

# NEWS FROM ZION

ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH ~ SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

NOVEMBER, 2015

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**COMMUNION**

Sunday, Nov 1st

Communion will be served after both services.



**GREBEL & COFFEE**



Saturday, Nov 7th



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...**

As we have begun a study of the New Testament book of Romans, I have been pointing out that it is the one book of the Bible that most clearly and comprehensively explains and defends the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Because of this, I am teaching through Romans with two points of focus. First, I am challenging all who have not yet made a decision to trust Jesus to hear the full explanation Paul gives and encouraging them to trust in him for salvation. Second, I am challenging all who have already placed their faith in Jesus to study Romans with the intention of learning how to communicate the message of the Gospel to their friends, neighbors, and co-workers. My hope is that we develop the attitude of Paul who said in chapter one, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes. . .

Before Paul explains the message of the Gospel of Christ, he spends a good deal of time at the beginning of the book explaining why the Gospel is necessary. Because of this, the sermons in October (and continuing on to the early part of November) have dealt with the difficult subject matter of understanding why we all deserve the wrath of God and why none

of us on our own are righteous enough to earn God's favor. It hasn't made for the most cheerful of messages, but understanding the depth of the problem is essential to understanding why the message of the Gospel is such extraordinarily good news and why, without it, a person has no hope of peace with God. By midway through November, we're going to be ready for some good news, and that's exactly what we will get at the end of chapter three. Make sure and join us each week as the argument of this book builds from week to week. You can catch up on any part you miss at [zionscottsbuff.com](http://zionscottsbuff.com).

We took a brief break from our study of Romans in October to celebrate Missions Sunday. We were happy to welcome Mr. Hans Wilhelm back to Zion to share with us the way God has used him in missionary assignments in Taiwan, Brazil, China, and Africa as well as how God is continuing to use him through his current work with Chinese churches in the U.S. He gave a challenging message on Sunday morning encouraging us all to respond with obedience when God speaks, when God challenges, and when God promises. He again gave us a good challenge in the evening reminding us that the good news of the Gospel is intended for all people. As our local church strives to

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**PLEASE TAKE NOTE...**

**Mission Prayer Partners for NOVEMBER, 2015**



- 1 - Ben & Becky Rivera/CRU
- 8 - Pastor K'Shem/V.O.M.
- 15 - Samaritan's Purse/OCC
- 22 - High Plains Fellowship
- 29 - Don Osman/LEAD Global



**INSTALLATION SERVICE**  
for Pastor Andrew Griess  
Sunday, November 15th

Carry-in Dinner  
following the 2nd service  
12:30 ~ Cake Reception  
1:30 ~ Installation Service

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fulfill its mission to reach those in the valley who have not responded in faith to the Gospel, we want to continue to be mindful of the greater mission to reach the to the ends of the world with the message of Jesus Christ. Our church members can do this by considering the possibility that God may be calling them to participate in missions themselves or the possibility that God may be calling them to contribute financially to those who are answering the call of God on their lives to enter the mission field.

Also in October, we welcomed into membership several families who are all part of one extended family. have all been attending for quite some time. On Oct. 11, they made their part in our church official by being welcomed into membership during the 2nd service. They all expressed that since attending Zion they have felt welcomed and loved by this congregation from day one. They are all excited to be part of Zion, and we are happy to have them.

As we head into November, we will continue on in our study of Romans on Sunday mornings. We will also have a couple of special events on several evenings. On Sunday, Nov. 22, we will gather with our fellow CCCC churches at Emmanuel Congregational Church at 7pm for our annual Thanksgiving service. Pastor Jeremy Skaggs from Plymouth Congregational Church will be the speaker for the evening. We will have our own Thanksgiving Eve communion service on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 7pm. We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, Nov. 28 in order to have a special event on Sunday, Nov. 29 at 5pm to kick off the Christmas season. We have asked the Harris family to lead a night of singing of Christmas carols to be followed by a soup dinner which will be provided. It should be fun for the whole family, and we hope your family will make plans to join us.

Andrew



### COOP RECEIPTS:

**\$82,414.74**

Keep 'em coming!



Larry and Lil Groskopf  
Vern and Leona Groskopf  
Carey and Mindy Mehling  
Jim and Megan Pieper



## Veterans Day

**NOVEMBER 11TH**

**Remember to honor and  
thank our Veterans who  
stood strong protecting  
this great country!**



The NOVEMBER Broadcast is given  
by Rosaline Ruppel and family in  
loving memory of Albert Ruppel.

