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### NOVEMBER, 2013

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### COMMUNION Sunday, November 3



communion will be served in both services.



### GREBEL & COFFEE

Saturday, November 2nd



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...

### HARVEST TIME

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 NKJV

The year was 1621; the Pilgrims had come through a difficult first winter with half of their party dying of scurvy and other diseases as they struggled to survive the cold of winter with neither homes nor proper food and clothing. Spring found the survivors building and planting and getting to know their Indian neighbors and by fall they had a first harvest. Far from being embittered by the difficulties and hardships that had met them since leaving their homeland

by ship just over a year, before, they were thankful. I wonder how many today, after such a difficult year with hardships yet to come, pause would tol celebrate God's goodness in the midst of such trial and suffering. But that is exactly what they did and who they

were; a thankful, prayerful, hard working people. Through their dedication to the Lord and His Word, hard work and faithfulness, they etched out the foundation of a colony and a nation.

I don't know what this year has held for you or what the year ahead will bring, but I encourage you to take to heart the words of 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." In doing so you'll be at the center of God's will, and a much happier and spiritually healthier person besides. Thanksgiving is not merely a day to remember and pause before turkey with prayer between football games. Thanksgiving is an attitude and way of

life that honors God, appreciates the little things that make life a joy and chooses not to take for granted those we claim to love. Whatever this season of harvest holds for you, I wish you a harvest and a life of gratefulness and thanks!

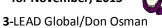
Pastor Garry

### CARRY-IN DINNER Sun ~ Nov 3rd/11:30 am

Please bring a dish to share and a heart ready for fellowship! Our intention is purely to provide an opportunity to grow closer as a church family. . . so we would love to have you join us!

### PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

Mission Prayer Partners for November, 2013



10-Our nation's Veterans17-Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child

24-Camp Rock/DeVos Family



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Just drop us a note at zion@zionscottsbluff.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.

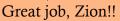


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### **COOP RECEIPTS:**

\$59,229.44



We are over a half way to our next goal! Keep those receipts coming!!!





KCMI Broadcast for November is given in loving memory Floyd Hein from his family. Floyd passed away 9 years ago this month. Thank you for sharing in this ministry.

\*If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast for 2014, let Barb know.





### **General Fund for September, 2013**

### **INCOME:**

Other Income	178.57
Sunday Offering	18,352.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 18,530.57
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Bldg. & Grounds	\$ 2,413.91
Ministry	-1,142.82
Mission Fund	150.00
Office	910.98
Staff Benefits	7,410.12
Staff Salary	6,980.24
Utilities	 1,325.05
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 18,047.48

TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE \$

### PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

Zion has a new email address: zion@zionscottsbluff.com



### Sympathies are extended to...

- ...Sarah Peters on the passing of her grandfather, Ronald L. Peters.
- ...the family and friends of Henry Feagler, Jr.
- ...the family and friends of Frieda Goss.
- ... the family and friends of Gary Hessler.
- ...the family and friends of Jennifer Jones of Torrington.
- ...George & Nadynne Schaaf on the passing of brother-in-law Elmer Heilbrun.
- ...Richard Schledewitz and family on the passing of sister, Delores Vogel.
- ...the many family and friends of Amelia Huber.

### **Congratulations to . . .**

- ...Bill Loose on his 81st Birthday, Sept 26th!
- ... Janae Griess on her birthday, Sept 28th!
- ...Gene Minch on his 88th Birthday!
- ... Emily Doremus on being named Student of the Week at Bayard High School.
- ...Harold Propp on his 90th Birthday. Cards can be sent to: 617 W. 33rd St., Apt 202, Scottsbluff.
- ...Jake & Dorothy Kautz on their 60th Wedding Anniversary, November 1st!
- ...Maryann Ott on her retirement from RWMC after 16 years!

