



NEWS FROM ZION

ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH ~ SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

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COMMUNION

Sunday, Aug 9th

Communion will be served **after both** services.



CARRY-IN DINNER

SUNDAY, August 2nd

11:30 A.M.

A time to meet Daniel Fiester and family!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

As the summer flies by we are working hard to also fly through the storyline of the Old Testament on Sunday mornings at Zion. In July we explored the books of Numbers, Joshua, and Judges following Israel's journey from receiving the Law at Mt. Sinai to their settling into the land God promises to give to them. What was particularly on display in all three of these books was the striking contrast between the complete faithfulness of God and the utter unfaithfulness of his people. This contrast served to drive home the truth that the only reason any of us can have a relationship with God is because of his kindness, patience, mercy and grace and not because we deserve his love. All throughout our study of the Old Testament storyline we have noticed promises and pictures pointing to the coming of Jesus as the Savior God knew would one day die to take away our sin.

As we move into August, I am excited to share the stories found in 1 and 2 Samuel and 1 and 2 Kings. Familiar stories about King David and the prophet Elijah along with some obscure stories about other kings and prophets will provide further insight into the ways

the one true living God has always remained fully in control of the world he created. He shows himself to be a solid rock for those who trust in him by providing both protection from danger and forgiveness for sin. He also shows himself to be a formidable enemy to those who defy him by bringing about the judgment he warns about when his people turn from him. These books will end with the nation God created experiencing his wrath by being defeated and taken captive by its enemies just as God warned would happen. They also serve as the setting for the writing of many of the prophetic books of the Old Testament which point much more specifically toward the coming, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus the Messiah.

On July 5, we welcomed Jim Schmall from The Gideons International to speak in both services reminding us of the power of God's Word to change lives. Zion has always been grateful for the work the Gideons do in distributing Bible throughout the world and were blessed to have Mr. Schmall share with us. I also want to thank both Scott Powell and Randy Stricker for being willing to help lead the opening part of both services while I was out of town on that Sun-

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**SPECIAL
ASSOCIATE/YOUTH
PASTOR
CANDIDATE SERMON
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND
8:30 & 10:30 AM**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

Mission Prayer Partners for AUGUST, 2015



- 2 - KCMJ Radio
- 9 - Back to School
- 16 - Radio Bible Class
- 23 - Zion Radio Broadcast
- 30 - CD/DVD Ministry

Get your newsletter first and in color if you receive it via email. Just drop us a note at zion@zionscottsbluff.com and we'll put you on our email list. Give it a try for one month. . . if you don't like it, we'll happily switch you back.



Jesus loves Me,

This I know,

For the Bible

Tells me so!

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day. We have been promising all year to take a group of high school and college aged students on a camping trip to Grand Teton National Park. Because these men were willing to fill in for me, I was able to fulfill this promise and enjoy a great week with some great young people.

Over the past few months many have wondered how long it will be before we will be able to hire an associate pastor to help with our youth. We have tried not to be in a hurry preferring to find someone who is a good fit for our church and not to rush into hiring someone who is not a good fit. I am excited to say that I believe we found someone who would be perfect for this position. The council interviewed him at the July council meeting and have invited him to speak as a candidate for the position on August 2 during both services. We will have a carry-in after the second service providing everyone an opportunity to meet him and his family. There will then be an informal meeting at the church on Monday, August 3rd at 7pm to give everyone a chance to share their impressions with the council so they will have added direction on how to proceed. I'm sad that I will be out of town during that week, but I hope all of you can be there to hear this candidate and give your input to the council members. My hope is that before too long we'll be able to have a team in place as we head into the busy fall schedule. Many have expressed to me that they have been praying regularly for me and for the church in regards to keeping up with all the demands of ministering to all the families of Zion. I would especially encourage you all to give this matter of asking God to lead us to find the right person for this position special attention in your prayers over the coming weeks.

Andrew



**The August Broadcast is given by
Don and Claudette Schmidt in honor of
their 35th Wedding Anniversary!**

There are still 2 months available to
sponsor the KCMJ Broadcast:

Oct and Nov

Call Barb at 632-8125

Cost: \$75



Sympathies and condolences are extended to . . .

