



News from Zion

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Set your clocks 1 hour ahead on Saturday, March 13th before you go to bed. Daylight Savings Time begins!



Communion
March 7th
Communion will be served after the 10:30 service in the chapel.



From the pastor's desk...

Are You Ready for the Lenten Olympics?



"Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize."

1 Corinthians 9:25-27 NIV

What a thrill! Over the last couple of weeks our family, like many of you, enjoyed watching the Winter Olympics. It was the first time my kids had seen the Olympics and we were not disappointed. The skating, the skiing, the snowboarding, sledding and hockey – it was all fabulous. So were the personal stories woven between the events – dreams realized after hard work. These are the kinds of images I want my kids inspired by – what can be achieved with vision and hard work – a dream combined with the personal discipline it takes to realize that dream. The Apostle Paul was apparently inspired

by the Olympic Games of his day – after all, the Greco-Roman world is where the Olympics began! He used the Olympic Games and the training required to compete and win as an analogy for the Christian life in the verses sited above. Paul did not just talk a good talk as he traveled about spreading the good news – he exercised spiritual self control and discipline to grow in Christ-likeness and to overcome sin. He saw himself and all of us who have trusted in Christ as competitors, not against each other but against sin, seeking the everlasting award of God's "well done" having been faithful in word and deed to the message of hope in the gospel. This is a vision he never lost – it inspired him right to the end. Consider his words to Timothy toward the end of his life: *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."* 2 Timothy 4:7-8 NIV. Paul knew that his sins had been wiped away through Christ's Cross, now he wanted to live a life worthy

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Please Take note...

Mission Prayer Partners
for March, 2010...



7th - Don & Natalie Osman/
L.E.A.D.

14th - Rick & Marie Parker
21st - Bruce & Julie Powell
Wycliffe

28th - Ben & Becky Rivera
Campus Crusade

GREBEL & COFFEE
March 6th -
7:30 -10:30 a.m.
Pre-orders and help
are welcome!



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of such a gift, make a difference for God's Kingdom in this troubled world and strive for the eternal rewards that will now fade or perish. This is the mark for every Christian to strive for every day of our Christian life as Paul also reminds us – "*but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.*" And, "*also to all who have longed for his appearing.*" During the season of Lent, Christians have traditionally focused on Christ's agony in taking up the cross and set out to deepen their discipleship, taking up their own crosses to walk worthy of his calling. This Lenten Season, what are the areas where *you* need to grow and what will it take to do that? Do you need to be bolder in sharing the gospel? Go for it! Do you need to form a holy habit to spend time with God and His Word each day? Find a time and place to get with God undistracted and do that! Do you have a sin tangling you up and tripping up your life as a believer? What will it take to finally part ways with that sin and make real progress in how you live your life? Perhaps you need to memorize some verses on the subject from Scripture; perhaps you need to get some advice from someone who has fought the same battle in their own life. Perhaps you need to make some changes in how you respond to whatever triggers that reaction in you. Perhaps it's as simple as changing the route you take as you travel to and from work or school so you can avoid a place or situation where temptation arises. Please don't waste the season of Lent with some empty ritual like giving up potato chips for a few weeks – although that probably would be a heart healthy thing to do! Really zero in on an area of needed growth in your life as a follower of Jesus, prayerfully lay out a course of action to achieve that goal, and then – go for it! Your progress may be small and slow at first – change is hard for all of us – but self-discipline has its rewards, and where Christ and his kingdom are concerned – those rewards have eternally lasting value!

With you for Christ and his Kingdom,

Pastor Garry



LENTEN SERVICES - 2010

Sunday, March 7, 7:00 p.m.
at Federated Church with Pastor Adams
Topic: Salvation

Sunday, March 14, 7:00 p.m.
at Zion with Pastor Meter
Topic: The Law Fulfilled

Sunday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.
at Emmanuel with Pastor Brown
Topic: Victory



*Our KCMI Broadcast for March
is given in by the
Todd Pieper Family.
Thank you for sharing in this
important ministry!*

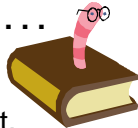
**Camp Rock Men's Day will be held
Saturday, March 27th
for Fathers, Sons, Singles and Grandpas,
Junior High age and up. The speaker
will be Bill Bagley. The day will begin
with breakfast at 8 a.m. and will end
with a Trap Shoot at 3 p.m. A free-will
offering will be taken to cover the
cost of the event.**

Congratulations to . . .