### **FAMILY NIGHT**

is the *third* Tuesday
of each month at from 6-8 p.m.
The next meeting, Nov 19th will be a
Soup Potluck. It's not too late to join in the
fun, food and fellowship!
Questions: see Pastor Andy

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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### ~ AWANA NEWS ~

Since the last newsletter, we have had **Parent's Night Open House** for all clubs. We always enjoy having guests join us at club - especially since it usually includes a treat. This year we had a variety of cheesecakes for the parents, clubbers and staff to enjoy. I wasn't sure if the Puggles/Cubbies would

like the cheesecake but I was told that they "sucked it up"!!! ©

The following Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, was our annual **AWANA Ministry Conference** held at Monument Bible Church. The theme was "Stand Committed to the Gospel". The weather was crazy on Friday but Hattan's, Harkness's and the crew they



brought with them from eastern Nebraska made it in to Scottsbluff and the conference went on as planned! I am not sure how many of those that had signed up to come didn't make it but we had a great day of



fellowship, workshops and group sessions. BIG THANKS to our

own Pastor Andy for leading a workshop. There is ALWAYS something to take away from these conferences . . . even after attending for 30 years!!! (\*See Commander Commentary)

We enjoyed having Tuvya Zaretsky with Jews for Jesus come from California to spend Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> with us for **Missions Sunday**. Besides having him share in three church services, it was nice to have him come and talk with the clubbers during Council Time at AWANA. Some of the clubbers have a missions section that they need to complete in their handbook so those kids took advantage of having Tuvya to help complete their section. The one thing that I am hoping the clubbers understood from Tuvya is that even though Jesus was a Jew, the Jewish nation as a whole still does not believe that Jesus is the Messiah and that is why they need to be reached by missionaries with the Gospel message.

We have had some changes in our AWANA calendar due to circumstances beyond our control: We will be celebrating **Pastor's Appreciation** the last Sunday of October and **Fun Fair** will move to November 10<sup>th</sup>. The gentleman that supplies our games for Fun Fair will be out of town on October 27th, so it is worth waiting a couple of weeks in order to have the "good games" the clubbers enjoy.

### ~ Commander Commentary ~

The weekend of Ministry Conference I was going through a low point/"pity party" as I had been told that yet another clubber had opted to leave our AWANA club to attend another area youth program. PLEASE don't misunderstand me: I know that families have to make decisions that are going to work best for them. It was a conversation, though, that allowed Satan to creep into my thoughts and cause me to question whether the AWANA ministry – and my role in it – was still effective here at Zion. The following are three things that God used to minister to my spirit and give me affirmation from Him to "keep on keepin' on"!!!

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At the AWANA Ministry Conference, I attended a workshop that was led by Pastor Vance Christie who is the pastor of the church the Hattans attend in Aurora, NE. His workshop was titled "Keys to Fruitful Christian Service" and was based on a historic Christian biography that he wrote about Adoniram Judson - a missionary to Burma, in the early 1800's. I was reminded that being in ministry is LONG TERM - it may be YEARS before we see the fruit of our labor. We are in this "for the long haul" and we (I) need to be faithful/committed/disciplined in our (my) service to Him . . . the fruit/harvest will come in God's timing!!!

- ❖ I recently received the following email from a young mother in our congregation whose children attend Zion AWANA: "Had to share with you...the other day we were driving to school and Ella starts talking to "pretend" kids about Awana. I said, "Ella, who are you teaching to about Awana?" She says, "Mom, I'm an Awana leader and I'm teaching them about Jesus." Then Claire pipes up and says, "Well, I'm Cheryl and I'm a leader too!!" So sweet to see them living Awana and the Word of God every day!! Thanks for being such a sweet role model for my girls!!"
  \*\*\*Now, I know that I was just being "used" by big sister to "trump" little sister but to know that I am part of a ministry that influences children to share Jesus with their "pretend" as well as their "real" friends reminds me of my responsibility to live a godly life that points these precious children to Jesus and hopefully encourages them to serve Him all their life!!!
- \* At the October "Family Night" gathering at church that my family and I recently attended, we watched the second sermon in a series of sermons called "Christian" by Pastor Andy Stanley. The "Quitters" sermon is based on Scripture from I John 4. I STRONGLY urge you to Google it and listen to it online. It is only about 45 minutes in length but is SO POWERFUL!!! The sermon encourages quitting Christianity because "Christian" has SO MANY definitions and instead become a disciple/follower of Christ as Jesus states in John 13:35 "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another". After Pastor Stanley cited I John 4:11, "Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.", several of his comments were:
  - ❖ Every person that I (we) come "eyeball to eyeball with", GOD LOVES!!!
  - (We want people to say) WOW, look how they love!!!
  - ❖ I owe it to God to love you! (Because He loves me!)

