
NEWS FROM ZION

From the Pastor's desk . . .

February, 2008

Getting God's Perspective on the Financial Bottom Line!

"Dishonest money dwindles away,
but he who gathers money little by
little makes it grow." Proverbs 13:11
NIV



Most people consider the Bible to be a book full of spiritual wisdom, even wisdom for relationships and day to day decisions but did you know that the New Testament alone has more verses on material possessions and wealth than it does on heaven, hell, prayer or faith? The above verse from the book of Proverbs is just one of many golden nuggets in Scripture that give us God's perspective on the wise use and investment of money. When we took our survey on how people rate themselves in the Seven Areas of Life Training (S.A.L.T.), we were surprised to find that people rated themselves lower in the area of finances than any other area. Specifically the survey asked how confident people felt about their experience in each area, knowledge about each area, ability to apply what they know and ability to share their knowledge with others. If you've ever wondered what the Bible really does have to say about finances and how that wisdom might be of help to you, then don't miss a Sunday beginning February 10th as we'll spend four weeks taking a careful look at God's perspective on this important life subject.

Pastor Garry

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE 2008

- February 6 – Ash Wednesday ~ 7 p.m.**
at Plymouth Congregational Church
Pastor Bob Rose preaching
Refreshments & music by Plymouth
- February 10 – Sunday ~ 7 p.m.**
at Emmanuel Congregational Church
Pastor Garry Schick preaching
Refreshments & music by Emmanuel
- February 17 – Sunday ~ 7 p.m.**
at Salem Congregational Church
Pastor Doug Rupp preaching
Refreshments & music by Salem
- February 24 – Sunday ~ 7 p.m.**
at Zion Evangelical Church
Pastor Ted Meter preaching
Refreshments & music by Zion
- March 2 – Sunday ~ 7 p.m.**
at Emmanuel Congregational Church
Pastor Dale Brown preaching
Refreshments and music
by Hope Congregational Church
- March 9 – Sunday ~ 7 p.m.**
at Salem Congregational Church
Pastor Chuck Richardson preaching
Refreshments and music
by Mitchell Federated Church



Grebel & Coffee
8 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
February 2nd

Pre-Orders for Grebel are welcome! Any and all help would be appreciated! Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Communion
will be served
February 3rd
in the Chapel
following the
10:30 service.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- ♦ **KCMI Banquet**, Thursday, February 7th. There are a limited number of tickets available at no cost. Contact the church office if you would like to be attend.
- ♦ **Farm & Ranch Expo on Friday and Saturday, February 8-9th.** We will be doing the lunch counter both days. We could use help with the shifts. Any donations to purchase the materials would be appreciated.
- ♦ **Installation of the Church Board** will take place on February 10th in the 10:30 a.m. service. **We would like to thank** those Church Board members that just finished their terms of office: Art Stricker, Ed Kling and Armond Orndoff. Welcome to new members: Rich Riddick, Chris Haun and Mark Harris.
- ♦ If you desire to join the fellowship of believers here at Zion Church, **Membership Sunday is February 17th.** Please contact Pastor Garry by February 4th if you are interested.
- ♦ A service of **baptism by immersion** will take place February 24th at 2:30 p.m. @ Valley Bible Church. All are welcome to attend. Anyone interested in being baptized at that time, please contact the church office by Friday, February 15th.

Mission Prayer Partners for February, 2008 . . .

- 3rd - Don & Nataline Osman
- 10th - Rick & Marie Parker
- 17th - Bruce & Julie Powell
- 24th - Ben & Becky Rivera



Scrapbooking Retreat
 Friday, February 29 at 2:00 p.m.
 to Saturday, March 1 at 5 p.m.
 @ Camp Rock Cost: \$45
 A weekend of fun, fellowship
 and food, not to mention

SCRAPBOOKING!

For more information, contact Camp Rock at 308-262-1585 or Beth Muhr at 623-1970

Our KCMI Broadcast

The 2008 broadcast schedule is available if you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast in honor or in memory of someone. All months are available except June, August, September and December. Call the church office at 632-8125

Congratulations to . . .

- . . . Ed Kling on his 70th Birthday!
- . . . JJ & Marci Meyer on the birth of their son, Jake Scott Meyer on Jan. 7th. He weighed 9# 1/2 oz - 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Scott & Cathy Livengood and great-grandmother, Leah Dittenber.
- . . . Steve & Terry Bonds on their 25th Wedding Anniversary.
- . . . Mary Stobel on her 90th Birthday!
- . . . George Knaub celebrating his 80th Birthday!

Sympathies to . . .

- . . . the many family and friends of Martha Meisner.



*The receipt total is \$79,310.52
 We are so close!*

Keep those receipts from Coop and Main Street Market coming!

