

NEWS FROM ZION

ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH ~ SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA



OCTOBER, 2017

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World Day of Communion
Sunday, Oct 1 
Communion will be served
during both services.

IT'S TIME FOR...
GREBEL & COFFEE

Saturday, Oct 7th
7am - 10am
PRE-ORDERS and
HELP welcome.
Sign up at the Welcome
Center!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Jesus was known as a master storyteller using simple stories to make complex spiritual truth easy to understand. During September, we looked at three of examples of Jesus' ability to communicate important truths powerfully through stories. In Luke 15, Jesus told stories about a lost sheep, a lost coin, and a lost son to make it clear how God feels about those who are separated from him. The story of the prodigal son is perhaps the most beautiful story Jesus ever told and helps us to see the heart of God, his desire to restore those who have wandered as far away from him as we can imagine. In that story, we saw with certainty, no one is so far from God that he cannot be restored through repentance and faith in Jesus. In Luke 16, Jesus told a story about a dishonest money manager to make the point that God wants us to serve him with the same type of wholehearted devotion that the people of this world have as they serve their god (Money). Jesus introduced the concept that we all must make a choice - we will either serve God or Money. Jesus then moved into a story showing the real life, eter-

nal consequences of choosing either to serve God or Money in the story of Lazarus and the rich man. Here we saw the horrific consequences of living as if this life is all there is and failing to make preparations for what lies beyond this life by considering the message of the Gospel of the Kingdom Jesus came to preach. These stories all had a very strong eternal perspective and communicated important spiritual truth far more eloquently than I can summarize here. If you were unable to be with us as we studied them on Sunday mornings, I'd encourage you to read them for yourself in Luke 15 and 16 and to visit the church website where you can find recordings of those messages.

On Sunday September 10, we dedicated our Awana staff during our 2nd service, and I took a break from our study of Luke that Sunday to highlight our children's ministry at Zion. I shared that I've been overwhelmed all summer ever since we studied the Lord's Prayer in June with the thought of what it means to pray "Hallowed be your name." I've been stuck on this idea of prioritizing my relationship with my Heavenly Father as the single most

PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

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Mission Prayer Partners
for OCTOBER, 2017



1-Zion's CD/DVD Ministry
8-House Family/New Tribes
15-Hattan/Harkness/AWANA
22-Voice of the Martyrs
29-CHIEF/Claus



ALL CHURCH CARRY-IN
Oct 8th - 11:30
following the 2nd service.
Bring a dish to pass.

What a great time to fellowship
and share a meal with your
church family.

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important pursuit in life with the hope that as I know him more intimately my character will become more and more like his character. I encouraged the adults in our congregation to consider how great it would be if every child who grew up in our church knew Jesus and developed the mindset that the single most important thing in life is my pursuit of knowing God so that his character becomes my character. If we want to be the type of church that produces that type of kids, we have to be intentional about at least two commitments. First, we (as adults) have to model this mindset for them. We can't expect them to pick up a mindset/character that we don't have ourselves. Second, we have to teach them specifically how to follow our example. We can't assume they'll follow our lead; they need lots of instruction from many different angles - from parents, grandparents, S.S. teachers, Awana leaders, pastors. With this in mind, I challenged all the adults in our church to be committed to do all we can to work together both to model this mindset and to teach the children of this church to develop this mindset themselves. Time will tell how committed we are as a church to this endeavor. Churches are finding it more and more difficult to motivate the next generation to make their faith a priority. Churches who aren't willing to be intentional and focused in doing what it takes to truly reach children with this type of modeling and instruction will soon find themselves with few or no children left to instruct. Please pray for the adults of our church (especially those currently raising children) to be highly motivated to be intentional in helping the children growing up in our church to develop a mindset that nothing in this world is more important than coming to know God more intimately so that his character impacts my character.

Andrew



General Fund for August, 2017

INCOME:		
Fund Raisers	\$	0.00
Other Income		4.03
Special Income		0.00
<u>Sunday Offering</u>		<u>12,630.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$	12,634.03
 EXPENSES:		
Uncategorized	\$	0.00
Bldg. & Grounds (Insurance prem.)		13,186.09
Fund Raising		0.00
Ministry		1,493.36
Mission		00.00
Office		485.52
Staff Benefits		250.00
Staff Salary		11,410.32
<u>Utilities</u>		<u>2,541.95</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:		29,367.24

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



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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.



