



NEWS FROM ZION

ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH ~ SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

SEPTEMBER, 2016

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COMMUNION
Sunday, SEPT 4

Communion will be served after both services



GREBEL & COFFEE

Saturday, Sept 3



7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
PRE-ORDERS and HELP welcome.
Sign up at the Welcome Center!
Or call 632-8125.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

I'm noticing more and more clearly that the opening chapters of Proverbs which we have been studying on Sunday mornings present a picture of a father in Israel who took very seriously the instruction given to parents in Deuteronomy 6:6-7. "These words which I command you today are to be in your heart; you shall teach them diligently to your children..." From the beginning, it has been God's ideal for biblical knowledge and faith to be passed along primarily from parents to children. I shared as we studied Proverbs 4 that one of my most passionate and specific goals for our church is that we would develop into a place where families legitimately can be said to be living out that ideal. In my lifetime, the vast majority of Christian parents I have run across have not seemed to make a high priority of their God given responsibility of passing biblical knowledge and faith to their kids. Many have chosen instead to delegate that responsibility to Sunday school teachers, youth group and Awana leaders, and pastors. My intention is to consistently call upon our parents to recognize the respon-

sibility God has given each of them when he blessed their lives with children. My hope is that over time our church will become a place where our parents are truly the primary ones passing biblical knowledge and faith to their children with our Sunday school teachers, youth group and Awana leaders, and pastors coming alongside to supplement and encourage what our children are already learning at home.

This focus will begin with our tradition of baptizing and/or dedicating children born into the church family. As I meet with parents who are interested in baptism or dedication, I intend to be very clear that this act of bringing their child forward does not confer upon the child any spiritual blessing in and of itself. In reality, this act has little to do with the child but everything to do with the parents acknowledging their God-given responsibility to pass along their faith and knowledge of God. This is why we ask the parents to make commitments (vows) to faithfully teach their children in their home to know, love, and trust Jesus and to faithfully participate in the life of the church. There is great spiritual

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

Mission Prayer Partners
for SEPT 2016



- 4 - Gideon's International
- 11 - Zion AWANA Clubs
- 18 - KCMI Radio
- 25 - Don Osman/LEAD Global

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AWANA KICK-OFF
Sunday - Sept 11th
at 3:30 with FUN FAIR
(Donations of wrapped candy would be helpful!)

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blessing for children whose parents are faithful to carry out these commitments. On the other hand, in situations where parents do not faithfully carry out these commitments, the act of bringing a child forward for baptism or dedication does great damage. Very few things drive young people away from faith in God more quickly or more firmly than being raised by parents who make a show of faith in public but then not having that faith impact their day to day lives in any meaningful way.

For many parents, the biggest hurdle in faithfully carrying out this responsibility is that for one reason or another they have made it to adulthood without ever having learned the truths in God's word deeply enough to feel competent to teach them to their children especially as they get older and start asking difficult questions. For any parents who are not sure you understand the Bible well enough to teach your children properly, I want to make it clear that helping you with that is one of my top priorities as your pastor. We have plans to begin a weekly Bible study designed to help young parents know the Scriptures well enough to be able to pass biblical knowledge along to their kids. My appeal to every parent especially those raising young children is this: would you please, please, please set aside time each week to get the training you need to carry out the commitments you made when your child was baptized or dedicated? Janae is willing to organize something for kids to do while we study if there are parents who need to bring their kids along. The plan is to begin this Bible study in October on Thursday nights. Keep your eyes and ears open for future announcements concerning a starting date and time. Even though this study is designed to give parents the knowledge needed to teach their kids, please understand it is open to anyone wanting to grow in their knowledge of the Bible. Please be in prayer for me as I prepare this venture. Also, please pray that our parents will participate and that this study will meet their needs as they raise the children God gave them.

Andrew

Congratulations...

