



News from Zion

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Communion ~ September 5th
Communion will be served after the 10:30 a.m. service in the chapel.



Grebel & Coffee
September 11th
7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Pre-orders and help welcome.

From the pastor's desk...

Seven Marks of a True Disciple



"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Galatians 2:20 NIV

When Jesus was risen from the dead, he still bore the marks of his suffering for us. He even invited Thomas to come put his fingers in the holes in his hands and side (John 20:27). In Revelation, we read that Jesus still appears in heaven looking like a lamb that was slain (Revelation 5:6). He bears forever the marks of our salvation. Do we on earth below bear marks visible to the world identifying us as his true disciples? Beginning Sunday, September 12th, as we dedicate our Awana Staff, we will begin a series on the seven marks that should

identify every follower of Jesus. The first mark is the Gospel of our Salvation through faith in him and the remaining six are areas of life in which God intends every believer to grow from the time we accept Christ as our savior to the day he calls us home to our reward. Between now and the beginning of this new series I'd like to leave you with a question someone challenged me with long ago: "If you were put on trial in a secular courtroom for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" It is my prayer that by the end of this series of messages you and I will both be able to say yes. The evidence is clear; I am Christ's beloved child, and the testimony to the world is as visible as the scars Jesus still bears for me.

Pastor Garry

Be sure to check the Fall Schedule of events on page 6.

Please Take note...

Mission Prayer Partners for SEPTEMBER, 2010

5th - Zion's CD Ministry



12th - Zion's Awana Clubs

19th - Valley Evangelical Pastors

26th - Pastor Bhatti & Family/India

Get your newsletter first and in color if you receive it via email. Just drop us a note at zion@vistabeam.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.



There is power in the name of the Lord!

Congratulations to . . .

- . . .to Bridget Schick on her birthday, August 5th!*
- . . .Sean & Amanda (Miller) Brandt who were married August 7th.*
- . . .Don & Claudette Schmidt on their 30th Wedding Anniversary August 9th.*
- . . .Pastor Garry & Bridget on their Anniversary, August 15th.*
- . . .Lydia Bevins on her 90th Birthday.*

Sympathies and condolences are extended to :

- The family and friends of Doreen (Heimbouch) Beecher.*
- The many family and friends of Rose Bolzer.*
- The family and friends of Eilene F. Jay.*

BOOK RECOMMENDATION for September. . .



The Witness ~

a novel by Josh McDowell

From Monte Carlo to Morocco to Egypt and into Petra, Marwan Accad is pursued by authorities for murders he did not commit. Tracked by advanced intelligence-surveillance technology, his every location is eventually found out, His closest friend and ally hides him, only to have his family put in mortal danger; his brother and business partner help cover his tracks, but only for a brief time. Is it possible that this is an inside job, trying to kill him and set him up for the murders he didn't commit? Marwan races against time to find his pursuers and their motives.

General Fund for JULY, 2010

INCOME:

Other Income	1,167.00
Sunday Offering	<u>13,086.50</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$14,254.50

EXPENSES:

Bldg. & Grounds	3,266.86
Ministry	654.87
Office	323.11
Special Expense	2,302.19
Staff Benefits	3,280.87
Staff Salary	5,779.26
Utilities	<u>816.54</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$16,423.70

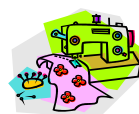
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE \$ (-2,169.20)



Check the kitchen for any funeral dishes that might be yours.



CRAFT NIGHT

September 20th at 6:30 p.m.



Bring a project and join the fellowship!




Our KCMI Broadcast for September is given by Joyce & Harold Kautz in memory of their parents - Alex and Katherine Kautz and Carl & Frieda Stricker.


WOULD YOU HELP OUR PASTORS?

If for some unfortunate reason you are admitted to the hospital:

Please have someone call the church office at 632-8125 and let us know.

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!

~ AWANA NEWS ~

The 2010-11 Club year is "up & running"!!! Not with clubbers, that is, but the staff met on Wednesday, August 18th for our annual picnic - Mexican food, of course, followed by plans and a time of prayer for the upcoming club year. How blessed I am to have such a great & fun group of people with which to serve the Lord!!! We will all need to rest up over the 3-day Labor Day weekend as the rest of the month of September will be very busy!!!