Thank you for sharing in this ministry!

*It is not too early to start reserving months  
in 2016. All months are available.*

*Call Barb at 632-8125 Cost: \$75*



**Sympathies and condolences****are extended to . . .**

- . . . the family and friends of Betty Kraus.
- . . .the family and friends of Scott Livengood.
- . . .the family and friends of Ruth Grentz.

**Congratulations to . . .**

- . . .Emma Marker on her birthday, October 4th!
- . . .Carson Rupp on his birthday, October 5th!
- . . .Delbert Trupp on his 89th Birthday, Oct 6th!
- . . .Albert & Mildred Weber on their 63rd Wedding Anniversary!
- . . .Megan and Jim Pieper & Madison on the Dedication of Allyson Lynn.
- . . .Jake & Dorothy Kautz on their 62nd Anniversary Nov 1st and to Dorothy on her 87th Birthday Nov 11!!!

**CIRCLE OF PRAISE:**

Circle of Praise met October 10 with 24 people attending. A football theme was done by Dave & Teri Erdman. We enjoyed a carry-in of tailgating food and visited about our high school times. In our business meeting, we discussed the Cookie Walk coming up on December 12 at 8 a.m. All help will be appreciated on Friday to help set up and on the morning of the sale, Saturday. We decided to give Pastor Andy and Janae a monetary gift to show our appreciation during this month of Pastor Appreciation month.

In other business, our Prime Rib Supper will be held on Saturday, December 12 at 6pm. The cost will be \$15 per person. The meal will be prime rib, baked potato, salad, rolls and dessert. Dave and Teri will host that evening. A signup sheet will be put out in November. Our meeting in November will be hosted by Peg and Jerry Ross and Ben & Loraine Hein. Watch the newsletter for details. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Teri Erdman

**Thank You**

To our Zion Church Family,

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the cards, gifts, and kind words in honor of "Pastor Appreciation Month". We count it a privilege to serve God and are happy he has called us to serve in such a loving place. Your encouragement means more to us than you will ever know.

Love,

Andy and Janae Griess (and girls)  
TJ and Carissa Marler

Thanks to our church family for all the prayers and support during my recent surgery. Thanks to Pastor Andy for his support and visits also and to Linda Peterson for the visit and for bringing the sunshine bag from Ladies Guild. God bless you all.

Ed Kling

**Ladies Guild:**

Elaine reported Mission Sunday will be October 18<sup>th</sup>. It was voted on to give \$1,050.00 to Missions. It was also voted on to have a soup supper on January 30<sup>th</sup> providing there being no conflicts on the church calendar. It was decided to have Chicken Noodle & Butterball, Ham & Bean and Potato Soups. Volunteer help is encouraged.

Andee wondered if anyone would be able to make Cotton Snowballs for her Awana Cubbies. Several women said they would come up with some samples. If you have any supplies that might work for this project bring to the church on Sunday. (There is a sample and directions in the church office.)

Nominating committee will be Claudette Schmidt and Peg Ross. One office needs to be filled which is for the office of Vice President. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Refreshments were served by Jane Schlager, Barb Kautz, Martha Stricker and Heddi Stricker. While enjoying the refreshment, treat bags were put together for kids who participate in the Children's message during our services.

Joyce Kautz,  
Secretary

**General Fund for SEPTEMBER, 2015**

**INCOME:**

Fund Raisers	\$	1,049.00
Other Income		4.10
<u>Sunday Offering</u>		<u>15,158.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,211.10</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Bldg. & Grounds	\$	2,882.83
Fund Raising		513.44
Ministry		395.61
Mission Fund		50.00
Office		141.92
Staff Benefits		250.00
Staff Salary		7,043.34
<u>Utilities</u>		<u>1,347.36</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,624.50</b>

**TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE** \$ 3,586.60

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:**

October is Pastor Appreciation month and we here, at Zion Sunday School, want to thank Pastor Andy for all he does. He truly takes an interest in our Sunday school. He takes time out of his busy schedule to teach VBS in the summer. He has helped us pick curriculum. Janae and Andy both help with the Easter Egg Hunt and devotion. Andy has a great relationship with our kids here at Zion and we are thankful for him and his family.

