

# NEWS FROM ZION

*From the Pastor's desk . . .*

*June, 2008*



## Walking With Jesus

*"... You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky.  
How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?"*

*Luke 12:56 NIV*

Over the last several months we've zeroed in on letting God's Word speak to us on some key areas of life through a discipleship series call S.A.L.T. Like spokes in a wheel, these key areas of life take the message of Scripture to where the rubber meets the road in everyday life. But it is just as important that those spokes be connected to something on the inside that gives life to the soul and keeps us balanced and moving in the right direction. That hub of the wheel, that center that brings it all together, is Christ. Without him at the center of life it will all eventually fall apart! Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the fullest. But to really experience all that, Christ came to bring us what we need to walk with the him day by day. Beginning June 8<sup>th</sup>, we'll be starting a new series of messages called "Walking With Jesus," and studying in the Gospel of Luke. Our focus will be personal: Our Relationship with God. Jesus came to invite us to a close and life-giving relationship with God but we need to act on his gift. It will also be practical: Jesus met a lot of people and dealt with many situations as he walked the dusty roads of Galilee and Judea, answering questions that are still just as relevant today. He also asked some questions like the one above from Luke 12:56, to see if his listeners were really listening, to check if their eyes were really open to what he had come to bring them. Join us each Sunday as the summer unfolds, ready to sing his praise. Come attentive to what the Lord wants to teach you from his life changing Word. Be ready to walk with Jesus in your own life, to heed his call and follow his lead!

Pastor Garry

## Upcoming in June . . .

*Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – Awana 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration –*  
watch for additional details

*Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> – Vacation Bible School*  
from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m

*Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> –*

**Festival of Hope** at the Mitchell Fair Grounds  
Zion will have a booth selling pieces of pie. If you could help by baking a pie, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

**Daddy & Me Fishing Outing** - 10:00 a.m. - ?  
More information at the Welcome Center.  
Sign up at the Welcome Center.

**KCMI Hog Roast** – 5:00 p.m. at Monument Bible Church

*Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> - Ben Stein's Expelled* at the  
Midwest Theater - 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$5

*Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – 4C's Golf Outing* at Riverview.  
Cost \$30for cart, 18 holes and lunch.

*Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Susie Luchsinger Concert* ~ 6:00 p.m.

*Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> - Circle of Praise* - 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> - Fun Under the Son Community Picnic* at  
Oregon Trail Park from 4-8 p.m. sponsored by the  
Valley Evangelical Pastor's Fellowship. Sign up at the  
Welcome Center if you plan to attend.

**Communion will  
be served  
Sunday, June 1st  
immediately  
following the  
10:30 service.**



**Mission Prayer Partners  
for June, 2008 . . .**

- 1st - Gideons International
- 8th - Rick & Fairy Hattan/AWANA
- 15th - Our Fathers
- 22nd - Tom & Sandi Hoffman/AWANA
- 29th - KCMR Radio



**Festival of Hope  
Saturday, June 14th  
at the Mitchell Event Center**



All ladies of the church are invited to help out with this special annual event by making a homemade pie for the pie booth that several from Circle of Praise will be working. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you would be willing to help out. Please have your pie here at the church on Saturday, the 14th by 9:00 a.m. so we can get them to Mitchell

OR

you can deliver your pie to the Event Center. Call Pat Stricker at 623-1005 or Joyce Kautz at 436-4477 if you have questions.



**Certain Peace in Uncertain Times:  
Embracing Prayer in an  
Anxious Age  
by Shirley Dobson**



In her job as the Task Force Chairman for National Day of Prayer, Shirley Dobson knows more than anyone else about mobilizing groups and individuals to pray effectively. In her new release *Certain Peace in Uncertain Times*, she teaches readers to Praise, Repent, Ask, and Yield - nurturing a lifestyle of prayer. This biblically sound resource will motivate you to communicate daily with God.

**THANK-YOU NOTE . . .**

Pastor Garry and Zion Family - the family of Scott Green would like to thank you very much for the memorial service and kind words of comfort you gave us. We know how much Scotty enjoyed your visits. Words cannot express our gratitude to you.

Thank you!  
Delbert & Arlene Green  
DJ & Shalle Green  
Penny, Chad & Hailey Sanderson  
Becky & James Strauss

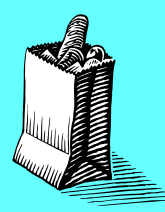
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**HELP WANTED:**

Looking for a taste of home **BAKER** that bakes like grandma used to bake. Flexible & limited hours. Need more information?? Call Michelle (Reichert) Lien at

**KCMR CHRISTIAN RADIO**

is looking for a full-time sales person to sell ads in the Scottsbluff/Gering area as well as the Panhandle region. Call Gary Almquist at 632-5264 if interested.