Why am I bringing this up in my AWANA article??? Because in the discussion time led by Pastor Andy (Griess  $\odot$ ) following the video, he said that when he heard this sermon initially, one of his first thoughts was the close-knit AWANA Staff during our prayer time and club time. WOW!!! To have Pastor Andy - someone I respect so highly!!! - say that was such a blessing!!! My prayer for our staff is - and always has been - to be God's hand of love extended to the clubbers, their parents/guardians and to each other. This IS NOT IN ANY WAY a credit to my leadership of this ministry but to the honor and glory of OUR GREAT GOD - WHO IS IN CONTROL OF EVERYTHING, by the way!!!  $\odot$ 

As we enter the month of November and prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, I am thanking God for the precious gift of His Son and the gift of Salvation. One of my favorite hymns is "Count Your Blessings" and I pray that we all have a LONG LIST. GOD IS SO GOOD!!!

Thanking God for YOU!!! Cheryl Rose, Commander NEWS FROM ZION Page 5



### GET READY AND START FILLING YOUR SHOEBOXES!!!

National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child is November 18-25th. You can pick up a brochure at the Mission's table.

And if you are interested in a short-term mission opportunity. . .

Mark your calendars for Friday, Dec 13th, to work at the Denver Processing Center. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in going.

### CIRCLE OF PRAISE:

Circle of Praise will meet on Sat., November 16th at 6:00 p.m. Hosts for the evening will be Roger & Norma Ray, Dar Robertus and Joyce & Harold Kautz. We're having a 4th of July Picnic, with the program being on the flag. Fried chicken will be furnished and we're asking that you bring a dessert or a salad. A sign up sheet will be on the Welcome Center.

### **LADIES GUILD:**

The ladies met Oct 7 with 18 ladies present. Two songs were sung and we then opened with prayed led by Elaine. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were given and approved. In old business, the church anniversary was discussed. We will be making noodles and butterballs along with angel food cakes for the weekend. Dates will be announced later as to when we will be preparing them. Teri is going to check to see what the price is for cookie sheets as we have had people requesting them this fall. The Rada Cutlery is put on hold until we know if any other organization is selling it.

In new business, for Mission Sunday the Ladies Guild is giving \$1050.00. It was approved by the Guild. We also will give a money gift to Erin Kampbell and Kids

Alive for Christmas. Both amounts were approved. On Missions Sunday, the Guild will be in charge of the kitchen as we will have a carry-in dinner. Other discussion was on the nominating committee, Christmas Party and Claudette told us about the make-up day for pictures. The devotion was given by Bridget from Proverbs 31 Ministries. It was entitled "Me and My Momma Mouth". The devotion was enjoyed by all. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. Hosts for the evening were Donna Trout and Lela Hilzer.

Teri Erdman, Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

We hope you are all having a good fall. Our Sunday School classes are going well. Our Christian Education Committee met a week ago and we are studying different Sunday School curriculum for next year.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, December 22 at 5:00pm. for our children's Christmas program. This is always a lot of fun and very enjoyable. A sneak preview: "The Night Shift Before Christmas".

Take time to enjoy this beautiful time of year. God is the most beautiful artist and Fall is living proof of that. Please feel free to stop by the Sunday School office at any time. And don't forget to visit your child's classroom.