To back track for just a minute . . . I want to mention the **PCDL meeting** that was held here at Zion on Wednesday evening, July 28th. The theme reminded me of the Sugar Valley Rally held annually in the Valley. It was called the "Road Show" - done "AWANA Style". We were given information on changes taking place this club year, introduced to a new game called, "Are You Smarter Than An AWANA Commander"? (Thankfully, I was **not** one of the area commanders chosen to compete!) and then treated to ice cream sundaes and cookies! Thank you to Rick & Fairy Hattan, Jessie (an 8 year old Sparky friend of the Hattans from their church AWANA club) and Paul Harkness for a great evening!

Now back to upcoming events: We start off with **Basic Training** here at Zion for all area clubs on the morning of September 11th from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. With all of the changes that we have in T&T this club year, I am strongly encouraging all of the staff in those clubs to attend! That afternoon for the staff that is able to, I will need help getting the taco salad meat ready for Kick-Off and setting up tables/chairs.

The next morning, Sunday, September 12th at the 10:30 a.m. service is **staff dedication** for the 2010-11 club year by Pastor Garry. Please wear your uniforms, Staff!!! Then that afternoon at 3:30, we will have **Kick-Off** - complete with registration, a short meeting to cover the general announcements by the Commander (me!), dividing into individual clubs for the Directors to take care of the rest of the "paper work" and finishing off the evening with a fellowship time - taco salad/nacho bar and door prize drawings. Kick-off fliers and pre-registration forms will hopefully be mailed out shortly after September 1st so be watching for that!

Also in September, the Staff has the **AWANA Ministry Conference** on Saturday, September 25th at Monument Bible Church from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is a long day but very much worth attending!!!

The last special event for the month of September is on Sunday the 26th. The **Cubbies** have scheduled their **Parent Night**. So, parents if you have a Cubbie clubber this year, please mark this date on your calendar. This is always such a fun time for the clubbers to bring in their parents and show them what they do each week while they are at club! (The rest of the clubs will be hosting their Parent Nights in October.)

I am SO EXCITED about the upcoming club year!!! Due to the way some of the holidays fall, we have made some changes with our activities so be watching for those announcements. We are going to have such a great year!!! First and foremost, though, our goal and "main activity" is to make sure that the gospel of Jesus Christ is presented "loud and clear" each week and that we are diligent in being an instrument of God's to help each clubber learn to know, love and serve the Lord in their daily lives.

As always, I so appreciate the Zion Congregation for your wonderful support of AWANA. Even over the summer when we weren't holding club, I received donations to the ministry. I would be ever so grateful if you would all join me in praying for this new club year. Satan is alive and "kicking" ... please pray for a hedge of protection around the staff and clubbers. As you well know, he doesn't want to see good things happening that will further God's Kingdom. Also, be assured with me that **"God Is In Control"** and we know the "rest of the story". WE WIN!!! But until "the end" is here, we want to be found diligently working "in the trenches", planting the seeds of the gospel and with that work comes weariness and a chance for Satan to get his nasty "foot in the door". So we covet every prayer sent heavenward on our behalf!!! Here's to a great club year!!!

Cheryl Rose, Commander

CIRCLE OF PRAISE:

The Circle of Praise met on August 14th at the home of Ed and Elaine Kling for our annual **Cream Can Supper** with an attendance of 26. Co-hosts were Don and Carol Loos. Thanks to those who brought salads and desserts and for making everything so festive and delicious!

Teri and Dave Erdman treated us to some southern songs. Everyone was reminded that the Grebel meeting would be held on August 25th with the first Grebel session on Sep. 11th. People were urged to sign up for help in the kitchen.

Get out your cookie recipes and think about baking cookies for the COOKIE WALK December 11th. Watch the bulletin for details. Call Joyce Johnston or Pat Stricker if you have any questions.

It was announced that Jerry and Peg would give up the leadership of the Circle of Praise effective Dec. 31st. Are you their replacement? Please pray about this and consider taking part in this ministry.

Our next get together in September is on Friday, the 17th at 6:00 p.m. and will be hosted by Ruth Hein, Lela Hilzer, Pat Stricker and Joyce Johnston. Watch the bulletin for details.

Submitted by Peg Ross

MISSIONS:

"Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my Name, claiming, "I am He," ... do not follow them." Luke 21:8

Do you enjoy reading the Daily Bread? The Daily Bread has devotional readings for every day of the year. These booklets are available at the Welcome Center and are free to you. While you are at it, take an extra copy for a friend or a shut-in that may not have access to this ministry.