Please note that we are interested in finding out who wants to be in the Christmas play. We will be handing out parts in approximately 2 weeks so kids can have some practice time. **Hint:** we are going Western and it should be a lot of fun!

Our attendance is up and the teachers are so grateful for that. If you have any concerns about Sunday School, please come and talk to us in the office. We welcome your feedback and appreciate you bringing your kids to Sunday School. Again, thank you Pastor Andy and family for all you do.

Sharon, Robin, Deb

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD  
COLLECTION WEEK**



**NOVEMBER 16-23**

Get ready and start filling your shoeboxes! There are brochures & instructions at the table Oasis along with shoeboxes...if you need any! Remember to include \$7 for shipping, if you can.

**If you are interested in a short-term mission opportunity. . .**

... we will be going to Denver to work at the Distribution Center, Friday, December 4th. We have spots for 8 people (must be 13 or older).

Sign up at the Welcome Center if you'd like to go. Our shift is from 10am-4pm.



**FAMILY NIGHT . . .**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

**6:00 P.M.**

**SOUP NIGHT-BRING SOME TO SHARE**

**WATCHING: ANDY STANLEY**



## YOUTH:

As we get further into the school year, I'm continuing to be happy with how well it has worked to combine youth group, confirmation, and senior high Bible study into one weekly event on Wednesday night. Our confirmation kids are working their way through the material and continuing to bring friends who have participated very well in the discussion without being a distraction. Because we are doing games before, students are looking forward to confirmation. The senior high students who are there for Bible study have interacted very well with our younger students. At the end of October, we planned a special night for the students to play "Gargon" - a game that involves making the entire church completely dark for the evening.

I have also been continuing to get together with a group of senior high/college age students on Sunday evenings after Awana to pray with and for each other and spend time together. We have a small, consistent group that meets each week. Because we are a small group, we have grown quite close. I have noticed lately that this group loves each other like brothers and sisters, and it also fights with each other sometimes like brothers and sisters. I wish every member of our senior high group would make time to be together with us on Sunday evenings. There's no way to adequately describe the impact that being part of group like this has on young person's faith. I only know that without making time to be a regular part of a group like this, a student misses out on the chance to develop an important source of strength and support every young person needs as they are learning how to live for Jesus in a world where it is becoming increasingly hard to do so. Please pray for all of our young people that they would be making these important connections with other Christian young people that would give them the strength and encouragement they need to make a stand for Jesus in a world that strongly discourages it.

Andrew



## Some dates to be aware of in November:

Grebel &amp; Coffee - Nov 7

Operation Christmas Child Collection-  
Nov 16-23Pastor Andy's Installation Service -  
Nov 15Combined 4C's Thanksgiving Service  
at Emmanuel Church - Nov 22Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service -  
Nov 25

Office Closed for holiday - Nov 26-27

Festival of Lessons & Carols -  
Nov 29th

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## DECEMBER AT A GLANCE...

Dec 4th - Operation Christmas Child  
Workday in Denver

Dec 12th - COOKIE WALK

Dec 20th - One Service - CANTATA  
Sunday School Program

Dec 24th - Christmas Eve Candlelight

## ~ AWANA NEWS ~

We have got some GREAT THINGS happening here at Zion AWANA!!! We started out the month of October with **BARF Night!!!** This theme DEFINITELY got people's attention!!! It actually stands for Bring A Real Friend. There was a great response from our clubbers with at least ten bringing a friend. The clubber as well as their friend received a BARF bag - A.K.A., a treat bag with a candy bar, a \$5.00 AWANA share (AWANA money) and a small toy. The clubber also had their choice of several larger prizes. It was great to see all of the new faces! At least one guest has become a regular clubber.

On the 11<sup>th</sup>, we started a fundraiser called "Coin Wars". It is a challenge of the clubbers against the staff to see who can raise the most - the "losers" will have to do something for the "winners". ☺ The money raised is being used for Operation Christmas Child. On November 15<sup>th</sup>, we are going to provide each clubber with a shoebox to pack for a child that is the same age and gender as they are. There will be items on the Share Board as well for the clubbers to purchase for the box they are packing. We are looking forward to this special mission project!!! I will report more about this next month.

