



ENGLISH LANGUAGE CONGREGATION NATIONAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

JAN 31, 2025

FRIDAY

9.30 AM

Preacher

Rev. Dr. Blaine
Newhouse

Worship Led by
Church School

Greeters:

Womens' Fellowship
Members

Offertory Ushers:

Womens' Fellowship
Members

Offertory Counters:

Peter S, Paul W,
Prakash S

After Service

Intercessors:
Elders / Deacons

WORSHIP SERVICE

Let us worship our Lord through...

Welcome: Women's Fellowship Group

Praise & Worship: 'I Know Who I Am'
'There is Power in the Blood'
'Lord I Lift Your Name on High'

Scripture Reading: 'I Samuel 17:12-23' Stella A

Sermon Title: A Man After God's Own Heart - Giant Slayer

Congregational Prayer : Dr. Darley Cheriyan

Short Testimony by Women's fellowship Members -
Olivia Minnar & Elnamie Omapoy

Prayer for Women's fellowship Ministry - Pastor Blaine

Call for Offering: Video Testimony by Asha Ponniah

Doxology

Birthdays & Anniversaries

This Week @ELC: Nathan Soans

Closing Song: 'Goodness of Jesus'

Benediction

We welcome newcomers to our fellowship. Please stop by at the Ahlan (Welcome) desk to know more about our congregation. Speak with the volunteers or **WhatsApp @39799902**

AFTER SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

Today's after service fellowship is being sponsored by Women's Fellowship Group and the Church. If you want to celebrate your special day with the congregation, **SMS or WhatsApp Ellen**

Worship Etiquette : No Drinking of Coffee or Tea & No food or Gum chewing in the Sanctuary.

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 17:12-50

12 Now David was the son of an Ephrathite named Jesse, who was from Bethlehem in Judah. Jesse had eight sons, and in Saul's time he was very old.

13 Jesse's three oldest sons had followed Saul to the war: The firstborn was Eliab; the second, Abinadab; and the third, Shammah.

14 David was the youngest. The three oldest followed Saul,

15 but David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

16 For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand.

17 Now Jesse said to his son David, "Take this ephah of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread for your brothers and hurry to their camp.

18 Take along these ten cheeses to the commander of their unit. See how your brothers are and bring back some assurance from them.

19 They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines."

20 Early in the morning David left the flock in the care of a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry.

21 Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other.

22 David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and asked his brothers how they were.

23 As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it.

24 Whenever the Israelites saw the man, they all fled from him in great fear.

25 Now the Israelites had been saying, "Do you see how this man keeps coming out? He comes out to defy Israel. The king will give great wealth to the man who kills him. He will also give him his daughter in marriage and will exempt his family from taxes in Israel."

26 David asked the men standing near him, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

27 They repeated to him what they had been saying and told him, "This is what will be done for the man who kills him."

28 When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle."

29 "Now what have I done?" said David. "Can't I even speak?"

30 He then turned away to someone else and brought up the same matter, and the men answered him as before.

31 What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, and Saul sent for him.

32 David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

33 Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock,

35 I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it.

36 Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.

37 The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you."

38 Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head.

39 David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off.

40 Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

41 Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David.

42 He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him.

43 He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 "Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!"

45 David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.

47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

48 As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.

49 Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

50 So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

SERMON NOTES

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above the Heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

Tithe & Offerings and Donations

Please make all contributions payable to ELC—NEC or drop in the offering tray or can personally drop into the church office. If you wish to make a contribution online, please contact church office for details.

Love Offering for the month

The Love Offering for the month is designated to Zwemer's Clinic. The primary aim is to provide medical assistance to the needy and those in the margins.

ELC Intercessors

Join us for Worship and Intercession
every Monday at 7.30 pm
at NEC Room FF4.

Let's seek for the Holy Spirit's leading in ELC and pray for the prayer requests received from the church members.
Contact **Richard Marcelo** or **Edgar Levita**.

Outreach Ministry

The Outreach Ministry is visiting patients at the Ward Sections of the Hospital every month. If you wish to join, kindly contact **Jimmy Sarmiento @3777 8706** for more details.

