a piano teacher, a musician and recently an author. Since COVID began, Geoff has been unemployed. We needed to sell our home but at the same time we got a call from Lydia's family that her 93 yr old dad needs someone to live with him. He had been struggling with health issues. So we believe God had closed one door and now opened a new one. This one is filled with new challenges but God has always been faithful. We are enjoying the extended family times as well as the beautiful area. When I say we are in the country I mean it. My nearest neighbors are 100 sheep. I am still writing and hope to begin performing for senior audiences again soon. Lydia was a school bus driver in Livonia, NY. Children update: Nathan, lives at home. Tyler is married with twin five year old daughters. Natalie is married and works for a local bank.



Lelsie Jay Comfort

Last year attended: 1977

As of September 2020, I have been voted as the President of Beyond Tears Worldwide a 501c3 that does humanitarian outreach in Ladakh, India. www.beyondtearsworldwide.com



Monica Driscoll

Last year attended: 1999

Monica (Metcalf) Driscoll recently began working alongside husband, Ryan Driscoll, at the Christian Immigration Advocacy Center in Pittsburgh, PA, serving refugees and immigrants from around the world through immigration law.



Jonathan Ferreira Caceres

Last year attended: 2016

I am from Paraguay, I attended in the Year in the Son program 2015-2016 And Thanks to EBIC, this year I will be probably making my dream true (Working in Christian organization and returning to the USA). NYSUM contracted me as a new staff member.



David Gilford

Last year attended: 1991

Since 2014 David and his wife Shari have been serving full-time in northern India, focusing on leadership training, discipleship, and compassion ministry. They make their home in Portland, Oregon.



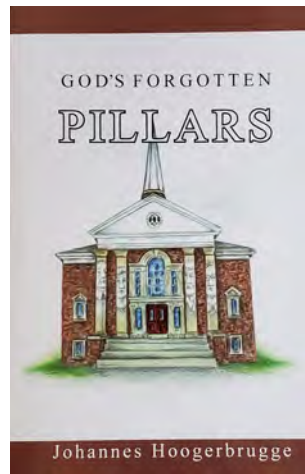
Neil Hill

Sonata Gill (Hill)

Last year attended: Neil, 2019 | Sonata, 2018

On August 29th 2020 Sonata Gill became Sonata Hill. We are both Elim Alumni. Also, after speaking with president Chris Ball, I became licensed minister at Elim Fellowship. God is opening doors of opportunity all around us and we have seen an increase at Renovation House as well. Our fledgling internship was put on pause during the summer of COVID, however we are looking forward to the future and know that God will continue to increase our borders as He sees fit. Personally and professionally, I am preparing for what God may have for me next and serving joyfully where He has placed me now.

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John Hoogerbrugge

Last year attended: 1974

Last year, I published "God's Forgotten Pillars" based on my 20 years of experience as a long-term health care chaplain. The book describes the needs of elderly shut-ins who have become forgotten and neglected by their own churches. It gives many examples from my ministry and explains how churches can meet the needs of their elderly shut-ins. It has been endorsed by Rev. Chris Ball and Rev. Mike Cavanaugh, as well as by other ministry and denominational church leaders. This year, I wrote a training manual as a companion to the book. I am available to help churches establish a ministry to their elderly parishioners and train people how to do that. I can be contacted at gfpillars@gmail.com or at 724-452-1496.

Terrence Kelley

Last year attended: 1992

Terrence married Bethany on June 14, 1997. Terry Kelley is working as a Youth Mentor at Taylor Diversion Programs, a school for troubled teens.

Carolyn Marcello

Years attended: 1974-1976

Elim instilled in me a love for the Word of God. Since I moved from Rochester, NY to South Bethany, Delaware I have had a Bible study at my house and a prayer meeting each week. What a joy it is to study the Word of God with ladies who also love the Bible. I am also involved with the pro-life movement. Twice a year I have a Life Chain event in my area which is drawing more and more people. To God be the Glory.



Todd McGregor

Last year attended: 1983

Bp. Todd and his wife Patsy returned to the USA in December 2020 after serving for nearly 30 years in Kenya and Madagascar. He has served as bishop since 2006 growing the diocese from 11 churches to over 110.

Maxine O'Neil

Last year attended: 1979

Maxine is retired due to health issues.



Fount Shults

Taught from 1981-2004

I have published several books since retiring from the campus. The Father's Love, volume one, (a devotional commentary on the Gospel of John) T-Shirts and Overcoats (My personal testimony with teachings on identity and calling), Invitation to intimacy (A devotional journal on the three parables of Luke 15; the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son.) and others. I have functioned as the Academic Dean for Nation 2 Nation Christian University and taught several of their classes. I have also traveled to 7 different nations training leaders.

Bob Sorge

Last year attended: 1981

Bob Sorge has just released a totally updated Legacy Edition of his book, SECRETS OF THE SECRET PLACE. Hardcover. Find it at www.oasishouse.com or Amazon.



John Watts

Last year attended: 1987

I met my wife-to-be, Tania at Elim in '87, moved to Florida where I have lived for 33 years, married 31 years, and have a 22 year old daughter, Jessica. We live in the rough Ft Lauderdale area mission field. I received my MSW in 2000, and my LCSW license in 2012, have been an addictions counselor since 2000, and recently began TeleHealth counseling with InPsych Consultants, TeleDoc, Doctor on Demand, and Choosing Therapy. My gifts and calling are in pastoral care ministries, so counseling is fulfilling that calling. Shout out to all the ELIM professors, & the classmates of '85-'88, miss you all. God bless you all.

KEEP IN TOUCH

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-filled servant leaders for global ministry and world-wide 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!**
www.facebook.com/groups/ElimBibleAlumni
- **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:**
www.youtube.com/elimible
www.elim.edu/media/podcasts
- **View a variety of EBIC focused videos** on Youtube.com/elimible

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