. . . Roger & Sheri Schwartzkopf and family on the passing of Roger's father, John Schwartzkopf.
. . . Pastor Andy, Janae & family on the passing of Pastor Andy's grandmother, Joy McClure.

. . . Jeff & Lori Reifschneider and family on the passing of Lori's step-brother Brian Gueck and step-mother, Sue Ehrman.

Congratulations to . . .

. . . Ray Steyer on his 90th Birthday!
. . . Sandra Sauer on her 75th Birthday, July 6th!
. . . Art & Sharon Stricker on their 29th Wedding Anniversary
. . . Don & Loretta Roth on their 60th Wedding Anniversary, July 26th!
. . . Claudette Schmidt on her 70th Birthday, July 26th!
. . . Royce & Sharon Heimbouch on their 50th Wedding Anniversary!



COOP RECEIPTS:

\$44,808.44

Keep 'em coming!



Just a reminder:

Remember to call the church office if you or a family member are admitted to the hospital. **OR** have someone in your family give us a quick call: 632-8125

We want to do whatever we can to minister to you or your family when it's needed the most.



**We are still recycling
printer cartridges and
cell phones - just bring them
to the church office...**



. . .and we will do the rest!

CIRCLE OF PRAISE:

**ANNUAL
CREAM CAN SUPPER
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH ~ 6:00 P.M.
BRING A DISH TO SHARE
SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER.**



Thank You

Dear Zion Church Family -

Thank you so much for your cards of sympathy and kind thoughts with the passing of my grandmother, Joy. We take great comfort in knowing she is with Jesus. Your thoughtfulness and concern was humbling. We appreciate all of our church family especially at times like these.

Pastor Andy, Janae & Family

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MISSIONS:

Zion,

I hope that our focus on praying for Muslims during their holy month of Ramadan was also a time of reflection for all of you. Let's commit to praying for Muslims throughout the coming year.

Our missionaries in Cameroon, Jeff and Sheryl Brown, have recently decided to transition out of ministry as you many remember from their letter on the mission table several weeks ago. They were ministering to Muslims in Cameroon and sent an update

from their co-worker, Patrice, who will continue with the same work. In light of our focus on praying for Muslims during Ramadan last month, I would like to share a couple of highlights from Patrice's letter.

"Dear friends and partners in the Lord's harvest,

We thanks you so much for all your prayer support to us during our prayer outreach in Briqueteri. We really experience God's protection and direction as we were prayer walking in Briq during the last 10 days of Ramadan. This was surely the result of your prayers, may the Lord's favor and mercy be to you all in Christ name.

I share to one of my Muslims friend Mohammed that I was fasting and praying during the last 10 days of Ramadan for God to reveal himself to the Muslims Briqueteri. He was very pleased with that news, and he invite me to come and break the fast with them during one of the evenings. The same day he also invite many of his friends muslims (6 men) among them was 2 Imams. When we were eating, he said to his friends, "Patrice (that is me) is a very good friend of me , almost like a brother now, as you know, good friends always want to give the best that they have to their friends, so Patrice is trying draw me to Christianity and I am also trying draw him to Islam."

I encourage you to find his letter on the mission table and read the rest of his story about his opportunity to impact the men he mentioned above.

This month, our prayer partners are focused on local ministries which offer a great opportunity to explore ways to get involved at the start of the school year. Please pray for KCMI and Zion's KCMI broadcast, CD/DVD ministry to shut-ins, school starting up again and the children as they wrap up their summer activities. We also have Radio Bible Class as a partner this month. Please note that RBC has changed their name to Our Daily Bread Ministries.

Keep these ministries and partners in your prayers this month and check the mission table for new information. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Blessings,

Erin

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UPCOMING IN SEPTEMBER!

Grebel & Coffee

Saturday, Sept 12 ~ 7-10 a.m.