EKLEKTOS YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

To know more about Eklektos Young Adults ministry,
For in person session, contact Prahmarsh Ravindra (@39011477)
For Online session, contact Akash Raj (@+64 29 1280943) for details.

MOMS MINISTRY

Interested to dive deeper into faith and connect with other moms?
Join **MOMs of FAITH** in their **Bible Study** on 2nd **Saturdays of the month** from **4:00 PM to 5:30 PM**

For more information, get in touch with **Vinolia** or **Charlette** . The next meeting is on Saturday, February 8th.

Bible Study Cell Groups

At our church we have cell group bible studies so you can grow closer to God and other people. We want to update our list of these study groups, so that we can be a resource to you leading groups (provide advice/connect to materials) AND because we want to be able to accurately connect newcomers to your groups, so everyone can grow in God's word and community.

If you lead a cell group, or you are interested in joining a cell group Bible study, please contact Silas Peterson, whose info is in the bulletin

Whatsapp: +1 (616) 377-9856

Exclusive for ELC Members!

ELC Embrace Ministry is excited to offer you a chance to join several free trainings organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM)! These sessions are designed to help you grow, learn new skills, and even assist others along the way.

Click this link to register:

<https://forms.gle/YQtdV4CjmwqFgBW19>

Or stop by the Embrace Desk near the sanctuary entrance for more details.

Let's grow and make an impact together!
#blessedtobeablessing

Pray for Bahrain

Pray for Bahrain and for Bahrainis and Saudis on the first Wednesday of next month, 5 February, at 7.30pm at the NEC Educational building FF-3 (First Floor room 3).

Pastor Butch Estacio of the NEC's Bahrain Christian Fellowship will lead us in prayer.

Vacation Bible School

Child Evangelism Fellowship (Bahrain) will be conducting their 42nd Vacation Bible School from 24 Mar to 27 Mar 2025.

A special training and orientation sessions will be held for all enrolled VBS Teachers.

For more information, contact CEF Bahrain volunteers on 38168343 / 34374630 or cefbahrain@gmail.com

ELC NEEDS MINISTRY

in collaboration with the American Mission Hospital (AMH) is organising a Medical Health Camp and we are thrilled to invite you to volunteer, where we will provide essential healthcare services to the needy.

□ When: 21st February 2025

□ Where: 'to be announced'

Your contributions will make a significant difference in the lives of many. Whether you are a medical professional, a student, or simply someone with a compassionate heart (medical or non-medical), your skills and time are invaluable.

Here's how you can get involved:

Register Now: <https://forms.gle/wnmh3nHckjeV6FqL6>

Volunteer Opportunities:

- ☞ Medical professionals: Doctors, nurses, pharmacists, etc.
- ☞ Non-medical volunteers: Registration assistance, patient support, logistics, etc.

1 Peter 4:10 : "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

Together, we can make a positive impact on the health and well-being of our community.

Please reach out to Madhu @39082726 or Sam John @39590360 or Church Office for details.

Exciting Expansion of Our Sports Ministry

We are thrilled to announce the expansion of our Sports Ministry with the introduction of football and basketball teams, specially designed for our youth and young adults.

This exciting initiative aims to foster teamwork, discipline, and a sense of community while encouraging a healthy, active lifestyle. Through these teams, we hope to build stronger connections among our young members and create opportunities for mentorship and spiritual growth.

If you're passionate about football or basketball, we invite you to register and become part of this new chapter in our ministry. Free transportation will be provided for those who need it.

We're also looking for experienced coaches to lead and guide these teams with their expertise. If that's you, we'd love for you to join us in this mission!

To register or volunteer as a coach, please contact David Mori on 3998 3555. Let's come together to make this initiative a success!

"Train up a child in the way he should go..." – Proverbs 22:6

Worship Team Auditions

Feb 7, 11:30am

Contact: Kris and Richard

Please make sure you mention that all auditionees need to be a member of ELC. Also deadline date is the week before the auditions. No walk-ins.

