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COMMUNION
Sunday, September 7th
Communion will be served following the 8:30 and 10:30 service.

GREBEL & COFFEE
Saturday, Sept 6th
7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
PRE-ORDERS and HELP welcome.
Sign up at the Welcome Center!
Or call 632-8125.

FRDM THE PASTDR'S DESK...

HARVEST TIME!

"Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!" John 4:35 NKJV

Where did the summer go? Already kids are back in school and farmers will soon be preparing to reap the harvest they have been working for all summer long. As September opens, we will be offering a wide range of opportunities to connect and grow in Christ at Zion through Awana & Sunday School which will kick off the first Sunday in September with a special service of commissioning and a picnic. Youth Group, Confirmation, Men's and Women's Bible Study, and Grebel will also be starting and we'll close the month with a special service and meal celebration Dewey and Betty's 20 years of service. Be sure you don't miss any of it!

For Christ and His Kingdom,
Pastor Garry

THANK YOU DEWEY & BETTY!

In September 1994, Dewey and Betty Brothers brought a ministry of teaching to Zion which we continue to enjoy today, 20 years later! Their passion to see people come to Christ and grow in His Word goes back much further though. I'm not sure if even Dewey knows how many years ago he began teaching a home Bible study or how many people have come to Christ through the years as a result of this simple ministry, but we want to pause this September and celebrate with Dewey and Betty God's faithfulness and their obedience to His call to teach the Word to all who would come to hear it. As a wheat farmer, Dewey knows well God's faithfulness to those who plant, cultivate and care for the land, and as followers of Christ, Dewey and Betty have found God always faithful to the sowing of His Word whether through home Bible Study or at Take 20, or at their nursing home ministry or their work with the Gideon's through the years. As Pastor, I have been always grateful for Dewey and Betty's friendship, prayers and support. Truly they are a model to all of us in being "good and faithful servants" of Christ our King! With that in mind we invite you to join us for a Special Anniversary Service of Celebration on Sunday, September 28th at 10:30. There will only be the ***one service*** along with Sunday School that day, followed by a **carry-in dinner**. In lieu of gifts, we would like to collect an offering to be given to the Gideon's for the purchase of Bibles

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PLEASE TAKE NDTE...

Mission Prayer Partners for August, 2014

7 - Sunday School/Awana
14 - Community Christian School
21 - Jews for Jesus/Tuvya Zaretsky
28 - Rick & Fairy Hattan/Awana

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

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in Dewey and Betty's name. We would also like to shower them with cards and letters of appreciation, letting them know what their ministry among us means and has meant over the years. Please plan to be with us on the 28th for this special time of worship and reflection on God's goodness and for the meal to follow. **Please send your cards, notes and gifts for the Gideon offering to the church office by Sunday, September 21st.** Please pray for Dewey as he recovers from his recent fall and broken wrist.

In Christ,
Pastor Garry

The September KCMI Broadcast has been given in loving memory of Carl & Frieda Stricker and Alex & Katherine Kautz from Harold and Joyce Kautz.

Thanks to all who share in this ministry!
October are still available for sponsorship. Just let Barb know at 632-8125.

FAMILY NIGHT...
...is the ***third*** Monday of each month at from 6-8 p.m.
The next meeting is Sept 15th.
Bring a meat to grill and a dish to share. It's not too late to join in the fun, food and fellowship!
Questions: see Pastor Andy!

Attention Ladies of Zion

Bible Study / Sunday School Opportunity
Studying DANIEL with Beth Moore
Tuesdays at Noon starting Sept.2 OR
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. starting Sept. 14th
Sign up at the Welcome Center!

We are still recycling printer cartridges and cell phones – just bring them to the church office...
. . .and we will do the rest!

Sympathies are extended to. . .
. . .the many friends of missionary, Bud Acord.
. . .the family and friends of Don Bauer.
. . .Darlene Fegler and family on the passing of Darlene's sister, Eva Martin of Oregon.
. . .Doug & Brenda Miller on the passing of Brenda's aunt, Gladys Hubbard.
. . .LaVerne Peters and family on the passing of brother Terry Purviance.
. . .the family and friends of Ruth Feagler.

Congratulations to . . .
. . .Kathy Trook on her 65th Birthday, June 29th!
. . .Bridget Schick on her Birthday August 5th!
. . .Joyce Kautz on her Birthday August 10th!
. . .Shirley Loose on her 81st Birthday, August 10th!
. . .Bob & Norma Busch on the their 36th Wedding Anniversary!
. . .Sydni Schledewitz and Alex Closson on the birth of son Camden Jeffery Closson on 8/6/14 weighing 8# 15oz and 21.25" long. Proud grandparents are Jeff & Rhonda Schledewitz.
. . .Mildred Weber on her 86th Birthday, Aug 25th!