The booklets are provided by RBC Ministries which we support with periodic donations. Make sure that you get your copy. It's a great way to walk closer with the Lord.

In His service,
Jerry Ross
Missions Secretary

JEREMIAH HOUSE:

The school year has just begun, which means our ministry at the Jeremiah House will begin Tuesday, September 21st. Our committee has been struggling with the decision to continue our ministry or not. After examining our hearts, we want to serve the children. We believe that a simple meal once a month not only feeds their bodies but also their souls. It gives them a friendly, consistent place to go to find the strength they need to face their world through the love of Jesus. Many have more struggles in their lives than most of us. Brian Hale and students of the Frontier School of the Bible are wonderful role models for the children.

Our ministry operates solely on food donations to make a balanced hot meal. Many of these children do not eat adequate meals, much less prepared by their parents. If we continue this special ministry, we will need:

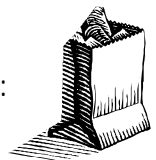
**MEAT;
GALLON CANS OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES ;
KOOL-AID**

WE WILL HAVE SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR:
DESSERTS & EXTRAS

Please help make this ministry a success. Our committee members are: **Terry Martin, Helen Maier, Barb Steffensen and Cindy & Armond Orndoff.**

Serving for the Lord,
Terry Martin

COOP Receipt Total:
\$51,388.43



We are halfway to our goal of
\$100,000 in receipts.



Thanks to all who continue
to bring in their
receipts regularly.

YOUTH - The students are back in school, and I'm beginning to get excited about getting back to our regular school year schedule of ministries. As I sat down to plan for this school year, I decided not to change much of anything as compared to last year. I was pleased with how each of our youth ministries worked, so we're going to keep going the direction we are heading. This means I will continue to teach the 7th and 8th grade Sunday school class and teach the Awana lesson for our 3rd through 6th grade group each Sunday. We will continue to run an outreach designed to share the truths of the Christian faith with junior high students on Thursday nights. We continue to meet with high school students on Wednesday nights for Bible Study and on Sunday nights for prayer and fellowship. I am especially excited to begin our senior high Bible Study as we will be studying what may be my favorite book of the Bible (Ecclesiastes).

For anyone who is interested to hear a more detailed account of our youth ministry goals and programs, I am holding a short informational meeting on Thursday, Sept. 2 at 7 P.M. in the chapel. This meeting is primarily for parents, but I welcome anyone from the church who is interested in knowing what exactly it is we are doing with our youth ministries at Zion. I remind the kids often that they are lucky to call Zion their church home because it is filled with so many supportive and loving adults who encourage and pray for them. We thank you for supporting and praying for the work we do with these kids.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL:

We hope you all had a great summer. We are about to start our fall schedule.

On August 22nd, we had our All Church/Sunday School Picnic. What a great time of good food, wonderful fellowship and the inflatables were awesome for ALL ages. August 29th in the 10:30 service will be our Sunday School Dedication. Our teachers for the 2010-2011 year will be as follows:

- Pre-School - Pre-K:** Ashley Robbins & Jodi Rupp
- Kindergarten:** Mickie Janecek
- 1st & 2nd Grade:** Andee Musonda
- 3rd & 4th Grade:** Heidi Robertus
- 5th & 6th Grade:** Janae Griess/Sub: Brian Rupp
- 7th & 8th Grade:** Pastor Andy
- Senior High:** Jeremiah Ourada
- Adults:** Barb Kautz
- Take Twenty:** Dewey Brothers
- Heritage/Emerald Court:** Vern & Evelyn Fegler

We would like to personally thank Brian Rupp for 25 years of service to our Sunday School. Thanks also to Kerri Arnold. We wish Kerri and Alessandra God's blessings on their move to Washington.

We would appreciate your prayers for our Sunday School teachers and kids. What an awesome responsibility to teach and nurture these young lives.

We hope you are excited to start your new classes. Parents: you are welcome to visit your child's classroom anytime.

God Bless!
Sharon, Robin & Deb

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MOPS @NIGHT - MOPS @ night is back in full swing. We will be studying **Momology - the art and science of mothering**. If you are a parent, you realize that every child is different, which takes some creative and calculated parenting; scheduled and spontaneous days. Although mothering young children is at times a lonely, frightening and frustrating challenge, MOPS is providing a welcome break for moms; a chance for moms to make new friends and an opportunity for moms to know they are not alone in the struggles and joys of raising young children.