**GREAT NEWS!**

**Our total receipts are  
54,727.66 so far!**

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

**Daddy and Me**

**Saturday,  
June 14**

**10 a.m. - ?**

A day for dads,  
step-dads,  
grandpas,  
uncles and KIDS!

**Activities include:**

- ◆ Fishing (catch & release) plus a Fishing Clinic put on by Jerry Tallmon!
- ◆ Prizes for best fisherman in several categories!
- ◆ Canoe Races!
- ◆ Cook-out at Noon!
- ◆ Also bring your own fishing gear (some gear will be available); life jackets (required for canoe); lawn chair; sunscreen and bug repellent!
- ◆ **R.S.V.P.** by June 11th  
Call the church office 632-8125 or sign up at the Welcome Center.



**June's KCMJ Broadcast**

*This month's broadcast is given in loving memory of George R. Bauer from his wife Betty, children and grandchildren. He passed away one year ago on June 25th.  
A special THANK YOU for sponsoring our monthly broadcasts.*



**YOU'VE GOT MAIL!!!**

**It's never too late to start getting your newsletter via email!**

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](mailto:zion@vistabeam.com)



**Sympathies and Condolences to . .**

- . . . Ashleigh White and family on the passing of her grandfather, Duane White.
- . . . Gerald Rein and family on the passing of Patsy Rien.
- . . . Evie Miller on the passing of her son, Russell Brown.
- Condolences can be sent to: 1890 Fay Street, Burlington, CO 80807
- . . . family and friends of Florence J. Stiver.
- . . . Pauline Zeiler and family on the passing of her son, Norman.
- . . . Nonie Hizel and family on the passing of her sister, Iline Kelly.
- . . . Inez Burton & family and Kevin & Amy Burton and family on the passing of Glen Burton.

**Congratulations to . .**

- . . . Amos Harris on his birthday, April 29th.
- . . . Marie Heigel on her 94th Birthday. You can send birthday wishes to: 8733 Clovis Dr., Boise ID 83709
- . . . Helen Richard on her 75th Birthday!
- . . . Lydia Kufeldt on being selected this year's "Marvelous Mom" by the Star-Herald.
- . . . Heinz Peters on his 80th Birthday.



**General Fund for April, 2008**

<b>INCOME:</b>	
Fundraisers	790.50
Other Income	234.50
Sunday Offering	<u>15,886.50</u>
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>	<b>\$16,911.50</b>

<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Bldg. Payment	\$ 1,639.20
Bldg. & Grounds	1,422.49
Fund Raising	128.27
Ministry	2,097.33
Missions Fund	455.00
Office	548.76
Staff Benefits	3,313.93
Staff Salary	5,643.79
Utilities	<u>2,298.78</u>
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES:</u></b>	<b>\$17,547.55</b>

**TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE \$ (636.05)**



**WE WOULD LIKE TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES:**

*Russ Erdman - Hastings College  
Justin Relka - Masters from Doane College*

***God's richest blessings as you begin a new era in your life.***



**New in Our Church Library:**

***S.A.L.T. and I Want To Teach You What I Believe: A scripted guide to discipling your own child.***



All seven workbooks from the S.A.L.T. Series are now available in our Church Library plus an additional book that may be of interest to both parents and Sunday School teachers using short lessons with simple diagrams to disciple children. Feel free to check out any of these materials but please use a separate sheet of paper when answering the questions as you work through them to keep the books clean for other users.

~ AWANA NEWS ~

We have now completed 25 club years of AWANA here at Zion! That is a lot of sections recited, Council Time messages given, laps around the game circle, 5-counts, winning teams announced, Honor Clubbers recognized, shares given, trophies awarded, etc., etc.!!!

Our 25th AWANA Jamboree was held on Sunday, May 4th. As I told everyone that night, I am sure that this year's Jamboree is the first one in 25 years that was threatened with the possibility of cancellation because of a snow & ice storm (that occurred on May 2nd)!

For those of you not there, I made a couple of announcements in regard to changes that will be happening next club year. The first one being that at one of our last staff meetings, we voted to try a 3:30-5:30 club time (still on Sundays). One of the reasons for this change is so the staff will have a better opportunity to get some supper afterwards and then still be able to do other church activities that evening. We are hoping that this will be a workable time for everyone as we don't want to lose clubbers over this change. Another change will be our Sparks program will have a new flying theme. It has been awhile since AWANA Headquarters has "re-vamped" the Sparks program so we are excited for the change. Those of you that are Sparky parents and would like more details can visit the AWANA website.