- ...Leah Dittenber on her 90th Birthday, Aug 5th!
- ...Lydia Bevins on her Birthday, Aug 9th!
- ...Joyce Kautz on her 80th Birthday, Aug 10th!
- ...Shirley Loose on her Birthday, Aug 10th!
- ...Peyton Flower on having the Scotts Bluff Co. Grand Champion Market Beef.
- ...Bob & Karen Schmer on their 40th Wedding Anniversary!
- ...Shauna Hill on her Grand Champion FFA Swine Showmanship Award.
- ...Peyton Flower on her Reserve Champion FFA Swine Showmanship Award.
- ...Wanda Henkel on her 80th Birthday, Aug 21st!
- ...Bob & Norma Busch on their 38th Wedding Anniversary.
- ...Emma Robbins on being Reserve Champion for Junior Showmanship for swine.
- ...MarLee Neu on being Reserve Champion for Breeding Beef.
- ...Grandparents Renee & Myron Fertig and parents Annette (Fertig) & Eli Hancock on the birth of Mollie Gene Hancock, 7/31 weighing 5#13oz and 19" long.

Sympathies...

- ...Steve & Joie Youngs and family on the passing of Steve's mother, Jean Austin of Sutherland, NE.



**The KCMJ Broadcast for SEPTEMBER
is sponsored by Joyce & Harold Kautz in
memory of parents
Carl & Frieda Stricker and
Alex & Katherine Kautz.**

Thank you for sharing in this valuable ministry.



**CIRCLE OF PRAISE
Sat, Sept. 10 at 6pm
Bring a dish to share.
FOOD-FELLOWSHIP-FUN**

General Fund for July, 2016

INCOME:

Other Income	\$	109.39
Memorial Fund		3,480.00
Missions		70.00
Sunday Offering		<u>15,635.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$	19,294.39

EXPENSES:

Bldg. & Grounds	\$	2,194.81
Fund Raising		0.00
Ministry		158.83
Mission Fund		95.00
Office		596.57
Staff Benefits		233.78
Staff Salary		9,113.89
Utilities		<u>839.64</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$	13,232.52

TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE \$ 6,061.87



YOUTH:

We're gearing up to kick off a full schedule of youth group events for the school year. Here are the important dates and times for the upcoming events:

- Confirmation parent meeting Wednesday Sept. 7 at 6:30pm
- Confirmation on Wednesdays at 7pm beginning Sept. 7
- Awana on Sundays at 3:30pm beginning Sept. 11
- Senior High Prayer/Fellowship on Sundays at 5:30pm beginning Sept. 11
- Senior High Bible study on Wednesdays at 8pm beginning Sept. 14
- Junior High Outreach on Thursdays at 7pm beginning Sept. 15
- Sunday School each Sunday at 9:30am

HELP NEEDED:

We are looking for someone to help out with the CD/DVD ministry as far as producing them for the shut-in ministry. We will train. See Steve Schlager if you have questions or think you might be interested in helping.

CIRCLE OF PRAISE:

Circle of Praise met Aug 20 with 25 in attendance. Kathy & Wayne Trook and Jerry & Peg Ross were our hosts for the carry-in supper. In our short business meeting, Pat Stricker gave us an update on the pie sales for the Festival of Hope. All pies were sold. Upcoming events include our annual Cookie Sale December 10th. The annual prime rib supper will be held that night as well.

Our next meeting will be in September 10th. Look for details in the coming weeks. Come join us for an evening of great food and fellowship.

Teri Erdman



Women's Ministries:

Women's Ministries met on August 1st with 12 ladies present. Prayer requests were shared, with Elaine Kling offering the prayer.

Kathy thanked the committee who hosted the Mother's Day Tea and she also thanked those who hosted the All Church Picnic. Both were very well attended.

Joyce made a motion with a second by Wanda that we bring baby items to give to Taylor and Claire Boltjes when they arrive in September. They had a little boy, Benaiah (Ben) Tamio Boltjes born July 27th, 6# 13 oz.

