



News from Zion

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ATTENTION MEN & HUNTERS: "WILD GAME FEED"

with noted author, storyteller and singer Steve Chapman.
Friday, October 30th at 6:00pm
at Zion in the Ministry Center.
Cost: \$15/tickets available by calling 262-1585.

World Wide Communion October 4th

Communion will be served in both at 8:30 and 10:30



From the pastor's desk . . .

Hiding God's Word Where You Can Find It Again

*"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."
Psalm 119:11 KJV*




I still remember receiving a Gideon Bible as a child. It had everything in it; the New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs, the Gospel, how to receive Christ, John 3:16 in several different languages, some patriotic items like the Pledge of Allegiance, and a whole section of "Helps." That last section, titled, "Where to Find Help When..." had topics and scriptures for many situations – when you can't sleep, when you're worried, when you're angry, when you need guidance, and so on. Over the years, as I have owned different Bibles, I have always appreciated those "Helps," because at times we all need them. As the years rolled by I noticed that certain verses just show up again and again in this "Helps" section, and many of them I have hidden in my heart, by taking a few minutes to memorize them. There was a time when I was a child that I really did not enjoy Scripture memorization. Memorizing Bible verses seemed arbitrary and uninteresting, but again over time, I have learned the value of many of the verses I was asked to memorize as a child in Sunday School and Awana. Off and on in my adult life I have continued to add new Scriptures to my memory, as well as to review old ones. What was once a chore has become a joy. What once seemed a boring exercise has become a help in life's tough spots, nourishment to my soul, and a light by which the

Holy Spirit has given guidance to my path. I do not always have the Scriptures at hand when a difficult situation arises, but I have a few key verses hidden in my heart – right where God's Spirit can call them to mind when I most need them. Some Scriptures I have memorized, reviewed and used so many times, I am confident they are burned into my memory for life. Others, I just take to heart for a time as they are needed. Always the exercise has value, and it is often in the memorizing itself that God most impresses his help and wisdom from the verse upon on my mind, as I recite it a few words at a time, pondering it's meaning in my circumstance. I have also noticed when visiting people in nursing homes, at advanced old age, when people have memory loss through Alzheimer's and dementia and when visiting with people on their death beds, there are certain Scriptures, learned long ago in childhood or confirmation that continue to speak God's truth, and saving hope in their souls. What a beautiful thing when a person has forgotten all else to be able to call to mind God's truth learned decades before! Scripture memory no doubt has physical benefits in terms of keeping ones mind sharp and exercising the memory. It has mental health benefits in terms of speaking God's truth when our thoughts become anxious and unclear. It has social benefits as it let's Scripture speak to our hearts in terms of how we respond to co-workers, family and friends. And of course, there are spiritual benefits, allowing God to comfort and convict, challenge and encourage you to a more

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Please Take note . . .

Mission Prayer Partners for October 2009...

- 4th - Don & Nataline Osman/
LEAD Global
- 11th - Bruce & Julie Powell/
Wycliffe Bible Trans.
- 18th - Ben & Becky Rivera/
Campus Crusade
- 25th - Rick & Marie Parker/
Camp Rock 

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godly life and a closer walk with him.

The best way to do Scripture memorization, I find, is a few words at a time, perhaps as far as a comma, building after repeating a line or phrase several times, by adding the next line or phrase and after repeating that several times, joining the two together. Slowly, in this manner, one can learn a verse, a paragraph, a chapter, even a whole book of the Bible. But the goal is not to achieve a large volume of Scriptures, but passages short or long that are meaningful and helpful to you as you seek to follow the Lord.

So, when was the last time you committed a little Scripture to memory and to prayer? Here are a few of my favorite Scriptures arranged by topic. Perhaps you'd like to begin by memorizing some of these or some other passage that you have often turned to for help in the past.