Deadline: 31 Jan

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

FRIDAY, 31ST	9.30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE	CHURCH OFFICE**
SUNDAY, 2ND	7 PM	WORSHIP SERVICE	CHURCH OFFICE**
MONDAY, 3RD	7.30 PM	ELC INTERCESSORY PRAYER	RICHARD / EDGAR
TUESDAY, 4TH	9.15 AM	WOMENS FELLOWSHIP	URMILA 39011768
WEDNESDAY, 5TH	6.30 PM	YOUTH GROUP	SAM / MANDY

PRAYER CONCERNS

CHURCH	Worldwide, NEC & member churches, Reformed Church in America, persecuted Christians/ underground churches; ministry of volunteers, pastoral leadership, board, committees, ministries;
THANKSGIVING	Freedom of worship & many answers to prayer;
OUTREACH	Pray for Dee Dee at Hope Ministry, S. Africa
HEALING	Latisha's Dad (Surgery), Kasthuri (Sateesh's Mom recovery from heart disease), Aqeel Hassan (Norelle Husband—Osteoporosis), Leandra & Zahraa Ali Khudoor (Chemo), Jessa Minn Bautista Weinert (Stage3—Ovarian Cancer), Charles Jeyaraj, Raj Govindan (surgery), Hazel Bourne (Cancer), David (MS), Arelis (Back pain), Karina Nair (Leukemia); Ivan Coericus (stage 4 cancer brain tumor); Cara-Lee (stage 4 cancer); John Titus (heart surgery), Enid Hing(Cancer)
GENERAL	American Mission Hospital, Al-Raja School, Salvation of family members, members facing difficult situations, those dealing with addictions, welfare of laborers, prisoners & domestic staff, Members starting new business ventures, Work Opportunities for the Jobless ;
NATIONS	Nations at war with each other, civil unrest, refugee crisis, natural calamities, relief organizations
BAHRAIN	Welfare of Bahrainis, expatriates and churches, especially for those who don't know the Lord to come to know His grace and love

**** These listed Prayer requests will be updated every first week of the month.

If the names should be continued for prayer, please let Latisha know or the names will be automatically removed. Thank you for your help in this...

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

(JAN 31— FEB 6)

31st Simran Rose, Blesson Varghese
Koshy, 1st Feb Beena Roy, Blessie Simon
2nd Rekha Joseph, Rani Bathina, Philip
Famuyiwa, 3rd Rehana Siriwardena,
Hepzibah Mathew, 4th Nicholas Pastos,
Dr. Pranil Borde, Nixon Joseph Paul
Sneha Lekha; 5th Chriselda Mariam
Rose, Ansu Abraham, Akankeng
Gwendoline Morfaw, Dr. Ravi Mohan
Pedapenki, 6th Z.Selvarajan, Aldrin Sanu
Mathew

2nd Christopher & Arathi Lymon
4th Mary-Ann & Phillip Pastera

***** Please note that if your birthday or
anniversary is not listed in the bulletin,
please come up for prayer anyways.

Then also, please send an email to:
coordinator@elcnecbahrain.org along with
your details so that our records can be up to
date. Thank you for your assistance in this
project!

BAPTISM / CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Baptism and Confirmation classes for all
age groups who wish to profess their
faith in Jesus as Lord and become
members of the church will begin on
Friday, March 14, at 11 AM. The classes
will be held every Friday for four weeks.

Candidates who confirm their faith and
request baptism will have the
opportunity to be baptized and
welcomed into church membership on
Easter Sunday, April 20.

For more information, please contact
Latisha at the Church Office.

If you require prayers
during the week, please call Pastor
Blaine @39799901

CHURCH OFFICE EMAIL ID

Please note the new church office
email id : coordinator@elcnecbahrain.org

SENIOR PASTOR: REV. DR. BLAINE CURTIS NEWHOUSE: 39799901 (M)

CHURCH MINISTRY COORDINATOR: MRS. LATISHA HENRY: 17242578;

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ELC CHURCH WHATSAPP NUMBER : 39799902

(CALL FOR TRANSPORT)

ELC OFFICE EMAIL: COORDINATOR@ELCNECBAHRAIN.ORG;

ELC-NEC LIBRARY TIMINGS: FRI. 9.00 -9.30 AM & 11.00-11.45 AM

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