The group at Jamboree was also shown on our power point screen what the "BIG SURPRISE" is for our June 8th ~ 25th AWANA Celebration. A 16 foot waterslide!!! Thank you, Kevin Burton for facilitating this for us. I have not gotten out flyers for our afternoon of celebration yet but the following is a glimpse of what is being planned: We will begin at 12:00 noon right after church with pizza, pop and other goodies. Then around 1:00 we will begin the water festivities - for those taking part in this, you will also need to bring water guns, etc. as we will not all be able to be on the slide at once! I am also hoping that we will have some displays in the Ministry Center for the clubbers and parents to look at from the past 25 years. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter article, please pass this date along to alumni that may not receive the church newsletter so that they can join us for the afternoon. I am asking for people to RSVP to me by June 6th so that I will have some idea of how many pizzas to order. Please call 783-2616 or 631-

9466. Thank you for helping me out! I hope to see a lot of "old" faces as well as our newer ones there! P.S.: For those of you that are still wondering how old I was when I first started working in AWANA, I was 19 years old.☺☺☺ Last of all, I would like to thank the AWANA Staff for the awesome wall hanging that was presented to me at Jamboree. It reads, "We may not have it altogether, but together we have it all". Over the past 25 years, I have been so blessed and privileged to work with some very fun - wild'n crazy staff members. A BIG THANK YOU to each and every one of you for the difference that you have made - and make - in my life.

I look forward with great anticipation to what God has in store for Zion AWANA in "the next 25 years"!!! And, as always, I am . . .

. . . SO THANKFUL that GOD IS IN CONTROL!!!☺☺☺  
Cheryl Rose, Commander

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**CIRCLE OF PRAISE:**

The Circle of Praise met on April 25, 2008 for a Pot Luck Dinner hosted by Joyce and Harold Kautz and a movie in the sanctuary. Everyone ate to their hearts content and enjoyed a Billy Graham Production movie entitled "The Climb".

Our next get-together will be Friday, June 27th in the Oasis and will be hosted by Joyce and Harold Kautz and Ed and Vera Hessler. Everyone is cordially invited.

Peg Ross

**ZION SOFTBALL SCHEDULE**

Fri. June 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 p.m.	Field 1 vs. Northfield 1
Fri. June 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Field 1 vs. Northfield 2
Tue. June 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 p.m.	Field 1 vs. Gering Zion
Fri. June 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 p.m.	Field 1 vs. Mormanisers
Tue. July 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Field 1 vs. Harrisburg

There will be a double elimination tournament that will be held on July 15, 18, 22, 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>.



**LADIES GUILD:**

A BIG THANK YOU to ALL who took part in the Mother Daughter Tea! As usual---the food was plentiful and delicious, thanks to all the ladies! A thank you to the ladies who worked to get everything ready ahead of time. AWANA must be thanked for putting up the tables and chairs which is a big help!

To the ladies who helped with the evening's program - thank you! Another thank you to the cast of "ON BOARD" (who had very little time to practice) that did a great job!

We cannot miss giving a huge thank you to the men who worked the entire evening!

Blessings to you all!  
Mother Daughter Tea Committee

**This month's meeting** will be on Monday, June 2nd at 6:30 p.m. (PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE. ) We will be "**Having a Girl's Night Out**". Bring a small & simple finger food to share. Drinks and sweets will be provided!

And bring a friend - see you then!

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**MISSIONS**

The exciting summer missions are beginning. There are ways to give prayer, time and financial support. Camp Rock benefits many people during Camp as well as during the year. One can pray that each child attending will form a close relationship with our Lord. If one enjoys cooking, the Camp needs people to help cook and serve the campers. They welcome kitchen help for a day or whatever one chooses. The kitchen also needs supplies, can goods and desserts. Another way one could be a blessing, would be to sponsor a child that needs the financial assistance.

Zion Vacation Bible School will be in June 9th - 13th . There are ways to assist with this ministry. The School needs volunteers for help tend to the children with activities. Craft materials are needed. Cookies are asked to be donated for snack time. Transportation may be needed for a child to attend. Prayer and financial giving is always appreciated.

The "Daddy & Me" kids day is a wonderful ministry. With such a busy world, there isn't always quality time for children and their fathers. Some do not have a father-figure in their lives. If you are an adult male, find a child

that would enjoy a day that is special for them. I know it would be a blessing for all.

In June, there will be a picnic at Oregon Trail Park for all the area churches to come together for some old fashion fun. Bring a friend or neighbor; you never know what could develop from being among a family of Christians.

There are Christian Concerts being held in local churches. This is a great opportunity to take a guest that would enjoy the good news being sung.

It should be easy for each of us to be part of a summer ministry. There are big rewards for little contributions. Where is your heart challenged this summer?