Strength:
Philippians 4:13

Love:
1 Corinthians 13

Worry:
Philippians 4:6-7
1 Peter 5:7

Comfort:
Psalm 23

Courage:
Joshua 1:9

Anger:
James 1:19-20

Fear:
Isaiah 41:10

Temptation:
1 Corinthians 10:13

Peace:
Isaiah 26:3

Treasure:
Matthew 6:19

Joy:
Philippians 4:4

The Lord's Prayer:
Matthew 22:9b-13

Need:
Philippians 4:19

Guidance:
Proverbs 3:5-6

Salvation:
John 1:12
John 3:16
Romans 6:23

New Life:
2 Corinthians 5:17

Christ the Center:
Galatians 2:20

Forgiveness:
1 John 1:9

The Fruit of the Spirit:
Galatians 5:22-23

Sin:
Romans 3:23

There are more verses God has used to shape my life, many more, but these are a few that come immediately to mind. If you'll but take a few minutes, perhaps just before bed and again when you get up in the morning, you'll be surprised what you can commit to memory. Then call to mind whatever you are learning through the day, let God impress his truth on your heart. It will bless you, strengthen you, and guide you, and God will use his word to speak powerfully to you if you do.

Pastor Garry



Attention Ladies:

Panhandle Women's Conference

October 31st ~ 9a.m.-4p.m.

Gering Civic Center

with Annie Chapman . . .

mother, wife, singer, speaker and author!

COST: \$25

Tickets available at KCM1 or

Bible Book Shop

LOOKING AHEAD in

October/November . . .

Here are some upcoming events
you might be interested in!

October 3rd - Grebel and Coffee/ 8-10:30 a.m.

October 4th - World Day of Communion

Both services will be serving communion

October 27th - "A New Song"/ 7:00 p.m.

October 30th - Camp Rock event for men with

Steve Chapman/ 6:00 p.m.

October 31st - Panhandle Women's Conference

with Annie Chapman/ 9a.m.-4p.m.

November 1st - Mission Sunday

with George Miller

November 7th - Grebel and Coffee/8-10:30 a.m.

November 14th - Guild Soup Supper and

Circle of Praise Silent Auction


Valley Mobile Food Pantry



October 22nd 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

 **CONGRATULATIONS,
ZION CHURCH!** 

We have reached our \$100,000 goal in COOP receipts!! Thanks to all who helped us get there! We will now receive a \$1000 from Panhandle COOP. **PRAISE THE LORD!**





- ◆ **Our KCMI Broadcast for September was given in memory of Carl & Frieda Stricker and Alex and Katherine Kautz from Joyce and Harold Kautz.**
- ◆ **Our KCMI Broadcast for October is given in loving memory of Leo Kampbell from wife Irene and his children and grandchildren. Thank you for sharing in this ministry on behalf of your loved one.**





Sympathies and condolences are extended to . . .

- . . . Darwin & Julie VanDyke and family on the passing of Darwin's sister, Sandy.
- . . . Rachel and Carl Meier on the passing of Rachel's brother, George Gantz.
- . . . the family and friends of Alvina Neu.
- . . . the family and friends of George Ott.
- . . . Harvey and Alice Reichert on the passing of Harvey's brother Harold and two brother-in-laws.
- . . . the family and friends of Caroling McCole.
- . . . the family and friends of Evelyn Miller.

Congratulations to . . .

- . . . Mike and Cheryl Sauer on their wedding August 29th.
- . . . Nichole Schlager and Mike Eckas on their wedding September 5th.
- . . . Shirley Bauer on her 75th Birthday, Sept. 15th.
- . . . Dorothy Striker on her 80th Birthday, Sept 19th.
- . . . Steve and Jane Schlager on the birth of their granddaughter, Audrey Rose Jacobs, weighing 9# 3oz and 21 inches long. Proud parents are Kristi & Josh Jacobs.




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PLEASE TAKE NOTE: In conjunction with the Guild Soup Supper on November 14th, Circle of Praise will be holding a **SILENT AUCTION**. We are looking for donations to auction. Items donated thus far include a Radio Flyer Retro Rocket, jellies, pickles, Nebraska tote bag and crocheted items.

Questions: Claudette Schmidt, 635-1149.

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Did you know you can now listen to Pastor's sermon from your computer? Go to our website: zionscottsbluff.com and click on News and Events. Find the date of the message you'd like to listen to and click on that date. Be patient and it should load in.