The KCMi Broadcast for OCTOBER is given in loving memory of Helen Maier from Harry Maier, Lynnette Maier, and Cindy & Armond Orndoff.

Congratulations to...

...Mildred Weber on her 90th Birthday!
 ...Rick & Jacque Kaufman on their 52nd
 Wedding Anniversary!
 ...Albert Weber on his 91st Birthday!
 ...Pastor Taylor and Claire Boltjes on their
 2nd Anniversary, Sept 20th.
 ...Viola Schreiner on her 90th Birthday,
 Sept 23rd!
 ...Grandparents Jeff & Lori Reifschneider on
 the birth of Hadley Ellen Shaul, 8# 9oz, 21"
 long on 9/21 born to Erin & Brady Shaul.
 Proud great-grandparents are Ken &
 Maureen Reifschneider along with Uncle
 Scott and Aunt Megan Reifschneider.
 ...Art Sticker on his birthday, 9/24!
 ...Bill Loose on his birthday, 9/26!
 ...Janæ Griess on her birthday, 9/28
 ...Claire Boltjes on her birthday, 9/29!

Sympathies and condolences to...

...the Fertig, Bretthauer and Grentz families
 on the passing of their aunt, Marie Martin.
 ...Rick & Jacque Kaufman on the passing of
 brother-in-law, Harvey Bartel.

MISSIONS Thank You!

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

The hurricanes, flooding and fires have left so many without homes, food or clothing...things we take for granted every single day. The recent contributions to give aid to these victims was answered by our church family. Thank you all for your generosity and kindness.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed."
 Proverbs 19:17

Blessings,

Peggie Ross, Mission's Secretary

**YOUTH:**

Dear Zion Church Family:

Wow! It feels good to get back to work! The youth programs of Scottsbluff Zion Evangelical Church are back to being fully up and running. I will be honest I missed it a lot! Now, we get to throw ourselves back into serving God by teaching and having fun with kids (good stuff all around)! I am here to give everyone an update of what the kids are learning in the various youth programs as well as a taste of what our activities will hold for the coming year!

One major thing that has been changed this year from how we did things last year is that we have removed the High School Bible Study from Wednesday nights. It was a struggle for the kids to fit this study around their schedules and it also made me so busy that I didn't have nearly enough time to hang out with them! Because of this, we have combined every grade from 6th to 12th into one huge Sunday School class (which meets at 9:30 on Sunday mornings). This is our offering now for the High Schoolers when it comes to in-depth biblical study. I have been very pleased to see quite a large number of kids in this class! I hope I see the group grow so much that we have to move the teaching to a different area. We will see what the Lord decides is best! In this class we are finally finishing up the book of Judges. Honestly, this has been a rather depressing study filled with difficult, yet necessary, truths. The flavor of our lessons lately has been the consequences of rejecting truth. The truth of God will either be believed or rejected. When people reject specifically the truth about God, all sorts of things are thrown out of joint. A person who decides they will not believe what is true must, logically, believe lies instead. This also logically leads to consequences, many of which are deadly and destructive. Throwing out the truth of who God is and what he has said in favor of Idol worship, led the people of Israel down the path of doing things the evil way. Over time, this transformed the people of God into an immoral group that lived according to set of rules they made up for themselves. There was death, theft, extreme forms of fornication, betrayal, and many more kinds of evil. This has served as a warning for the kids and for myself. There is no safe way to run from any truth in God's word. It must all be believed and obeyed. If it is, we get to see that there are life giving rewards, just as disobeying the word leads to deathly consequences.

