



News from Zion

Zion evangelical church - Scottsbluff, Nebraska

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June, 2009

**Vacation Bible School
June 15-19th from
9:00 - noon
All are invited to attend!**

COMMUNION
will be served
June 7th
following
the 10:30 service.



From the pastor's desk . . .

Heroes

*"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."
Romans 15:4 NIV*

My youngest son is at an age where he loves super heroes – Spiderman, Batman, Superman. We were excited to discover there's a Christian hero out there for kids, too, called Bibleman – our boys think he's great! My older son loves sports and I suspect it won't be long before he has a list of sports heroes. I don't mind my kids having heroes, fictional and real, who will inspire them to reach higher, try harder and stand for the right things. In a way, the apostle Paul called for this sort of emulating of good qualities in others when he wrote:

*"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. **Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice.** And the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:8-9 NIV.*

Paul's last couple of lines, actually inviting people to copy his example, is a bold one – and a wise one because in the end – far more is

caught than taught. The old adage "do as I say and not as I do" is a false one because it is our nature to follow the example of those in leadership and whom we respect or admire. In the end, while our kids may have a host of heroes' posters on their walls, it's the people they have known and who have known them, the people who have touched and shaped their lives who will be the real heroes they will follow. Perhaps it is because we have a need to see the qualities of that which is "excellent and praiseworthy" lived out that God saw fit to fill the pages of Scripture with heroes – many of them less than perfect, yet all of whom we can learn from. One stands out as completely perfect and that is Jesus. But God has seen fit to fill the Scriptures with many ordinary men, women and even children whom we can learn from as well. As the summer opens, as school lets out and things slow down, be sure to be with us each Sunday as we look at some of the heroes of the Bible. Let me encourage you also, to regularly open the Book of books, discover afresh for yourself and share with the young people in your life the models of character, righteousness, godliness, courage and faith that have stood the test of time. And remember, whether you are old or young, new to the faith or a seasoned follower of Christ, there are those who are watching for your lead and learning from your example as well!

Pastor Garry

Please Take note . . .

**Mission Prayer Partners
for June, 2009...**



7th - Hans & Alice Wilhelm
14th - Zion Sunday School/VBS
21st - KCMI Broadcasts
**28th - Valley Evangelical Pastor's
Association**

It's never too late to have the newsletter emailed to you. Just drop us a note at zion@vistabeam.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.



Church Softball Schedule - 2009

Friday	5/29/09	7:30 p.m.	Gering Zion	Field 1
Friday	6/5/09	6:30 p.m.	St. Agnes	Field 2
Friday	6/12/09	8:30 p.m.	Christ the King	Field 1
Friday	6/19/09	7:30 p.m.	Rainman on Wheels McAllister Irr.	Field 1
Friday	6/26/09	7:30 p.m.	River of Life	Field 2
Friday	7/14/09	8:30 p.m.	The Bomb Squad	Field 1
Friday	7/17/09	7:30 p.m.	Mitchell Berean	Field 1
Tues	7/21/09	9:30 p.m.	1 st Presbyterian	Field 1



DADDY AND ME

Saturday,
June 20th
10 am - ??

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

Sponsored by Zion Evangelical Church



**Directions to
the pond of
Orin Bolzer:**

120537 CR "F"
From Scottsbluff:

Head West on US 26
Turn left onto NE 29/ 19th
Ave/ Mitchell South Road.
Continue to follow NE 29/
Mitchell South Road

Turn right onto CR F
and stay on CR F
1 1/2 mile.
Turn right at sign with
balloons.

Activities include:
*Fishing (catch &
release) plus a
Fishing Clinic put
on by Jerry
Tallmon!*

*Prizes for best
fisherman
in several
categories!*

Canoeing!

Cook-out at Noon!

Also bring your
own fishing gear
(some gear will be
available);
life jackets
(required for
canoeing);
lawn chair;
sunscreen; bug
repellant and a
cap/hat!

Call the church
office
632-8125 or sign
up at the
Welcome Center.

General Fund for April 30, 2009

INCOME:

Other Income	674.60
Sunday Offering	14,015.50
<u>Special Income</u>	<u>1,628.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$16,318.10

EXPENSES:

Bldg. & Grounds	2,077.77
Fund Raising	82.17
Ministry	881.70
Office	582.24
Special Expense	905.00
Staff Benefits	3,510.66
Staff Salary	4,565.60
Tax	803.16
<u>Utilities</u>	<u>1,116.52</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 14,524.82

TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE \$ 1,793.28

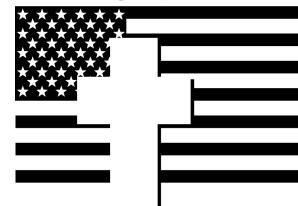
We are well on our way to the next \$100,000 in receipts. Watch the bulletin for an update on our total. Please keep those receipts coming!