. . . *Ed Hessler on his 89th Birthday!*
 . . . *Harold & Patty Propp on their 65th Wedding Anniversary.*
 . . . *Martha Stricker on her 40th Birthday!*
 . . . *Jodi Rupp on her 40th Birthday!*
 . . . *Florine Crom on her 80th Birthday!*

BOOK RECOMMENDATION for March . . .***Experiencing the Resurrection***

by Melvin & Henry Blackaby



Not just a one-time historical event.

If you stop at the cross, you might as well have never started. Only when accompanied by the resurrection can the cross offer you total freedom and complete victory in Christ. Because when God raised Jesus from the dead, He also made it possible for Christ's life to reign in you. Explore the glorious dimensions of His resurrection through this powerful book and study guide steeped in the Blackaby distinctive of constant encouragement and fresh ways to experience God. Just as Jesus endured the cross "for the joy that was set before Him" (Hebrews 12:2), so also will you find a new approach for facing your trials. Begin to catch breathless glimpses of the living Lord at work in and through your life. The resurrection will become not a one-time, historical event, but a daily celebration manifested in your life!

Thank you . . .

A big thank you for all the prayers, calls and cards. Also, for the Pastors' visits and calls during my recovery from my surgery. I still need lots of prayers.

**God Bless everyone!
Violet Knaub**

Did you know you can now listen and/or see our church service to on your home computer?

Go to our website:

www.zionscottsbluff.com

and click on LISTEN ONLINE.

Find the date of the message you'd like to see or listen to and click on that date.

Be patient while it loads.

**~ AWANA NEWS ~**

We have been "busy bees" in the month of February and it will continue on into March!!! Please grab a cup of tea and join me as I tell you what we've been doing and what is still to come . . .

January Clubbers of the Month: Sparks - Hope Schanaman & James Cawley; T&T Girls - Kimberleigh Cawley & Anna Yanke (tie); T&T Boys - Quinton Janecek & Aaron Reed (tie) and Trek - Kayla Schanaman. Congratulations, Clubbers!!! Keep up the great work!!!

On February 6th, some of the T&T clubbers and Staff made our way over to Monument Bible Church for **Bible Quiz**. I am so proud of our clubbers each year as they overcome their "butterflies/anxious feelings", willingly set aside basketball games and other Saturday activities in order to compete. All five of the teams that participated placed in the top four! Here are the teams and where they placed: T&T Girls: Book 2 - 4th Place - Breanna Deem, Halley Schanaman & Anna Schick; Book 3 - 4th Place - Tiersa Darley. T&T Boys: Book 1 - 3rd Place - Quinton Janecek & Aaron Reed; Book 3 - 2nd Place - Austin Rhamy; Book 4 - 1st Place - Jacob Pieper, Spencer Riddick & Ben Stricker. Additional ribbons were awarded to Aaron Reed for a perfect written paper score and to Jacob Pieper for a perfect multiple choice score. Congratulations, Aaron & Jacob!!! And, congratulations to all clubbers that competed!!! Thank you to the following Staff for their help with coaching, paper correcting or scorekeeping: Andy Griess, Deb Pieper, Martha Stricker, Brian and Andrea Hale, Carol Parvin, Linda Peterson and Cheryl Rose.