Thanks to all who faithfully bring in or mail in their receipts!
 Keep 'em coming!



SALT Group leaders and meeting times:

- Pastor Andy Griess, Young Adult Bible Study**
 Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. at Zion
- Margaret Hancock, Young Women's Sunday School Class**
 Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the church library
- Barb Kautz, Adult Sunday School Class**
 Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the last room of the Sunday School, right side.



Our Book Recommendation
The Faith

by Charles Colson & Harold Fickett

Rightly understood and communicated, the Christian faith is one of great joy. It is an invitation to God's kingdom, where tears are replaced by laughter and longing hearts find their purpose and home. But have we grasped this? In "The Faith" Charles Colson and Harold Fickett have written a powerful statement of faith and of the central truths of Christianity. They seek to present a true and living Christianity and re-ignite the imagination of your faith. Reconnect with Christ's heart and the hope and joy He brings.



And over all these virtues put on **LOVE**, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Dear Pastor Garry, Tim Kreider & Church Council, Guest Speaker Dale Brown, 4-C's Ministers and Zion Church Family -

We will truly never forget the wonderful retirement and recognition service you hosted in our honor on Sunday. We could hardly comprehend all the kind words and gestures as well as the appreciation gifts, flowers and myriads of cards.

The carry-in dinner was enjoyed by all. There was so much good food, beautiful cake and decorations and a sweet time of fellowship.

The day far exceeded any expectation we could have had; you truly outdid yourselves and our thanks goes to each person who had a part in planning and executing the day. Thanks also to our family for the part they played in making this possible.

Our hearts are overflowing still with the memory of it all. Thanks and a rich "God bless you" to each of you.

With our continuing love and prayers,
Pastor Emeritus Amos and Violet Harris



YOU'VE GOT MAIL!!!

This is the **ninth** month of sending the newsletter via email. **It's not too late to**

sign up! If you would like to try the newsletter for one month via email and then decide you would rather have a paper copy, we'll be happy to switch you back. Give it a try.

Let us know - email us at. . .
zion@vistabeam.com



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General Fund for December, 2007

INCOME:	
Fund Raiser	\$ 653.10
Other Income	3,694.70
Sunday Offering	<u>22,000.50</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$26,348.20

EXPENSES:	
Bldg. Payment	\$ 1,776.57
Bldg. & Grounds	1,291.24
Fund Raising	164.99
Ministry	1,174.83
Missions Fund	5,160.00
Office	739.06
Staff Benefits	7,290.03
Staff Salary	5,532.68
Utilities	<u>3,279.06</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$26,408.46

TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE **\$(-60.26)**



HAVE A HEART

Valentines of every size and description adorn store windows and other places of business this time of year. The holiday has become a time for love to be enthroned as a virtue, with the heart symbolizing the romance of our lives.

But the heart symbolizes not only love, but life itself! Without a heart, our bodies cannot survive.

Consider God's words to Samuel: "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7, NRSV).

The heart — that inner countenance — shows what we really are. Samuel was to seek one of the sons of Jesse to be the new king. David, even though he was the weakest physical specimen, was the one selected. His heart was great.

Love looks deeper than outward appearances, and we can thank God for that. Don't be swayed by mere valentines — have a heart!

~AWANA NEWS~

The AWANA Staff, their spouse and/or a friend kicked off 2008 on January 5th with our **Christmas party and White Elephant gift exchange**. We had a wonderful potato bar feast topped off with a variety of cheesecakes from which to choose. A BIG THANK YOU to Dick Ashford, once again, for providing the drinks. Tom & Sandi Hofmann were able to join us again as our special guests for the evening. They HAD to come back this year as they had an "electric fork" to gift to someone along with a special "electric rolling pin" that Tom invented.☺ We had a few other items re-surface from last year's party as well as some new things that quickly became the items to steal.

The fun and laughter continued as **Fun Fair** was the following night on the 6th. We were blessed to have a wonderful sister in Christ entertain us for the evening. Her name is Jill Bryan, AKA: JillyBean. She is now based out of Lingle, WY, moving here from the East Coast. Jill has an incredible testimony which you can read on her website: jillybean.org!!! God has gifted her in many different ways which quickly becomes evident as she brings out puppets and uses ventriloquism, sings with inflatable guitars as well as other props, does some "magic", all while weaving in the message of God's love for us in sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. We will DEFINITELY be inviting JillyBean back!!! What a wonderful blessing she was to our Fun Fair evening!!! Thank you, also, to everyone that made candy donations. Last, but most definitely not least, I want to thank Randy & LaRee Gompert from Bayard for bringing in their Fun Fair games for us to use. We appreciate their generous servant hearts!