Kathy Jay brought to our attention of the needs of Camp Rock with discussion following. Peg Ross made a motion with a second by Dee Burton to table this until our next meeting.

Devotions were given by Kathy Trook titled "The Crayon Bucket". The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Hostesses were: Erin Kambell and Kathy Trook.

Joyce Kautz, Secretary

FAMILY NIGHT ...

Monday, Sept 19th
at 6:00 p.m.

What to bring:
A meat to grill
and a dish to pass.



All are invited!

MISSIONS:

A message from HANS M. WILHELM:

"After spending nearly 40 years of missionary ministry in Asia, South America, Europe and Africa, God brought us full circle back to ministry among Chinese both here in the USA as well as in China, the land of my birth.

During these past 25 years, God allowed us to see some exciting growth among the half dozen Chinese churches where we have been deeply involved. One of these churches (Chinese Church in Christ) has given birth to at least six new churches ministering to new immigrants from China, Taiwan, and other parts of South-east Asia, as well ABC's (American-Born-Chinese). Multiple services are conducted in Mandarin, Cantonese, and English. And they are all continuing to grow.

One of the burdens on our hearts from the beginning was to ignite a missionary vision. We challenged them to reach out to the 40 million overseas Chinese scattered worldwide, as well as cross-culturally. Today, local Chinese churches have sent missionaries to Africa, Latin America, Asia and Europe. They are also evangelizing Chinese students who have come here to study. This year alone nearly 350,000 have arrived in the U.S. and represent a unique mission field right at our door steps.

At 85, we both continue full steam ahead. My preaching calendar for 2017 is practically fully booked. Thank you, dear friends for praying for us these past 60 years and supporting us. May God bless you richly!"

Blessings,
Peggie Ross, Missions Secretary

**AWANA NEWS ~**

We closed out the 2015-16 club year with our annual **Swimming Reward Party** on Thursday, August 11th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This swimming party is for the clubbers that started and completed their handbook during the club year. For the amount of clubbers that qualified, we had a very good turnout!!! The evening started out SO BEAUTIFUL, the swimming pool water was so warm - just like being in a bathtub!!! Since it was over the supper "hour", AWANA provided the group with pizza. At about 7:15 when we were serving up the pizza and drinks, we heard this sound come out of THE CLOUDS IN THE WEST

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SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Fall is just around the corner, and we were prepared when our fall classes started on Aug. 28th. We had our "Fried Chicken Sunday" and this was for all our church family. Sunday School provided the chicken, table service and drinks and others brought salads, side dishes or desserts. Pastor Andy installed our Sunday School teachers in the 10:30 am service, along with all our 3rd graders receiving their New King James Bibles. There was a huge obstacle course bounce house for the kids to play on outside, along with a bounce house for the smaller kids. What a fun day we had!

Our Sunday School teachers for 2016-2017 will be as follows:

SS Superintendent - Sharon Stricker

Assistant Superintendent - Robin Schadwinkel

Treasurer - Malissa Meyers

Pre-Kindergarten - Mickie Janecek

Kind. 1st and 2nd - Kathy Trook

3rd, 4th, 5th Grade - Heidi Robertus

6th, 7th, 8th Grade - Taylor Boltjes

9th-College - Shaylah Stephens,

Margaret Hancock

Adult Ladies - Shannon Kampbell

We appreciate your prayers as we prepare our lessons and the coming year of Sunday School at Zion.



THAT HAD ROLLED IN!!! . . . OH. MY. GOODNESS - ALL KINDS OF CRAZINESS BROKE LOOSE!!! People were grabbing their kids, their pizza and drinks and running for their vehicles. Less than five minutes after "THAT NOISE" came out of the clouds, this HUGE GUST of wind swept thru the Trails West grounds - slamming empty pizza boxes and napkins against the fence that goes around the pool. A couple of boxes that still had pizza in them flipped onto the ground and the rain started pouring down . . . By the time I was out on the South Beltline Highway heading east to get home, the downpour was so heavy that my windshield wipers couldn't keep up! In that 20 minute drive home, I had my own "little prayer meeting with the Lord" - I told several people that if I had a dollar for every time I asked Jesus to protect my AWANA families and myself on our drive home, I would be a VERY RICH WOMAN!!!