The following day at club, we met from 2:00-4:00 for **Sports Day** because of the Super Bowl. The two student athletes that were interviewed during Council Time for the Sparks, T&T and Trek were our own Shaylah & Kayleigh Schadwinkel. These two young ladies are such godly young women and although they are amazing student athletes, it is their spiritual walk with the Lord that makes them real winners!!! Like I told the clubbers, even though they see Shaylah & Kayleigh weekly at club, there are many things in their personal lives that they do Monday-Saturday that would be news to all of us. The Sparks were very interested in the Schadwinkel's horses and we found out some of the pranks that the six of them pull on Kayleigh & Shaylah. Talk to Kayleigh &/or Shaylah before or after church sometime to hear about it! ☺

This year Valentine's Day fell on a Sunday and so

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we did something special. In addition to the points that they received for check-in, sections recited, game time points, they also received Hershey's **Hugs and Kisses** for these items. I was proud of the clubbers for the great job that they did of making sure that their trash got thrown in the trash cans and not on the floor, in the pews, etc. (This is not always so easy with those little paper flags and little pieces of foil!)

Our annual **Grandparent's Night** is coming up on February 28th. It is always fun to have the clubbers grandparents and adopted grandparents visit. The clubbers are so excited to show their grandparents what they do each week at club.

The Sparks and T&T clubbers have been practicing hard for the upcoming **AWANA Games** on March 6th! Please come to the WNCC Cougar Palace beginning at 1:00 p.m. to support Zion's Sparks team and then at 3:00 the T&T will compete. Good Luck & GO ZION!!!

The Sunday after AWANA Games, March 7th, in addition to our regular club time we will have time trials for Grand Prix at 2:30. This year, **Grand Prix** is on Friday, March 12th. Check-in will begin at 5:45 and the races will start at 6:30. (Sparks will race their Hot wheels first.) Everyone is welcome to come and join us for this very fun evening. We have a great concession stand with very reasonable prices! Hope to see you there!!!

Lost & Found: This is not usually something that I address in my newsletter article but I am starting to get an accumulation of items that are not the normal clothing stuff. I now have two pair of children's glasses, a bag of Bath & Body Works products and several packages of Andes mints. Please give me a call if you know anything about any of these items. (I cannot personally make use of the glasses but if no one claims the B&B and the candy, you will probably see me coming to church smelling good and plumper - than I already am! ☺ (Just kidding . . . I have LI T's that would probably enjoy both!)

~ **Commander Commentary** ~

***WOW!!! I just don't have the words to tell you how very FANTASTIC Commander College 101 was for me in Sidney at the end of January! My biggest prayer is to be able to find the time to sit down and gather my thoughts to share with my Staff and to

not walk away from this experience without sharing what I learned. In CC 101, most of it is defining the roles of the AWANA Commander as a(n) ~ Administrator, Advocate, Communicator, Leader and Shepherd. One of the very first things that we did, though, was look at the passage of Scripture from Mark 10:2-14. It is the story of Jesus and the disciples discussing the subject of divorce and parents begin bringing their children to Jesus to be touched/given a blessing. Well, the disciples were trying to "shoo" the children away because they were discussing an important adult subject! Jesus, however, would have nothing to do with that - was indignant and even angered! He wanted the children to be allowed to come to Him so that He could minister to them. And even though I've heard this story many times, sometimes it just takes the way it is said to "you" that it becomes SO PROFOUND . . . "If ministering to children was important to Jesus, then it's important to me!" Zion does a great job with this goal but as with anything, there is always room for improvement . . . and I'm excited to be a part of that!!!

***Before I close, I have to pass on this very cute story of one of our Cubbies (passed onto me by his mother). There is a song that the Cubbies sing called, "I've got peace like a river (in my soul)" Well, his mom overheard him singing it at home awhile back but his version goes like this . . . "I've got peace like a liver down in my soul, soul, soul." I love it!!! I'm so glad that his liver is at peace! I am SO BLESSED to serve as AWANA Commander!!! ☺

As always, I will remind you that God Is In Control and then your liver can be at peace, too!!! ☺

Cheryl Rose, Commander

Valley Mobile Food Pantry



March 26th at 1:00 p.m.

at the old Sun-Mart in Gering

**NEEDED: canned goods,
mac & cheese and any other dry goods**



Sponsored by: The Valley Evangelical
Pastor's Fellowship

CIRCLE OF PRAISE:

The Circle of Praise met in the Oasis on Saturday, February 20th, hosted by Peg, Jerry, Donna and Richard. Despite the weather, 27 people attended.