UPCOMING FALL SCHEDULE

Choir practice -
Wednesdays at 7p.m.

Church office closed Monday, Sept 1st for Labor Day

Women's Bible Study -
Tuesday, September 2nd / 12 Noon

Men's Bible Study -
Tuesday, September 2nd / 12 Noon

Council Meeting -
Tuesday, September 2nd / 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation –
7th grade: Wednesday, Sept. 3rd / 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation –
8th grade: Wednesday, Sept. 3rd / 7:00 p.m.

Junior High Youth –
Thursday, September 4th / 7:00 p.m.

Grebel & Coffee –
Saturday, September 6th / 7:00 a.m.

Sunday School & Awana –
Staff Dedications Sunday, September 7th / 10:30 a.m. service

All Church Picnic –
Sunday, September 7th / 11:30 a.m.

Awana Kick-Off –
Sunday, September 7th / 3:30 p.m.

Ladies Sunday School Class-
Starting Sunday, September 14th / 9:30 a.m.

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Zion is invited to the. . .

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATING
20 YEARS AND BEYOND
OF THE TEACHING MINISTRY OF
Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Brothers

When: Sunday, Sept 28th
Time: 10:30 (one service only)
11:30 Carry-in

Let's shower them with cards and letters of appreciation, letting them know what their ministry among us means and has meant over the years. In place of gifts, we will be collecting an offering to be given to the Gideon's for the purchase of Bibles in Dewey and Betty's name.

General Fund for July, 2014

***INCOME*:**		
Other Income		3.15
Sunday Offering		12,788.00
TOTAL INCOME	**$**	**12,791.15**
***EXPENSES*:**		
Bldg. & Grounds	**$**	665.97
Fund Raising		00.00
Ministry		896.29
Mission Fund		10.00
Office		265.67
Staff Benefits		2,683.34
Staff Salary		9,752.66
Utilities		1,279.56
TOTAL EXPENSES:	**$**	**15,553.49**
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	**$**	**(-2,762.34)**

Coming in October

Friendship International is presenting

"FRIENDS SINGERS ~

The Invitation...RSVP"

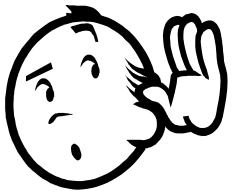
with special guest performers

from Romania ~ October 7th

The singers will need lodging for 1 night.

See Pastor Garry if you can help with this.

Did you know you can now listen to and/or see our church service 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.



CIRCLE OF PRAISE:

Circle of Praise met August 16 with 44 in attendance for annual Cream Can Supper hosted by Ed and Elaine Kling. After a time around the table filled with delicious food that everyone brought, a short business meeting was held.

Pat Stricker gave us an update on the Festival of Hope. She reported that $54,000 was raised to help cancer patients in our area after expenses. She gave a big thank you to all that helped with the weekend. Pastor reported that a special day for Dewey Brothers will be held the last Sunday of September. This will recognize his 20+ years of service to Zion Church. Bob Busch reported the Anniversary book will be complete by the end of December. It was voted by the majority to do the Cookie Walk the second Saturday of December. Plan now to make this the best Cookie Walk ever.

The next meeting will be hosted in September by the Schick's.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Teri Erdman

CIRCLE OF PRAISE

Saturday, September 20th ~ 6:00 p.m.

Mexican Fiesta/bring a Mexican dish to pass

Hosting: Pastor Garry and Bridget

Sign up at the Welcome Center.

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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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS,

Fall is around the corner, and we are excited to get our Sunday School Dept. back in full swing. We have had a great summer. We did decide to go with the Regular Bible Baptist Sunday School material and our teachers are excited and we hope it will be a great year. Our **All Church Picnic** will be Sept. 7th and Sunday School will be providing fried chicken, table service, and drinks. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer for salads, main dishes, and desserts. We have fun games planned for the kids. At 12:30, we will have a time of Gospel singing with The Harris Family, The Erdman's, Dan Douglas and Andy Stobel. Please plan to attend. We will also be having our Dedication of teachers on Sunday morning in the 10:30 a.m. service. I would appreciate it if you would pray for our teachers every week, as they prepare lessons, and share the message of Jesus Christ to our kids and adults. Please look for a list in the bulletin.

We look forward to seeing all of you back and refreshed after a long summer.