The Staff for the 2016-17 club year met on Wednesday, August 24th for our annual Mexican food feast and meeting to make plans and pray for this new club year. We have LOTS of fun activities being planned for this club year so please plan on bringing your children/grandchildren to AWANA each Sunday afternoon from 3:30-5:30 so they don't miss out!!! We, as a Staff, are committed to being here and all we ask is that you partner with us to bring the kids - your own, neighborhood kids, grandkids, etc. to club so that we can present God's message of salvation! We all have a "position" to fill in order to make the AWANA Ministry here at Zion glorifying to God - it may not be as a leader in club - but you can

commit to praying each week for the staff and clubbers, you can support us financially, make &/or donate items for raffles, donate food items for our special events throughout the club year . . . Let me know how you would like to help out!!!

Kick-Off will be on Sunday, September 11th for the 2016-17 club year. The AWANA Staff will be dedicated at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service (**Staff: Please wear your uniforms!!!**) Kick-Off will begin later that day at 3:30 p.m. out on the front church lawn where we will have Fun Fair type games and activities set up for the kids and registration stations for parents to sign up their child(ren) for club. Watch for a flyer in the mail coming soon to inform you of the details!!!



Our club night is going to look a little different for the first several months as we make adjustments due to our Ministry Center not being ready for occupancy. HOWEVER, there is one thing that you can all be assured of - our message of the Gospel will not be adjusted as we serve the one and only true God that NEVER CHANGES!!!

On Sunday, September 25th we will hold an **Open House** for our AWANA families and anyone else in the congregation that would like to see what happens each club night at AWANA!

Coming in October, the AWANA Staff will have the opportunity to attend this year's **Ministry Conference** - titled, "**The Great Connection**" at Monument Bible Church on Monday, October 10th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This is another change from how we have known Ministry Conference to be in the past (all day on a Saturday)!

Excited, as always, to see what God has for us this club year - check out the newsletter each month to stay up-to-date!!!


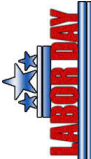

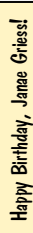
Thankful that, "In the Eye of the Storm" AND "In the Midst of Adjustments/Changes", **GOD IS IN CONTROL!!!**

Cheryl Rose, Commander



SEPTEMBER, 2016

ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>4</p> <p>8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team III 9:30 Communion/Chapel 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct. 10:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 KCMi Broadcast 11:30 Communion/Chapel</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/Village</p>  <p>LABOR DAY Church office closed!</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/WeiCove</p> <p>12:00 Men's Bible Study</p> <p>2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living 2:00 Women's Bible Study/Roth 7:00 Church Board Mtg</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:00 Valley Food Pantry</p> <p>6:30 Confirmation Parent Mtg. 7:00 Choir 8:00 Worship Team</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>CIRCLE OF PRAISE 6PM</p>
<p>11</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/Awana Staff Dedication 3:30 AWANA Kickoff Fun Fair 4:00 Vespers/Residency 5:30 Sr High Fellowship</p>  <p>PATRIOT DAY NEVER FORGET!</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/Village</p> <p>7:00 Women's Ministries</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/WeiCove</p> <p>12:00 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Women's Bible Study/BK 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living 2:00 Women's Bible Study/Roth 6:00 MOPS @ Night</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1:00 Valley Food Pantry</p> <p>7:00 Confirmation 7:00 Choir 8:00 Worship Team 8:00 Sr High Bible Study</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 Jr High Youth</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
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