Speaking of different paths, rewards, consequences, and life choices, that brings me to what

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we have been studying on Thursday nights at Youth Group! One of my favorite books in the Bible is the book of Proverbs. I think this is due to the fact that it applies so well to young people. Because of this, our first chunk of teaching on Thursday Nights has dealt with the wisdom contained in the short sayings of Proverbs. We take a proverb a night, often not longer than a single verse, and dissect it. We look at what this proverb teaches us about living life God's perfect way. Most of the time we see the rewards of deciding to believe what God says about life and then obeying it. We also see how the opposite is true. We see how going our own way (the wrong way) leads to the consequences of a life lived apart from the Creator of life. Our subjects range through several important areas that young people need guidance in. Money, sex, friendships, how we relate to authority, how we respond to correction, and the values of hard work are just a few of the subjects I hope to cover in this study. For the second half of our teaching time I am leading the kids through a memorable outline of the Old Testament called the Bible Walk Through. This is a time for shouting, fun gestures, and learning how the stories of the Old Testament fit together. I hope this will help kids see how the Bible is not a group of unrelated stories, but the biggest and best story of how Jesus came to save the world. I also hope this will help them get a general yet firm grasp on the Old Testament that will lead to a deeper mastery of it as they get older. Along with teaching, God has blessed us quite a bit by sending my brother, Caleb Boltjes, to us so that we may have a time of worship! Caleb's guitar and voice are much appreciated. We also plan to continue playing awesome games (can't forget the games...super important). I look forward to this time every week and I pray God will bless it with kids that grow in His wisdom.

Event nights will also be starting soon with the promise of Nerf guns, dodge balls, costumes, great food, and other similar shenanigans. These are nights set aside just for fun and hopefully will serve the purpose of interesting kids outside of our church in what we have to offer in our programs. By the time this Newsletter reaches you, we will probably already have done Game Night! This will be our first event of the year and should be an awesome time!

Now comes the time where I must ask for your prayers. Lately, I have been reminded very clearly of how truly inadequate I am for this ministry and the work I believe God has called me to. Please that pray that God would fill me with

the Holy Spirit that I may have the wisdom, love, and energy to minister to these kids to the best of my ability. Pray that my team and I would have hearts like Christ has for us, so that we may put the kids first in everything we do. Pray for clarity and accuracy in communicating the Good News of Jesus and the truth of Scripture as a whole. Also, join me in thankful prayer for the people that God has provided to be a help for me in this ministry. A big "thank you" goes out to my brother Caleb Boltjes, as well as to Adam and Carli Harris. These people have already been an invaluable aid! I am excited to see what God can do through us in what we have planned for the year.

In the love and grace of Jesus,
Pastor Taylor Boltjes

Thank you!



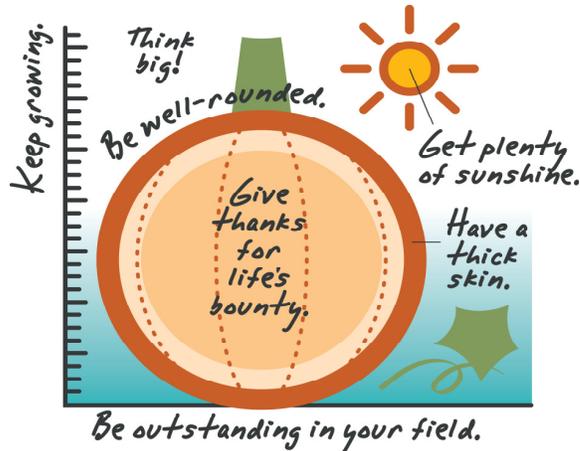
WOMEN'S MINISTRIES:

The meeting was opened with prayer with 19 ladies attending. The Eclipse Fundraiser was discussed along with other possible fundraisers. It was decided to have an Angel Food Cake and Homemade Pie Sale on November 18th. There will be more information available as we get closer to the date. In conjunction with this fundraiser, there will be a Tupperware book party. There were several of the ladies interested in helping with the Voice of the Martyrs Med Packs. October is Pastor Appreciation month. And there was discussion concerning the December Christmas gathering for the Women's Ministries, with more details to come as plans are made. Hostess for the evening was Erin Kampbell.

Joyce Kautz,
Secretary



ADVICE FROM A PUMPKIN





~ AWANA NEWS ~

It was a beautiful evening on Thursday, August 24th as we gathered at the YMCA Trails West swimming pool for the **reward party** for the clubbers that completed the handbook they started this past club year. It is always such a fun time of fellowship! We hope to have more clubbers join us next year!