Our KCMJ Broadcast for June
is given in memory of
Harold Ruppel from wife Shirley and
the Craig Schadwinkel family.
Thank you for sharing in this ministry!



*We remembered the lives of these members or their family
in our Memorial Service on May 24th.*

MEMORIAL DAY 2009*Frieda Dietz**November 16, 1931 - June 14, 2008**Harry Kraus**May 25, 1919 - July 16, 2008**Victor Neu**August 12, 1920 - July 18, 2008**Kathren Weideman**March 25, 1912 - August 8, 2008**Richard Fertig**March 26, 1932 - August 28, 2008**Stanley Hill**September 1, 1917 - October 7, 2008**Sam H. Grassmick**August 22, 1924 - October 21, 2008**Helen Williams**November 4, 1925 - November 12, 2008**Elsie Jerger**August 3, 1926 - November 25, 2008**Samual K. Schanaman**June 13, 1943 - January 31, 2009**Anna Aulick**December 11, 1917 - February 12, 2009**Irene Loose**October 15, 1922 - March 31, 2009**Gary D. Kraus**October 18, 1944 - April 13, 2009***MEMORIAL DAY**

LADIES GUILD:

The Zion Ladies Guild Mother/Daughter Banquet was held May 4th. 80 ladies were in attendance. We enjoyed a delicious carry-in supper. Men of the church did a terrific job serving coffee and drinks and cleaning up for us. Thank you, gentlemen! The theme for the evening was "In The Light" based on 1 John 1:7 "...if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another..." The program was given by ladies of the Guild with the help of Erik and Adam Harris on the sound system. Thank you to all who helped with the program and to the Harris gentlemen. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all.



Teri Erdman

MISSIONS:

I just received a letter from an excited young lady, Rebecca Parker. Rebecca is the 30 year old daughter of Rick and Marie Parker, Directors of Camp Rock. Rebecca was very excited because she just became an official American Missionary Fellowship Missionary. Rebecca has been working hard with children in many different areas of ministry. For the last two years, Rebecca wrote the Vacation Bible School material. Rebecca presently has a children's book, which she wrote, on it's way to the printers. Rebecca has also written a monthly prayer letter geared for kids called "Penny Praises". There will be copies of these letters on the Mission bulletin board in our Welcome Center for all to see. When reading this letters, it gives one a taste of the creative ways Rebecca will use her ministry to reach kids. You can visit Rebecca's web site at:

www.pennypraises.webs.com There are three things Rebecca will need as she begins her ministry:

1. Prayer Partners: Every Ministry begins with Prayers. All things are possible with God, without God nothing is possible.
2. Support Partners: Rebecca's goal is \$1,250 - \$1,750 in monthly support. Send any financial support to AMF home office, P.O. Box 370; 672 Conestoga Rd; Villanova, PA 19085.
3. Ministry Partners: Awana Groups or Sunday School Classes using my Penny Praises Letters and sharing them with others in the field.

Francisco De Souza has asked for our prayers as he witnesses to people on the Soccer fields.

Serving for the Lord,
Terry Martin

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

It's hard to believe that summer is almost here. We will be having a Sunday School teachers meeting on May 24th to discuss our summer Sunday School program. We are currently working on a Sunday School picnic with some surprises. Vacation Bible School will start June 15 -19th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, ages 3 to 6th grade. Our theme this year will be: **GO FISH BACKSTAGE WITH THE BIBLE**. We would appreciate help again this year with cookies, candy and crackers. The kids enjoy their snack time so much. (We do ask for NO peanuts or nuts due to food allergies by some of the children.) We appreciate your help. There will be a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions or can volunteer to help, see Robin, Amy or Sharon.

God Bless,
Sharon Stricker

**Fun under the sun picnic**

Sponsored by:
the Valley Evangelical Pastor's fellowship

SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH

4 P.M. - 8 P.M.

OREGON TRAIL PARK

FOOD! GAMES! DUNK TANK!

INFLATIBLES!

INCREDIBLE FUN!!!



Thank you . . .

Dear Zion Church. . .

Harvey and I would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, cards and visits during my recent surgery. Special thanks to Bridget for arranging for meals to be brought in.

May God richly bless your thoughtfulness and kindness.

Helen & Harvey Richard

We offer a belated but heartfelt thank you to Pastor Garry for the beautiful funeral service and his ongoing love and concern for us. Mom so loved serving with the Guild, making their offering of a lovely lunch an even greater blessing. The love expressed in visits to Mom at Beverly and cards and prayers on our behalf were all deeply appreciated.