Have a fun and fulfilled summer,  
Terry Martin

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**MOPS AT Night  
(Mothers of Preschoolers)**

Well, we have wrapped up another MOPS year. We had our final meeting on Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup>. We ended the year with a theme of Summer Fun. We provided the moms with lots of information on activities going on during the summer: reading programs, zoo programs, special kids movies at the Midwest and movies at Five Rocks. Then we had fun things for the moms and kids to do together. We brought all the kids out to join the moms and we had different stations for them to do together. One of the stations was to make "grass heads" where the kids make little heads with grass and potting soil in nylons and then they set them on a cup and they are little heads and the grass grows in for hair. Then the kids get to give them haircut.

We had a fun and exciting year. There are so many people that help make the MOPS group run. I would like to give a special thanks to our Mentor Moms – Lori Reifschneider, Tricia Mackie, Peggy Ross, and Joann Harris. These ladies are so valuable to our group. They are all moms that survived the "preschool" years with their kids and they come to our meetings to share with us their experiences. We love our Mentor Moms – thanks so much!

A special thanks also to Andrea Hale who has developed a local MOPS website. The website is being shared by the morning MOPS group and the MOPS at Night group. It is a great site with information about our local groups including newsletters and a "members-only" section where our moms can log in and communicate

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with each other in between meetings and during the summer. It also has links to other great resources for moms like: MOPS International, Awana, and Focus on the Family. If you are out surfing the net, give us a visit at [www.scottsbluffmops.com](http://www.scottsbluffmops.com).

While our MOPS year is finished, our work is far from done. We will use the summer to plan for our next year. We are very excited about the theme for the 2008-2009 year. It is "Adventures in Mothering" and it is based on Ephesians 3:18 "... how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ". In this crazy adventure of mothering sometimes we need reminded of that never-ending love of Christ. The theme will be a very fun way for us to share Christ's love with the moms that come to our group.

During the summer we are also having park dates once a month. This is a great time for the moms, kids AND DADS to come out to the park for awhile and let the kids play and the adults can visit. This helps us stay in touch during the summer until we start our meetings again in September.

Jenn Jackson, Coordinator  
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jeffnjenn@im4god.org

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

We are so excited about VBS. Our theme for the year will be "God's Big Back Yard", and it's all about serving and how we can better serve God, family, community and church. We have special things planned for entire week like a back yard cook out, special music, speakers and a fun surprise at the end of the week. Bible School will be held June 9-13 from 9:00 am 12:00 so bring your friends.

We look forward to our Sunday School during the summer, we may have special curriculum for the summer. Watch for details for a Sunday School/Church Picnic in August.

We want you to have a safe summer, but most of all, we want you in Sunday School. Serving the Lord is a full time commitment. Congratulations to all our high school grads.

God Bless,  
Sharon, Robin and Amy

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**AWANA 25th Anniversary Celebration**  
**June 8th - beginning at 12 noon.**  
**PIZZA, WATER SLIDE, WATER GAMES!**  
**All are invited to attend -**  
**RSVP to Cheryl Rose.**

**4C's Golf Outing**  
 June 21st – 8:00 a.m.  
 Riverview Golf Course  
 Cost: \$30 includes  
 18 holes, cart and lunch.  
 Sign up at the Welcome Center  
 by June 7th!




**"FUN UNDER THE SON"**  
**Community Picnic**

**Inflatables~Games~Food~Music**  
**Sunday, June 29th**  
**4p.m ~ 8p.m.**  
**Oregon Trail Park**



**Sponsored by the**  
**Valley Evangelical Pas-**  
**tors Fellowship**  
**Sign up at the**  
**Welcome Center.**



**Ben Stein's**  
**EXPELLED:**  
**NO INTELLIGENCE**  
**ALLOWED**  
**at the Midwest Theater**  
**JUNE 18, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.**  
**Cost: \$5.00**

Ben Stein's documentary reveals that thousands of scientists, teachers and students are being silenced and expelled for questioning atheistic Darwinism even when new scientific evidence clearly shows design in nature. This film is meant to inform the general public about the "holes in the Darwinian Theory."

Community Bible Church of Bayard is sponsoring this one night showing. This is not a Christian film but is being presented to encourage open-minded thinking and is a must see for everyone.

# Zion Evangelical Church Calendar

## JUNE, 2008



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S./Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 S.S./Zion & Emerald Ct. 9:30 Prayer Team II/Chapel 9:55 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 KCMIBroadcast 11:30 Communion/Chapel	10:00 Bible Study/Village 6:30 Ladies Guild - "Having A Girls Night Out"	10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life 7:00 Church Council Meeting	8:00 Worship Team	9:30 p.m. Zion Softball Vs Northfield I	7	
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