Sunday, September 10th was **Kick-off** and for the Staff, we started our day with Pastor Andy dedicating us at



the 10:30 a.m. worship service for the 2017-18 club year. Using the Scripture Ephesians 5:1-2, he talked about how our Heavenly "**Father Knows Best**" and we should be imitating His character. We are made in the image of God - to love, serve and reflect Him. We ALL need to be



intentional about displaying this example for AWANA clubbers, Sunday School kids as well as our own children/ grandchildren!!! We need to be **CONSISTENT** in conveying to children (& other adults as well) that pursuing a relationship with God should be our #1 priority and then everything else in our life will fall into place!!! The families of the church were also gifted with a book that AWANA puts out called, "11 Ways to Instill a Biblical Worldview in Your Kids". Anyone reading this, that was not present to receive one of these books, and would like one, there are plenty left. Please see Pastor Andy or myself and we would be happy to get one to you! That afternoon, we welcomed returning clubbers as well as new clubbers. The directors held short meetings to register clubbers

and give parents important information that will help their clubbers have a successful club year. A HUGE THANKS to Zion's Women's Ministries group for donating the leftover food from their Total Eclipse fundraiser as well as the Sunday School Staff giving us their leftover ice cream and toppings from the Sunday School picnic. A BIG THANKS, as well, to Claudette Schmidt who continues to bless Zion's AWANA Ministry with her sewing talents and makes items for us to use for Kick-Off drawings. Congratulations to Lester DeWitt (parent) for winning the small quilted Nebraska pillow, Chance Rahmig for winning the large fleece Nebraska pillow, Lexi Jerrell for winning the Frozen fleece pillow and Zoe DeWitt for winning the quilted coloring bag - made of material that has crayons on it as well as little loops in the inside to hold individual crayons.

On Monday, September 18th, the **AWANA Ministry Conference Express** - "Named" was held at Zion. There was a really good turnout for a Monday evening...people from Cheyenne, Torrington, Mitchell, Gering, Scottsbluff (not sure where else) made the trip. I was SO EXCITED (to say the least) that Zion AWANA received the Silver APT (Available Prepared Trained) Medallion for having 56% of our leadership in attendance. (Technically, it wasn't a true 56% since the pastor counts for "3" and the rest of us count for "1" - and we had 2 pastors there - but, hey, I'll take it!☺) I don't think we have received a conference plaque since our first year of AWANA - so, WOO HOO!!!



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Coming up in October, we will be celebrating **Pastor's Appreciation** with Pastor Andy & Janae and Pastor Taylor & Claire. We also have **BARF Night** (Bring A Real Friend) where we hope to see our clubbers bring in their unsaved friends. Until next month, I am . . .

Leaning on the promise that **HE IS IN CONTROL!!!**

Cheryl Rose, AWANA Commander ☺☺☺

~ COMMANDER COMMENTARY ~

One thing, as AWANA Commander that I have so enjoyed over the years is getting to see clubbers return with their children . . . and being in my 35th year, I've gotten to see quite a few!!! Something that I was **SO BLESSED** to have happen on Kick-Off afternoon is seeing a grandfather - that brought his daughter and son to our AWANA Club years ago - walk through our doors and register his three granddaughters for which he is now caring!!!

One other thing I'd like to mention in closing is that I am so very blessed and thankful to have a Staff that is so willing and committed to serving the Lord that they will do just about anything I ask of them. We had a fairly big "shake-up" in positions for this club year and everyone is doing a fantastic job of learning new material, learning their new positions/responsibilities with great attitudes, excitement and diligence. Thanking God for all of you!!!



OCTOBER, 2017

ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WORLD DAY OF COMMUNION 1 8:30 Worship & Communion 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team IV 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct 10:30 Worship & Communion 10:30 KCMI Broadcast 3:30 Awana Clubs/Pastor Appr.	2 10:00 Bible Study/Village/ DRoth 7:00 Women's Ministries	3 10:00 Bible Study/WelCove 12:00 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Women's Bible Study 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living 2:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Church Board Meeting	4 1:00 Valley Food Pantry 7:00 Confirmation 7:00 Choir 8:00 Worship Team	5 7:00 Youth Group 7:15 Adult Bible Study/ Griess	6 	7 GREBEL & COFFEE 7-10AM
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