The T&T clubbers are busily preparing for **Bible Quiz** on February 2nd from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at Monument Bible Church. Please come out and help us cheer on our clubbers!!!

On February 3rd, we will have **Sports Day** where the clubbers get to wear their favorite team apparel as their uniform and we invite in area athletes from high school, college, etc. to share their testimony. The meeting time for this club meeting only changes from 4:30-6:30 to 2:00-4:00 p.m. due to the Super Bowl game. So, please make note of this. On the last Sunday of the month, we will finish with **Grandparent's Night**.

Please keep us in your prayers as we finish out the second half of our club year. Pray for God's hand to be at work as we complete 25 years of AWANA

here at Zion Church. We praise Him for His guidance and direction, continue to seek His Will for our club and thank Him that HE IS IN CONTROL!!!☺☺☺

Cheryl Rose, Commander

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CIRCLE OF PRAISE -

The Circle of Praise met on January 25 at the Skyport Restaurant for their New Years Party and Gift Exchange. After a good meal and a fun gift exchange, which included gifts ranging from practical to comical such as "funny pills" and a "toothless comb", a short business meeting was held.

The 2008 Circle of Praise Host sign up sheet was circulated. Several volunteers chose a month to host a gathering. The themes and hosts of the upcoming meetings will be posted in a tri-fold brochure available at the Welcome Center. There was discussion about encouraging new membership into the Circle of Praise.

A new "Cookie Walk" committee will be formed. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please contact Peg Ross.

The next meeting will be on February 22 in the Oasis at 6 pm hosted by Peg and Jerry Ross. Menu will be a Potato Bar followed by games and snacks.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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Ladies Guild -

Twelve ladies were present for the Jan 7th meeting. Bridget shared a video featuring Anita Renfroe. It was enjoyed by all.

A brief business meeting was held. Prayer requests were given and Bridget led the group in prayer. The treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$4756.31 as of 12/31/07. It was reported that we will be preparing 17 sweetheart boxes at the Feb meeting on Monday, Feb 4th. Bring 17 wrapped items to the meeting. We need to have someone make Valentine cards for boxes and a thank you card to enclose with the box.

The Guild is in charge of the program part of the 4 C's Ladies Supper the end of February. Teri and Donna are working on a reader's theater program. We will need 7-8 ladies to read. Please let Donna know if you can help.

A sign-up sheet for being on the prayer chain was mentioned. Teri and Bridget were hostesses for the evening. Barb Steffensen and Donna Reifschneider are in charge for February.

Teri Erdman, Secretary

P.S. We would like everyone to know that we have re-organized the Guild for 2008 and that we will not be holding fund raisers. We will continue with the funeral dinners, gift boxes and Mother's Tea. We meet the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with devotions and fellowship. Please come and join us.

Jeremiah House:

The kids at the Jeremiah House sure enjoyed their dinner of chili dogs, pears, carrots w/ranch dressing and yummy chocolate cake. Many ate two chili dogs. We served about 60 people. The kids were happy and polite. Thank you to Nonie Hize, Steve & Susan Huber, George & Violet Knaub, Donna Reifschneider, Peg & Jerry Ross, Barb Kautz, Cindy & Armond Orndoff, Helen Maier, and Barb Steffensen.

The Jeremiah House has a pantry for needy families. When a family comes with a need for food, the Pastor gives them enough for three meals. After that they will be referred to a Community Agency for help. The pantry looked like it was in need of some canned goods, dry food, etc. If anyone would like to donate a little food, please place it in the church kitchen with a note for the Jeremiah House Pantry. We, who have plenty, would be surprised with the people in our community that are truly needy. These people are always in need of our prayers.

Serving for Christ,
Terry Martin

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MISSIONS:

I recently met with Tim Griffith. Tim told me about their plans to relocate to Laramie, WY. They will be part of the "Table in the Wilderness" Ministry. The purpose of this ministry is to encourage youth, families, and individuals with the gospel of Jesus Christ and help them grow in their personal walk with him. This ministry uses the wonder of nature to introduce people to the great Creator. One can do this through Whitewater Rafting, Backpacking through the mountains and Skiing and Sledding. What a great way to have family time or reflect by yourself.

Serving in creative ways,
Terry Martin

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

It is good to see everyone back after the holidays. What a great New Year's Resolution to have your children and parents as well, attend Sunday School.

For those of you who like to be organized and know events long before they happen, we have a few scheduled events we'd like to tell you about:

Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt -

March 22nd at 1:00p.m.

(We will be asking for donations of wrapped Easter

candy.)

Vacation Bible School -

June 9-13 from 9a.m.-12 noon

(If anyone is interested in helping, please let us know.)

It may be cold and frigid outside, but here on Sunday, the love of God is glowing in our children. Have a great month!