As a church, we celebrated Mission Sunday on October 18<sup>th</sup> with Hans Wilhelm. He spoke to our Sparks, T&T and Trek clubbers. He started out by asking the clubbers if they'd thought about what they wanted to be when they grow up. He told about being 19 years old and not knowing what he wanted to be/do and how he was led to be a missionary. I, personally, learned something that I didn't know - I thought that he was only a missionary to China but he told us about serving in several different countries. (The Sparks were finding it hard to understand how he could live in California currently and still be a missionary. ☺)



We COULD NOT HAVE ASKED FOR a more beautiful evening on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> for our **Campfire/Sing-A-Long/Pumpkin-Gourd Decorating/Fall Photo Booth/Hot Dog & Marshmallow Roast/Pastor Appreciation Celebration!!!** I have SO MANY thank-you's for ALL of the help that I had to make this evening happening . . . the only "ONE" I will mention by name is **OUR GREAT GOD** that calmed the wind and gave us the absolutely perfect fall evening to do our activities. There were two ladies from the church that provided the pumpkins/gourds to decorate and

AWANA Staff that brought their personal fire pits, bales of hay, helped set up and take down chairs/tables, build the fire, put the food out, etc., etc., etc.!!! The parents came back halfway through the

evening so that they could take part in the sing-a-long and help their kids roast their hot dogs and marshmallows for the S'mores! ☺ GREAT EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP, FUN & FOOD!!!

I need to play "catch-up" with our **Clubber-of-the-Month** recognition: September - Sparks: Josie Griess & Cash Robbins; T&T: Ella Anderson & Ashton DeVos and Trek: Hope Schanaman. October - Sparks: Josie Griess & Malachi Bowlin; T&T: Emma Robbins & Caleb Schanaman and Trek: Coleton Morgan. Way to start the club year off strong, Clubbers!!!



In starting out this article, I said that we have some GREAT THINGS happening here in AWANA!!! Not only with the activities we



are doing but with the impact the ministry is having in the lives of our families. I had



a mom tell me how she had been working on a verse with her daughter and that same week was able to "put it in to practice"! Teachable moments with the Word of God . . . what could be much better!?!? Another family told me that after inviting their guests to AWANA to our BARF Night, the parents went out and bought their girls a Bible and have been in attendance every night since then. PTL!!!!!!!

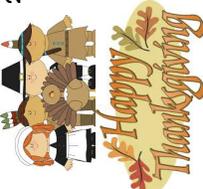
I cannot be more excited about all that God is doing in our club and that HE IS IN CONTROL of everything from the weather, to the amazing Staff with which He has blessed me, to the awesome things that are happening - spiritually - in the lives of our AWANA families!!!

In Christ, Cheryl Rose, AWANA Commander



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ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Daylight Savings Time ends 8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team IV 9:30 Communion/Chapel 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct. 10:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 KCMV Broadcast 11:30 Communion/Chapel 3:30 AWANA Clubs	<b>2</b> 10:00 Bible Study/Village  7:00 Ladies Guild	<b>3</b> 10:00 Bible Study/WelCove  12:00 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Women's Bible Study 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living  7:00 Church Board Mtg	<b>4</b> 1:00 Valley Food Pantry  7:00 Choir Practice 7:00 Youth Group 8:00 Confirmation/ Senior High Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> GREBEL & COFFEE 7-10 am
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<b>15</b> 8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team I 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct. 10:30 Worship & Praise 11:30 Carry-in Dinner 12:30 Cake Reception 1:30 Installation for Pastor Andy 3:30 AWANA Clubs 4:00 Vespers/Residency	<b>16</b> 10:00 Bible Study/Village  6:00 Family Night/Soup Night	<b>17</b> 10:00 Bible Study/WelCove  12:00 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Women's Bible Study 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living	<b>18</b> 1:00 Valley Food Pantry  7:00 Choir Practice 7:00 Youth Group 8:00 Confirmation/ Senior High Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
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<b>29</b> First Sunday of Advent 8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team III 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct. 10:30 Worship & Praise NO AWANA 5:00 Festival of Carols	<b>30</b> 10:00 Bible Study/Village	<b>DEC 1</b> 10:00 Bible Study/WelCove  12:00 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Women's Bible Study 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living  7:00 Church Board Mtg	<b>2</b> 1:00 Valley Food Pantry  7:00 Choir Practice 7:00 Youth Group 8:00 Confirmation/ Senior High Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Operation Christmas Child Workday in Denver ~ 10-4	<b>5</b> GREBEL & COFFEE 7-10 am