Sharon, Robin, Deb

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MISSIONS:

Voice of the Martyrs:

The Voice of the Martyrs is a non-profit, interdenominational Christian organization dedicated to assisting the persecuted church worldwide. VOM was founded in 1967 by Pastor Richard Wurmbrand, who was imprisoned 14 years in Communist Romania for his faith in Christ. His wife, Sabina, was imprisoned for three years. In the 1960's, Richard, Sabina, and their son, Mihai, were ransomed out of Romania and came to the United States. Through their travels, the Wurmbrand's spread the message of the atrocities that Christians face in restricted nations, while establishing a network of offices dedicated to assisting the persecuted church. The Voice of the Martyrs continues in this mission around the world today through the following main purposes:

VOM'S ministry is based on Hebrews 13:3—"Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body."

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VOM's Five Main Purposes:

1)To encourage and empower Christians to fulfill the Great Commission in areas of the world where they are persecuted for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

2)To provide practical relief and spiritual support to the families of Christian martyrs.

3)To equip persecuted Christians to love and win to Christ those who are opposed to the gospel in their part of the world.

4)To undertake projects of encouragement, helping believers rebuild their lives and Christian witness in countries where they have formerly suffered oppression.

5)To promote the fellowship of all believers by informing the world of the faith and courage of persecuted Christians, thereby inspiring believers to a deeper level of commitment to Christ and involvement in His Great Commission.

VOM's Mission Statement: Serving the persecuted church through practical and spiritual assistance while leading Christians in the free world into fellowship with them.

The mission committee is working on plans for Mission's Sunday and **My Hope**, with Franklin and Billy Graham.

Psalm 71:18 "And even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Thy strength to this generation, Thy power to all who are to come."

Linda Peterson,
Mission Secretary

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YOUTH: School is back in session which means it's time to kick off all of our weekly ministries designed to give our students opportunities to grow in their faith. Each week we offer events for students from junior high through college age which are intended to teach about God and encourage students to put their faith into practice. We try to make these events not only inspirational but also enjoyable and fun. I have sent invitations out to all of our students with information about all of the weekly ministries we offer our students. To those parents who desire to see your children take their faith in Jesus seriously, please encourage them to take advantage of the opportunities we are trying to provide through these weekly ministries. Our goal is that these events combined with the instruction you give them at home will build a strong foundation for a lifetime of faithful service to Jesus. Allow me to lay out briefly the different opportunities we provide each week.

For senior high and college age students, our main focus is our Bible study on Wednesday nights at 8 pm. If your student can only participate in one church activity each week, this needs to be the one they choose. By the time our students have gone through confirmation, they have been given a thorough introduction to the Christian faith. Our hope is that as high school students, these young people are now capable of and interested in developing a deeper understanding of the message of Bible leading to a deeper and stronger faith. Each Wednesday night we spend nearly an hour in a detailed study of a book of the Bible from start to finish. We will begin this school year studying the OT book of Judges. We do this on Wednesday nights because it's the one night that usually remains free from extra-curricular school activities. Our senior high/college age students also get together on Sunday nights after Awana for a time of prayer and fellowship. This meeting happens at my house (the church parsonage) at 7 pm. The goal of this event is to develop strong relationships between those who participate by meeting to share goals, struggles, and prayer concerns. After a time of sharing and praying, we generally spend time visiting, playing games, or coming up with something fun to do together. In addition to the weekly events designed for our high school/college students, at least a dozen of these students are taking advantage of opportunities to be leaders for either our junior high outreach or our Awana program.

For junior high students, we provide an outreach event for 6th-8th grade students each Thursday night at from 7-9 pm. We call it an outreach event because our hope is that students from our church will feel free to invite their friends to join them. The goal of this night is to share the message of the Gospel as clearly as possible with as many students as possible. We do this by trying to provide a fun, safe environment in which every student who comes knows that my leaders and I truly care about them. The majority of the night is structured around games designed to allow students to have fun and enjoy time together with their friends. I have high school and college age leaders who volunteer to get to know the kids and make sure they are having a great time. At the end of the night, I share a message designed to introduce students to the foundational truths of the Christian faith in a way that is clear and calls for a response. In addition to this event, our junior high students are encouraged to participate in both Sunday School and Awana. I especially have a great interest in seeing our 7th and 8th grade students regularly attending Sunday School. I will be teaching this class and our focus will be leaning wisdom from God's perspective from the book of Proverbs. This book was designed to teach young people to see the world the way God sees it. While studying this book, our students will be encouraged to take advantage of the wisdom God offers to handle the very complicated situations they will face in life and learn the discipline and prudence that can help them prosper. As a parent of children who are going to be growing up in a com-

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plex world, I cannot imagine a better use of 45 minutes of your 7th or 8th grade students time on Sunday morning than to participate in these discussions. We have prayerfully considered how we can best provide opportunities for students from this church to learn and grow in their faith. My plan is to study hard, teach passionately, and love the students who participate. Please encourage any students in your sphere of influence to join us, and please continue to pray that God uses these events to draw students to a deeper and deeper relationship with him.