Pastor Garry gave the blessing, and a great spaghetti dinner was enjoyed by all. Thanks to those who brought the breads, salads, and dessert. It was a pleasure to have Jerry and Carolyn Nash join us. Several games were played and winners received a giant Hersey Almond bar.

During our business meeting, the following was discussed and voted on:

*The Circle of Praise will give \$250.00 toward the Erin Kampbell Mission fund (Avant).

*Circle of Praise Cookie Walk will be on Dec. 11, spearheaded by Pat Stricker, Joyce Johnston, Lela Hilzer and Ruth Hein.

*The 2010 Hostess Sign-Up Sheet was circulated, and the months of March, June and August are still open.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Peggie Ross

LADIES GUILD:

The Ladies Guild met February 2nd with 22 ladies present. Following the hymn singing and the recognition of birthdays, prayer requests were taken. In new business, a motion was made to give \$50 to World Relief for the Haiti disaster. A committee was chosen, which will consist of Joyce Kautz, Lorraine Hein, Lela Hilzer and Peg Ross, to check for items that need to be replaced in the kitchen. It was decided to put \$2000 in the Flex CD. Our church hosts the Lenten Service on March 15. Our next meeting is March 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Helen Maier

MOPS at Night:

It's cabbage burger time again! MOPS @ Night will be selling Cabbage Burgers to help with MOPPETS costs, mom's needing scholarships and to send our leaders to convention this summer. We will be taking orders through Friday, March 12th. Cabbage burgers will be sold for \$15 per 1/2 dozen or \$30 a dozen.

Place your order by asking one of our MOPS moms, call Andrea Hale at 632-6934 or 220-8261 or placing your order at the Welcome Center. Pick up will be Friday, March 19th; Saturday March 20th from 2pm - 4 pm; and Sunday, March 21st between services.

Thank you for your support of this great ministry!

Andrea Hale,
Coordinator

Missions -

Psalm 9:11 "Sing praises to the Lord, enthroned in Zion; Proclaim among the nations what he has done."

Thank you for your generous donations to World Relief for Haiti. The total amount sent thus far was \$3226.19.

Have you given to Missions lately? You can be a big part of giving in these trying times with small donations. Not everyone is capable of large expenditures. Small donations can make the difference for others who suffer or who need to hear the Gospel. Your money is

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CRAFT NIGHT -

Eight gals enjoyed crafting in February.

We worked on scrapbooking, quilting, embroidery, and crocheting. Join the fellowship Monday, March 15 at 6:30. Bring a project of your choice

and make some new friends!

Claudette Schmidt



Jeremiah House

The Jeremiah House was closed last Tuesday due to some flooding problems. Our food was ready to take before we learned of the closure. Thank you to the Farm and Ranch Expo committee for giving us the hotdogs. They were enjoyed by the clients of the Office of Human Development.

Serving for our Lord,
Terry Martin



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placed in safe keeping and every dollar is spent on the Lord's work.

We have gotten off to a great start in 2010 with our present obligations and are ready to face new challenges. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

In His Service
Jerry Ross,
Mission's Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

We want to start out by thanking Amy Burton who has served with our Sunday School as Treasurer for many years. Although she will be helping during certain times, she will be greatly missed by both the Sunday School Staff and kids. We hope you enjoy the Adult Sunday School class, Amy. We welcome Debbie Pieper as our new Treasurer.

Please mark your calendar for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 3rd at 1:00 p.m. (hopefully outside this year!) We would greatly appreciate **wrapped** candy and plastic eggs. We appreciate our church family and all they do for the Sunday School. We have confirmed the dates of Vacation Bible School, so mark your calendars for June 14-18. Please let us know if you can help. We have a great time of fellowship.