God Bless,
Sharon, Robin & Amy

**YOUTH:**

After a short break in our regular weekly activities, we're off and running once again. During the break, we took advantage of the students' break from school to take our senior high ski trip. I was thankful for clear roads, good snow, and great company. Everyone stayed safe and had a good time together. Also during the break, a few of our students participated in Camp Rock's "For His Glory" conference at the Hampton Inn. Even though the conference was not well attended, I trust the students involved were challenged to live out their daily lives in a way that will bring glory to their Heavenly Father.

So far this month, everything we are doing seems to be picking up right where we left off before Christmas. Our senior high Bible study of Wednesday night continues to be better attended than I expected. The group is a challenge to teach because we have a mixture of several quite mature students and several students who are not used to such a serious Bible study setting. We are making it work though as our more mature students are doing what they can to be patient and help the other students grow. Our junior high outreach on Monday nights has continued to be well attended as well. The exciting part is that we are getting a chance to share God's word with new kids from outside the church each week. During our first semester, the students' attention span and behavior were much better than we had been used to seeing for a group of students from outside the church. However, for some reason, this semester we are having to deal with some behavior issues which are becoming a distraction. Please be in prayer that we can address these issues in a way that will allow for the message we teach every Monday night to be clear and effective. Pray that these students' lives would begin to change as the messages begin to sink into their hearts. We appreciate all the prayers and support we receive as we continue to share God's word with students at Zion.

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Zion Evangelical Church Calendar

February, 2008



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S./Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 S.S./Zion & Emerald Ct. 9:50 Prayer Team V/Chapel 9:55 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship & Praise/Scout Sunday 10:30 KCMI Broadcast 11:30 Communion/Chapel 4:30 Awana Clubs</p>	<p>Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfaithful love. Psalm 31:16 NIV</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/Village 7:00 Junior High Youth 7:00 Ladies Guild</p>	<p>10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>6:30 Men's Bible Study 9:00 Staff Meeting Ash Wednesday Lenten Service 7:00 p.m. at Plymouth</p>	<p>6:00 KCMI Banquet Civic Center 7:00 Young Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>11a.m.-8p.m.</p>	<p>GREBEL & COFFEE 8 A.M.—10 A.M. AWANA BIBLE QUIZ 9:00 a.m.</p>
<p>8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S./Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 S.S./Zion & Emerald Ct. 9:50 Prayer Team I/Chapel 9:55 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship & Praise/ Board Installation 3:00 T&T Games Practice 4:30 Awana Clubs 4:45 Vespers/Residency 7:00 Lenten Service/Emmanuel Pastor Garry preaching</p>	<p>10:00 Bible Study/Village 7:00 Junior High Youth</p>	<p>10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life 5:30 Cub Scout Blue/Gold Banquet</p>	<p>6:30 Men's Bible Study 9:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Choir 7:00 Senior High Bible Study 7:00 Bible Study/Brothers 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 Worship Team</p>	<p>7:00 Young Adult Bible Study Happy Valentines Day</p>	<p>11a.m.-8p.m.</p>	<p>Jr. High Ski Trip</p>
<p>8:30 Worship & Praise 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 S.S./Zion & Emerald Ct. 9:50 Prayer Team II/Chapel 9:55 Take Twenty 10:30 Membership Sunday 2:00 Vespers/Bowery 3:00 T&T Games Practice 4:30 Awana Clubs 4:45 Vespers/Residency 7:00 Lenten Service/Salem/Rupp</p>	<p>10:00 Bible Study/Village 7:00 Junior High Youth President's Day</p>	<p>10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life 5:00 Jeremiah House</p>	<p>6:30 Men's Bible Study 9:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Choir 7:00 Senior High Bible Study 7:00 Bible Study/Brothers 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 Worship Team</p>	<p>7:00 Young Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>Circle of Praise 6 p.m.</p>	<p>GREBEL & COFFEE 8 A.M.—10 A.M.</p>
<p>8:30 Worship & Praise 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 S.S./Zion & Emerald Ct. 9:50 Prayer Team III/Chapel 9:55 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship & Praise 2:30 Baptism Service @ Valley Bible 3:00 T&T/Sparks Games Practice 4:30 Awana Clubs/Grandparents Nite 7:00 Lenten Service/Zion/Meter</p>	<p>10:00 Bible Study/Village 4C's Women's Fellowship Dinner 7:00 Junior High Youth</p>	<p>10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life 6:30 MOFS @ Night</p>	<p>6:30 Men's Bible Study 9:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Choir 7:00 Senior High Bible Study 7:00 Bible Study/Brothers 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 Worship Team</p>	<p>7:00 Young Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>GREBEL & COFFEE 8 A.M.—10 A.M.</p>