BOOK RECOMMENDATION for October . . .**"China Hans - From Shanghai to Hitler to Christ"**

by Hans Wilhelm

One Man's Adventure in Faith...

Only God could have foreseen the incredible life and adventures of a German missionary named Hans Wilhelm. Fleeing Communists in China...surviving



Japanese bombing raids...enduring an internment camp...joining, and later rejecting, the Hitler Youth...giving his heart to Jesus Christ in a bathtub...and that was just the beginning. From Amsterdam to Zambia, Hans Wilhelm has traveled the world as an ambassador and servant of the Lord, seeking His will and sharing the gospel. China Hans is the remarkable, often exciting, and always inspiring true story of one man's quest to honor and obey his God—wherever He leads.

**~ AWANA NEWS ~**

On September 12th, we were the hosts for **Basic Training** for Cubbies, Sparks and T&T Leaders. There were only five of us from Zion in attendance as there were several other activities going on that weekend, people were out of town, etc. I was in charge of leading Basic Training for the Cubbies. This is my second year of leading this and I just continue to smile at God's humor working through Tom & Sandi Hofmann. You see, in my 27 years of serving in AWANA, I have never worked in Cubbies! I am definitely an example of God "showing the world" that He will use anyone in His service.© Anyway, I was privileged to have two of our new LIT's (young men) in my training session and I was so proud of them! After I had finished presenting the material, we had a "practice test". I gave the group ten minutes or so to complete it and then we went over it orally. Austin and Timothy spoke up the most of anyone in the group and what they did answer was correct. We have nothing but the best here at Zion!!! ☺

Then (without taking a breath) we launched right into the **AWANA Staff Dedication** at the 10:30 service on Sunday, the 13th and **Kick-Off** that afternoon at 3:30. We had a great first night turn out - complete with laughter, good fellowship and Taco

Salad/Nacho Bar. What could be better??? Again, I have to say that I am so proud of the group of LIT's we have! We still had quite a few people to serve - with those "waiting in the wings" for "seconds" . . . and we were out of soda and just about out of tortilla chips. When I started to say something about going to get more, I was told that Mark & Zach were already on their way. They had asked if they should go. Now, I don't know if these young (LIT) men were prompted by someone, but knowing them, they probably observed this on their own and asked if they should go. (Maybe because they hadn't eaten yet! ☺ HA! Just kidding, these are great kids!)

This past Saturday, September 26th, was the annual **AWANA Ministry Conference**. It was a really great day! Jill Bryan, AKA: "Jilly Bean", was involved in the day, entertaining with her puppets, singing and sharing her testimony of what God has done in her life through the AWANA Ministry in her early years. As well as His faithfulness to her through all of the tragic things she has faced . . . parents divorcing, being sexually abused by a pastor, the suicide of her brother, the deaths of her father, step-father & mother and facing breast cancer. I always walk away from conference feeling blessed for having gone. A BIG THANK YOU to Rick & Fairy Hattan and Tom & Sandi Hofmann and their hard work and organizational skills to put this day together for us. Please pray for Fairy Hattan. Rick told us on Saturday that she had to have an appendectomy this past Thursday night and was recovering. Thank you to Linda Peterson for leading the "Tweens" workshop.

In closing, I have been thinking about this a lot and I don't know whether I will have enough room to include it in every newsletter article but I hope to. As I serve in AWANA, there are SO MANY blessings - that I call "God-things" - that happen along the way and I want to share them with you. Until I come up with something better, I am calling it:

"The Commander Commentary"

1. On Friday night, prior to AWANA Kick-Off, my daughter, Carli and Andee Musonda were shopping with me at Wal-mart for the groceries that I needed for the Taco Salad/Nacho Bar. We happened to cross paths with a gentleman from our congregation and later on after he'd checked out he came and asked if I was shopping for AWANA. I said, "Yes", and he handed me \$50.00 to help out with the expenses.
2. On Sunday night after Kick-Off one of the Sparkies

came up to me and handed me a check for \$75.00. When I asked his mom later what it was for, she said her husband just told her to give AWANA a donation since their family hadn't in awhile.