In God's Love and Care, Sharon, Robin, Deb

YOUTH:

For the first time since I have been at Zion, our high school youth group has been averaging more students each week than our junior high youth group. Our high school group, which includes several college students, has been very faithful on both Wednesdays for Bible study and Sundays for prayer and fellowship. This group is great to work with because they focus real

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well during Bible study, they enjoy spending time together, and they are always willing to help out with things. Our junior high group has been small this year again partly because of smaller class sizes and partly due to low participa-The students who have been particition. pating seem to have a great time and are bringing a few of their friends along. have had a great time each Thursday because the students that are coming are fun kids who also are interested in learning from the Bible each week.

In addition to our regularly scheduled weekly activities, we planned one special event for October. A group of 20 took a road trip on Saturday, Oct. 19 to Lingle, Wyoming to visit a giant corn maze. We have been making this trip for a few years and it is always a lot of fun. We had a beautiful autumn night, and everyone managed to find their way out of the maze this year. Our group included junior and senior high students as well as several of our college students who were home on break.

As you pray for the young people of Zion, please be in prayer that we can grow the size of our junior high group. Pray that God will help me make the most of the opportunity to make an impact on each of those in our faithful high school group. Pray also for our college students, both here and away, that they would remain faithful to Jesus and build on the foundation of faith they were given here at Zion.

Pastor Andy



## Help Needed!

The **CIRCLE OF PRAISE** will be sponsoring the ANNUAL COOKIE WALK on Saturday, Dec. 14th, 8:00 am ~ Noon.

We are asking for 8-10 dozen of your favorite homemade holiday cookies or candy. They need to be to the church by Friday, Dec 13th or by 7:30 am on Saturday morning. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you can bring cookies. Thank you ahead of time for your support and help!

### THANK YOU!

Dear Church Family -

We can't thank all of you enough that willingly helped with our move. We have a lot of doers in our church. We will be forever grateful. God bless you all! We love you all. You are appreciated.

George & Nadynne

Thank you to our precious church family for all the cards and expressions of appreciation over the past month! You make ministry a joy!

Love,

Pastor Garry, Bridget and family



# A Veterans Day Prayer:

God of all nations, you are our Strength and Shield. We give you thanks today for the devotion and courage of all those who have offered military service for this country ... We ask today that you would lift up by your Spirit those who are now at war; encourage and heal those in hospitals or mending their wounds at home; guard those in any need or trouble; hold safely in your hands all military families and bring the returning troops to joyful reunion and tranquil life at home. Give to us, your people, grateful hearts and a united will to honor these men and women and hold them always in our love and our prayers until your world is perfected in peace and all wars cease. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

# Zion Evangelical Church Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 8:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team I 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct 9:30 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 KCMI Broadcast 11:30 Communion/Chapel	4 10:00 Bible Study/Village Brothers	5 12:00 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Women's Bible Study	9:30 Staff Meeting 6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Choir		8	6
3:30 AWANA 7:00 Youth Fellowship	7:00 Ladies Guild	7:00 Church Board Mtg	7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 SR High Bible Study	7:00 Junior High Outreach		
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8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team II 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct	10:00 Bible Study/Village Brothers Veterans	10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life Brothers 12:00 Men's Bible Study				Circle of Praise 6 p.m.
10:30 Worship & Praise 3:30 AWANA/FUN FAIR 4:15 Vespers/Residency 7:00 Youth Fellowship		6:00 MOPS @ Night	6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Choir 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 SR High Bible Study	7:00 Junior High Outreach		
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9:30 S.S. (@ Zlon/ Emerala Ct. 9:50 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship & Praise 3:30 AWANA		NO Men's Bible Study NO Women's Bible Study	Eve Communion Service 7:00 p.m.		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
7:00 Youth Fellowship 6:30 Combined 4C's Thksgvg Service/Hope Church		6:00 MOPS @ Night				