In God's Love,
Sharon,
Robin & Deb

YOUTH: With a few exceptions, everything relating to youth ministry at Zion was about the same in February as we have been seeing all year long. Our senior high Bible study and junior high outreach both continue to encourage me with good groups of students who are interested in the lessons. The group of high school students meeting at our house on Sunday nights continues to encourage me and one another. I am still struggling with what to do with a Sunday school class that keeps getting smaller and smaller.

In February, there were a few out of the ordinary events as well. We hosted a Super Bowl party for young people after Awana on Feb. 7. We were sort of late getting the plans made and getting the word out, so there were not as many students as we would have liked. However, those who came saw a good game, enjoyed some good food, and had a good time together. One other change we had in February was that we had to take a night off of both our senior high Bible study and our Sunday night prayer/fellowship meeting due to conflicts with our church's participation in the CCCC Lenten services. I was asked to give the message for the Ash Wednesday service, and Pastor Garry preached at one of the Sunday night services. We should be back on with a regular schedule now until Easter week gets here. Please continue to pray that God would continue to use our efforts to bring the students we work with into a deeper relationship with Himself.

Thanks,
Andy

General Fund for January, 2010

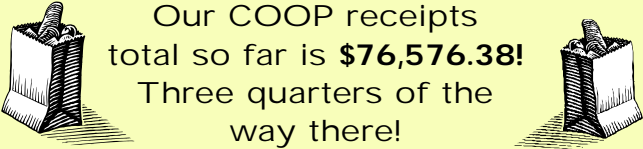
INCOME:

Other Income	956.38
Uncat. Income	9.78
Sunday Offering	21,609.05
Fund Raising	914.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 23,489.21

EXPENSES:

Bldg. & Grounds	1,594.29
Fund Raising	688.82
Ministry	1,213.70
Missions	1,600.00
Office	578.73
Staff Benefits	3,780.64
Staff Salary	6,926.79
Uncat. Expense	50.00
Utilities	2,855.31
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$19,288.28

TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE \$ 4,200.93



Our COOP receipts total so far is **\$76,576.38!**
Three quarters of the way there!
Thank you for your help!

WOULD YOU HELP OUR PASTORS?
If for some unfortunate reason you are admitted to the hospital, please:

- #1) Have someone call the church office at 632-8125 and let us know.
- #2) Be sure to tell them at the hospital that your **church affiliation** is Zion Evangelical Church. (Your name is *supposed* to go on a list for the Pastors to see but many times that does not happen.)

Please understand that the hospital **will not** call the church or notify us of your hospitalization; therefore our only way of knowing you're in the hospital is if we are notified by you or your family.
Our sincerest desire is to be there for you during your hospitalization.
Thanks for your help with this!

Zion Evangelical Church Calendar
March, 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 S.S. @ Zion & Emerald Ct. 9:30 Prayer Team V/Office 9:55 Take Twenty/Dewey Brothers 10:30 Worship & Praise 11:00 KCMH Broadcast 11:30 Communion 2:00 Awana Time Trials for Grand Prix 3:30 AWANA Clubs 7:00 Lenten Service/Federated/Adams</p>	<p>10:00 Bible Study/Village 7:00 Ladies Guild Happy Birthday, Dewey Brothers</p>	<p>10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life 12:00 Men's Bible Study 7:00 Church Council Mtg Happy Birthday, Violet Harris</p>	<p>9:30 Staff Meeting 12:00 Biblical Hebrew 6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Brother's Bible Study 7:00 Choir Practice 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 Senior High Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team Happy 9th Birthday, Myrtle Wynne</p>	<p>7:00 Junior High Youth 7:00 Junior High Youth</p>	<p>Grebel & coffee 7:30 A.M. Awana Games 1:00 p.m. Happy Birthday, Betty Brothers</p>	<p>6 Turn clocks ahead 1 hour before bed! DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS Camp Rock Banquet</p>
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