3. In the last couple of weeks, I have received a written note of encouragement and two other people that have blessed me verbally with words of encouragement - at a time when I was questioning whether I am effective in the AWANA ministry any longer.

4. On Saturday at the Ministry Conference, right before I was to present the first of two workshops, it was mid-afternoon and I was feeling overwhelmed with fatigue (I'm on my 4th week of a cold and it is "killing me!"). Linda Peterson "happened by" and asked how I was doing. Being on the verge of tears, I confessed that I was so exhausted and she immediately put her hand on my shoulder and prayed with and for me. Thank you, Linda, for the Godly example you are to me and the way that you have touched me and many others in the Zion Congregation and "beyond"!

5. This morning as I was entering the Sanctuary, I was stopped by a couple that handed me a note of encouragement along with a \$200.00 donation for the AWANA ministry.

In closing, I just want to mention that normally my God-things will not be about money. However, at the beginning of the club year we have some large expenses and as I trust God to provide - and remind myself - that **HE IS IN CONTROL**, I experience so many blessings as things similar to the above happen.

We have Visitor Campaign and all of our Parent's Nights coming up in October. I will let you know all about what happened next month.

God's Blessings To You - In The Fullest!!!

Cheryl Rose, Commander



CRAFT NIGHT - Bring a project and join the fellowship for Craft Night, October 19 at 6:30 pm. Call Claudette Schmidt, 635-1149 for questions.



LADIES GUILD: Regular meeting held September 14th with 14 ladies present. Prayer was given for various prayer requests. The minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report were given and approved. Old business was discussed with the Soup Supper being on the top of the list. It will be held Nov 14th with Noodle Soup, Bean Soup and Vegetable Soup being served. Along with that, there will be rye bread, relish tray and brownies. It was recommended that half of the proceeds be given to the church. This will be decided at the Oct meeting. Committees will also be decided for the various things that need to be done for that night. Noodles and butterballs will be made Sept 29th starting at 8 am for noodles and 6 pm for butterballs. Tickets will be sold two weeks before from any Guild member as well as before and after church. The Circle of Praise will host a Silent Auction that night. Claudette Schmidt is looking for items to be auctioned. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you have something to donate.

New business: Nominating committee of Lorene Hein, Lela Hilzer and Louise Kniss will bring a slate of officers to the October meeting, Voting and installation will be at the Nov meeting. The Christmas party was discussed. Wanda and Sandra brought 4 different places to chose from. The Civic Center was decided on as the place we will be going to in December. Also discussed were the by-laws of the Ladies Guild. They need to be read by everyone and if there are any additions or corrections, please bring to the October meeting.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer.

Teri Erdman



MOPS @ Night -

MOPS @ Night had 22 moms in attendance for both September meetings. We would love to have new and expecting moms join us for our next meeting, October 13th at 6:00 pm in the Ministry Center. We will have coupon queen, Kate Schemer showing us how to save bunches on our groceries and household bills. On October 27th, we are excited to join everyone for the "New Song" concert, so if you see some new faces, it may be one of our moms. Two of our leaders attended the MOPS National Convention in Nashville, TN on September 24th-26th and are excited to share what they learned with our MOPS members.

Thank you for all you do to support our group!

Blessings,
Andi Hale

Jeremiah House

We spoiled the kids on their first night at the Jeremiah House with a turkey dinner and apple crisp for dessert. They really enjoyed it. It makes one feel good when a little 7yr. old girl, who was extremely thin, ate a big plate of food, then gobbled a bowl of apple crisp. We hope she gobbled the knowledge of our saving Lord the same night. The purpose of the night is to Feed the Body and Feed the Soul. Thanks to all who helped make the meal possible.

Serving for the Lord,
Terry Martin



Missions

This month our missions sponsored a Hospice volunteer to work with dying AIDS patients in Africa for a year. Please pray that these people find the comfort and peace of knowing they will be free from all suffering as they pass from this world into arms of our Lord.

We should be receiving Hans Wilhelm's biography for our Church Library soon.

Arrangements have been finalized for the George Miller Family to visit us for Mission Sunday, the first weekend in November.