Andy

Pastor Appreciation
is during the month of **October.**
We are going to have baskets out in the foyer for each of our Pastor's during October for you to put whatever you would like into the basket to show **Pastor Garry & Family** and **Pastor Andy & Family** your appreciation for all that they do. These will be presented to them at the end of the month. Let's be sure to let them know how much they are appreciated for all they do in shepherding us weekly.

There's an app for that!

These days, there's a smartphone app for just about everything.
But what about spiritual concerns? Where can you turn?

- Depressed? Try the joy app.
  Read Isaiah 51:11.
- Tired? Try the renewal app.
  Read Isaiah 40:30-31.
- Unsettled? Try the peace app.
  Read Philippians 4:7.
- Unloved? Try the love app.
  Read Romans 8:38-39.
- Worried? Try the refuge app.
  Read Psalm 46:1.
- Fearful? Try the power app.
  Read 2 Timothy 1:7.
- Guilty? Try the forgiveness app.
  Read Colossians 1:13-14.
- Praying? Try the prayer app.
  Read 1 John 5:14-15.

The Scriptures are God's storehouse of meaningful applications for what we face every day. Think of the Bible as the iTunes Store of spiritual apps.
Best of all, everything's free!

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September

~ AWANA NEWS ~

We finished out the 2013-14 club year on Sunday, August 10th at the **YMCA Trails West Camp swimming pool for our annual reward party** that celebrates those clubbers who begin and finish their handbook in that current club year. Parents (of especially the Puggles and Cubbies) are invited to attend to assist their children. Any of the AWANA Staff that would like to come are also invited. It was a very beautiful, relaxing afternoon!!!

The AWANA Staff for the 2014-15 club year gathered on Wednesday, August 20th for our annual **Picnic/Prayer/Planning Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. after our summer break to discuss the upcoming club year. We are welcoming new onto our staff, Art DeVos, the Director of Camp Rock, who will be filling the Trek Director position!

Sunday, September 7th will be a big day for the **AWANA Staff as we will be dedicated** – along with the Sunday School Staff – at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Most of us will participate in the All Church Picnic, gospel singing for the adults and games for the kids that will follow the church service.

KICK-OFF for the 2014-15 will officially begin at 3:30 p.m. later on in the afternoon for our club but we will be inviting our clubbers and their families to participate in as much of the days' activities as they would like. Flyers will be hitting your mailboxes soon!!!

We are looking forward to another amazing club year – filled to the top and overflowing with God's VERY BEST – as we trust and obey Him!!! Thank you to those of you that "come along on the journey" as a prayer warrior, financial contributor, supply us with items for staff and clubber prizes, etc.

GOD IS IN CONTROL!!!☺ Cheryl Rose, Commander

ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

SEPTEMBER, 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	2 10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life Brothers **12:00 Women's Bible Study** **12:00 Men's Bible Study** **7:00 Church Board Mtg**	3 **9:30 Staff Meeting** **6:30 7th Grade Conf Parents** **7:00 8th Grade Conf Parents** **7:00 Choir** **7:30 8th Grade Confirmation** **8:00 Worship Team** **8:00 Sr. High Bible Study**	4 Youth Group 7-9 p.m.	5	6 **GREBEL & COFFEE** **7-10 a.m.**
7 8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship **9:30 Communion** 9:30 Prayer Team IV 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct 9:45 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship & Praise / SS/Awana Staff Dedication **10:30 KCMI Broadcast** **11:30 Communion** **11:30 All Church Picnic** **3:30 Awana Kick-Off**	8 10:00 Bible Study/Village Brothers **7:00 Guild**	9 10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life Brothers **6:00 MOPS**	10 6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Choir 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 Worship Team 8:00 Sr. High Bible Study	11 **Patriot Day** **Remembering 9/11** Remembering 9/11 Youth Group 7-9 p.m.	12	13
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28 **ONE SERVICE** 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team II 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct. **10:30 Celebration for Dewey & Betty Brothers** **11:30 Carry-In for Dewey & Betty** 3:30 Awana **Happy Birthday Janae Griess!**	29 10:00 Bible Study/Village Brothers	30 10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life Brothers	1 6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Choir 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 Worship Team 8:00 Sr. High Bible Study	2 Youth Group 7-9 p.m.	3	