Our focus is to make sure there is no mom alone. Our theme verse speaks directly to this mission: Psalm 136:10 "EVEN THERE your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast." EVEN THERE, when you are at the end of your rope with that 3 year old; EVEN THERE, when you are just too tired to feed your newborn one more time; EVEN THERE, when your baby takes their first steps, or loses their first tooth; EVEN THERE, in the monotony of your daily chores; God is there. He is there on our good days, our bad days, our boring days and our busy days! None of us are ever alone with Christ in our lives!

If you know a mother of children from pregnancy to kindergarten, send her our way. If you are one, be sure to join us for a time of refreshments and refueling at 6:00 pm every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month in the Oasis. Our first meeting will be September 14th.

In Christ,
Andi Hale

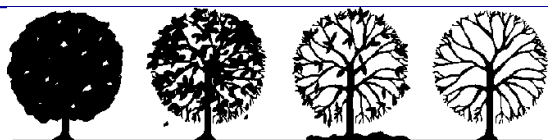
Valley Mobile Food Pantry

Friday, September 24th 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





Fall Schedule

Sundays

- 8:30 Worship & Praise
- 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship
- 9:30 Sunday School ~ Pre-School through Adult
- 9:30 Pastoral Prayer Teams
- 9:55 Take Twenty
- 10:30 Worship & Praise
(Nursery is available for young children)
- 3:30 Awana Clubs (Sept-Apr) ages 3-Jr. High

Mondays

- 10:00 Bible study - Village/weekly
- 7:00 Ladies Guild/1st Monday

Tuesdays

- 10:00 Bible study - Wel-Life/weekly
- 12:00 Men's Bible Study/weekly
- 5:30 Jeremiah House/3rd Tuesday
- 6:00 MOPS at Night/2nd & 4th Tuesday
- 7:00 Council Meeting/1st Tuesday

Wednesdays

- 6:30 7th Grade Confirmation (Sept-Palm Sunday)
- 7:00 Bible study/Brothers
Choir (Sept-May)
- 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation
- 8:00 Worship Team
Senior High Bible Study (Sept-Palm Sunday)

Thursdays

- 7:00 Junior High Youth Outreach/weekly

Saturdays

- 7:30 Grebel & Coffee/1st Saturday



After taking a year off . . .
The CIRCLE OF PRAISE
will be doing the Cookie Walk on
December 11th.

Please start thinking about which
cookies you might be able to bake for
this fund raiser.

*This is also a great way to get your Christmas baking done. . .
by letting someone else do it for you!!!*

*More details to follow in the months ahead or you can
ask Joyce Johnston or Pat Stricker.*

A MISSION OPPORTUNITY!!

Interested in getting an
inside look and volunteering at the
Processing Center in Denver for
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD?

WHEN: Friday, December 3rd

TIME: 10a.m-5p.m.

WHO: We have committed to 15 volunteers
(Volunteers must be at least 13 years old.)

Interested?? Sign up at the Welcome Center.
This is a long way off but you have enough time to
make plans now to be a part of the estimated
65,000 volunteers who will serve in the seven U.S.
centers! You will not be disappointed!
Questions??? See Barb Kautz.



**JOIN THE CHOIR
AT ZION!**

*Choir practices are
Wednesdays from 7:00—8:00 p.m.*

*Contact Dan Douglas for
more information.*



ALL ARE WELCOME !

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



SEPTEMBER, 2010

Zion Evangelical Church Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:30 Staff Meeting 7:00 Choir 8:00 Worship Team	2 Junior High Youth Parent's Meeting 7:00 p.m.	3	4
5 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 KCMV Broadcast 11:30 Communion/Chapel	6 10:00 Bible Study/Village  Church Office is closed!	7 10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life 12:00 Men's Bible Study 7:00 Church Council Mtg	8 6:30 7th Grade Parent's Mtg for Confirmation 7:00 Choir 7:00 Brother's Bible Study 7:00 8th Grade Parent's Mtg for Confirmation 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 Worship Team 8:00 Senior High Bible Study	9 7:00 Junior High Youth	10 Grebel 7:30 a.m. Awana Basic Training 8 a.m.-12 Noon	11
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