One ministry that is in need of some financial blessing this month is KCMF. Please pray for all the missionaries our Church supports during the year.

Serving for the Lord,
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YOUTH - Every time someone at church asks me how things are going lately I find myself saying, "Really well." I think this is due in large part to how excited I have been to get our youth programs back up and running. I always enjoy the unique opportunities summer vacation provides to do youth ministry, yet I'm always excited when fall rolls around to get back to a more consistent ministry schedule. During the school year, I enjoy the chance to teach and interact with a larger group of students many of whom I get to see several times each week. The first few weeks of our fall schedule has me excited about how the rest of the year is going to go.

Our senior high Bible study has started off really well both in terms of number of students attend-

ing and interest level in the discussions. My 7th and 8th grade Sunday school class is still a little shy with not too many willing to speak up to answer questions. Several of the girls have assured me they will become more talkative as the year goes on. I have learned to trust junior high aged girls when they say they will become more talkative.

Our junior high outreach has started the year with a smaller than normal group mostly because local junior high volleyball games have been on Thursday nights. We have had a good sized group of boys and very few girls so far. We expect to see that change once the girls are done with volleyball in a few weeks. The students who have been coming so far have been remarkably well behaved and fun to be around each night. Also, I have an excellent team of leaders working with me each week. Another encouraging ministry each week has been the fellowship/prayer group we have with our senior high students on Sunday nights. We have had as many as 14 join us at the house on Sunday night for dinner and a time of sharing and praying together. All in all, I have been encouraged by how the school year has started, and I ask that you continue to pray that the students I am spending time with each week would be open to what God is trying to teach them.

Andy



General Fund for August 31, 2009

INCOME:	
Other Income	9,210.34
Sunday Offering	16,306.00
<u>Uncategorized Income</u>	<u>7.13</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$25,523.47
 EXPENSES:	
Bldg. & Grounds	1,440.86
Ministry	151.20
Office	397.18
Special Expense	1,174.16
Staff Benefits	3,943.97
Staff Salary	5,866.38
Tax	833.34
<u>Utilities</u>	<u>1,361.33</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 19,576.57
 TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	 \$ 5,946.90



Pastor Appreciation Month

is during October. Be sure to thank and appreciate our wonderful Pastoral staff during this special month...
... and all year long!



A New Song International

A Cultural Music and Mission Event

This is a group of 8 young adults coming to us at Zion directly from Chile and Romania.

October 27th @ 7:00 p.m.

- ◆ Performing favorite folk music with traditional instruments from their homelands
- ◆ A group with a wide variety of style and sound including praise and worship, country, southern gospel, hymns and contemporary
- ◆ Sharing their heart, mission and challenge to reach their country for Christ

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS EVENT
Admission is free/Offering to be taken at closing.
Please note: We are in need of host families for 4 single males, 2 single females & 3 married couples.
Let Pastor Garry or the church office know if you have questions or can help.



Get ready for. . .

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is time to start thinking about filling a shoe box for a needy boy or girl in another country. Collection week this year is November 16th - 23rd. We will have much more information available in the coming weeks.



WOULD YOU HELP OUR PASTORS?

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



#1) Have someone call the church office at 632-8125 and let us know.

#2) Be sure to tell them at the hospital that your **church affiliation** is Zion Evangelical Church. (Your name is *supposed* to go on a list for the Pastors to see but many times that does not happen.)

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!

October, 2009

Zion Evangelical Church Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 8:30 Worship & Praise/Communion 8:30 S.S./Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 S.S./Zion & Emerald Ct. 9:30 Prayer Team II/Office 9:55 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship & Praise/Communion 11:00 KCM Broadcast 3:30 AWANA Clubs	10:00 Bible Study/Village 7:00 Ladies Guild	10:00 Bible Study/Wei-Life 12:00 Biblical Hebrew 7:00 Church Council Mtg.	6:30 Men's Bible Study 9:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Brother's Bible Study 7:00 Choir Practice 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 Senior High Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team	7:00 Junior High Youth 7:00 Financial Peace University (FPU)		Grebel & coffee 8 A.M. 
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