General Fund for JUNE, 2015

INCOME:

Other Income	\$	178.90
<u>Sunday Offering</u>		<u>17,874.50</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$	18,053.40

EXPENSES:

Bldg. & Grounds	\$	1,036.87
Fund Raising		00.00
Ministry		999.59
Mission Fund		60.00
Office		154.96
Staff Benefits		250.00
Staff Salary		7,153.44
<u>Utilities</u>		<u>2,218.11</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$	11,872.97

TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE \$ **6,180.43**

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Hope you are all having a great summer. We have had exciting things happening in the Sunday School wing. As many of you have seen, we have been painting the halls and the Sunday School rooms. The teachers and staff are so excited, and we know the kids are going to like some color in their rooms. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way - we appreciate it very much! We will be having an Open House in September so everyone can see the finished rooms and hallway. A special thank you to Mark Buchhammer, who works at Sherwin Williams, for mixing all that paint and colors for us.

Please mark your calendars for September 13th for our Annual All-Church Picnic sponsored by the Sunday School. We have exciting things planned: gospel singing and some new exciting things for the kids. We will also be having a CARRY-IN that Sunday. We will be dedicating our Sunday School staff and our Awana staff. It will also be Awana Kickoff, and the 4rd graders will be receiving their Bibles. What a great Sunday, so please plan to attend. Our attendance has been up this summer and we are grateful and excited. Our kids will be moving to their new classes on Sept. 13th. Seeing all the colors in the Sunday School wing, makes me think of how beautiful our Lord decorates every day for us! Don't forget to take time to look at this wonderful world He has created. Summer is especially beautiful with all the flowers and green grass, blue skies and the stars at night. If you have any questions about Sunday School

or other concerns, please stop in the office and talk to Sharon or Robin or Deb. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sharon, Robin, Deb

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GREAT NEWS!

Remember that we asked about getting help with the job at the computer after Adam goes to college in Omaha? We have someone who has volunteered to do 'produce' the Power Point presentation but we now need someone to 'run' it during the service. Adam would happily train that person. Just a reminder that this is a position that is very important and requires a weekly commitment. Would you consider it? See Adam with your questions.



FAMILY NIGHT @ NOON . . .

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH

WE WILL BE DOING A CARRY-IN FOLLOWING CHURCH. WE WILL HAVE AN INFLATABLE WATER SLIDE FOR OUR ACTIVITY . . . SO BRING YOUR SWIM SUITS AND TOWELS ALONG WITH A DISH TO SHARE.

ALL ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART!!



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ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2</p> <p>8:30 Candidate Sermon/Fiester 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team I 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct. 10:30 Candidate Sermon/Fiester 10:30 KCMJ Broadcast 11:30 All Church Carry-in/Meet & Greet Fieters</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/Village 7:00 Informal Congregational Meeting/discussing candidate</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/WelCove 12:00 Men's Bible Study 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living 7:00 Church Board Mtg</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:00 Valley Food Pantry</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>AUG 1st/8th</p>
Intermediate II / 5-6th grade ~ CAMP ROCK						
<p>9</p> <p>8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team II 9:30 Communion/Chapel 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct. 10:30 Worship & Praise 11:30 Communion/Chapel 4:00 Vespers/Residency</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/Village</p>	<p>11</p> <p><u>YOUTH TO ELITCH GARDENS</u> 10:00 Bible Study/WelCove 12:00 Men's Bible Study 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:00 Valley Food Pantry</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Circle of Praise "Annual Cream Can Supper" 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p>16</p> <p>8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team III 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct. 10:30 Worship & Praise 12:00 Family Night Carry-in/Fellowship time/All welcome! 4:00 Vespers/Residency</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/Village</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/WelCove 12:00 Men's Bible Study 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:00 Valley Food Pantry</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team IV 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct. 10:30 Worship & Praise</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/Village</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/WelCove 12:00 Men's Bible Study 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1:00 Valley Food Pantry</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team V 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct. 10:30 Worship & Praise</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/Village</p>	<p>SEPT 1</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/WelCove 12:00 Men's Bible Study 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living 7:00 Church Board Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1:00 Valley Food Pantry</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>