The Family of Irene Loose

A special thank you to Ken Reifschneider for his work and time on covering the Ministry Center air-conditioning unit. Your efforts are appreciated, Ken!



PROMISE KEEPERS

'A Time to Honor'

Promise Keepers marks its 20th year of ministry to men by returning to its roots with a single event this year in Boulder, Colo. "A Time to Honor" is the name of a day-and-a-half conference at Folsom Field on the University of Colorado campus, scheduled for July 31 – August 1, 2009. For the first time, men and women are invited.

This year we are calling men to bring the women in their lives. To celebrate our 20th year of ministry, we are called to do three things: honor our wives, daughters, and sisters, be a tangible blessing to the poor and oppressed, and embrace our Messianic Jewish brothers as our spiritual fathers in the faith.

When: JULY 31ST – AUG 1ST, 2009
Where: FOLSOM FIELD
 BOULDER, COLORADO
Cost: \$59 per person/\$49 if we get a group of 10 or more to sign up
Lodging: On your own

Sign up at the Welcome Center!

Zion Church is invited to
 the 50th Anniversary Open House
 for Ed & Elaine Kling
 Saturday, June 20th
 from 1:30-3:00 p.m.
 in the Ministry Center.

Valley Mobile Food Pantry

June 19th at 1:00 p.m

at the old Sun-Mart in Gering

Needed: canned goods,
 mac & cheese and
 any other dry goods



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 Pastor's Fellowship



Sympathies and condolences are extended to . . .

. . . Barb Becker and family on the passing of her brother,
 Robert Gregg.

. . . the family and many friends of Ed Schlager.

. . . the family and the many friends of Ron Stricker.

. . . George & Violet Knaub & family and the many friends of
 Mollie Knaub.

Congratulations to . . .

. . . Darline Fegler on being selected as this years "Marvelous
 Mom"!

. . . Jerry & Maryann Ott on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



BOOK RECOMMENDATION FOR June...
**What to Do When the Roof Caves In:
 Woman-to-Woman Advice for Tackling Life's
 Trials**

By: Marilyn Meberg



When hard times come and the roof of your life falls in, the inevitable question, "What now?," follows your dilemma. In Marilyn's book, *What to Do When the Roof Caves In*, she offers woman to woman advice for tackling life's trials. A certified counselor, speaker, and author, Marilyn helps readers understand their emotional responses and deal directly with issues of death, finances, abuse, infidelity, suicide, and other critical situations. A Women of Faith® book selection.

Hooray for fathers

A Houston newspaper asked readers to send in thoughts about their fathers. Letters flooded in, and what people wrote about their fathers is most inspiring.



A few comments:

- Dad was always there for me. He sacrificed to make sure that we had what we needed.
- When disappointment came my way, Dad said, "Son, real life ain't about getting what you want but more about doing something with what you get."
- My dad was disabled, but he worked hard to make sure we children had a good education and lived moral lives. He would say, "I want you to succeed more than I did."
- My dad wanted us to be Christians and took us

regularly to church.

What would you write about your father?



Festival of Hope
Saturday,
June 20th
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 (no cream pies, please) for the 'pie booth' at the Festival of Hope that several from Circle of Praise will be working. **Please sign up at the Welcome Center by June 14th** if you would be willing to help bake a pie to raise funds to help cancer victims and their families. It's a very worthy cause! Questions: call Joyce Kautz at 436-4477.



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!

YOUTH -

The month of May is always a time of transition for our youth ministry program. As the students' school year drew to an end last month, we also wrapped up our junior high outreach and senior high Bible study for the school year. Now our focus is on taking advantage of the opportunities that summer vacation presents to spend quality time with students beyond the normal church setting. I spent a good amount of time in May planning my schedule for the summer months with this focus in mind. At the end of May, I was able to get away with my dad, brothers, and uncle for some much needed time away on a fishing/camping trip before my summer schedule begins in full. Most of my summer is centered around the time our students and I will be spending at Camp Rock. I will be spending the last three weeks of July there with our students - two junior high camps and one senior high camp. In addition, there are two weeks of junior camp (ages 8-10) during which I will make frequent visits to see our kids who are attending even though I will not be working those weeks of camp. Parents/grandparents, please encourage your children/grandchildren to get down to Camp Rock for a week this summer. We have camp fliers available at the church at the Welcome Center. Another opportunity for ministry I hope to take advantage of this summer is to spend time with my Sunday school class on most Sunday afternoons. I will be teaching a combined group of all our students seventh grade and up. On as many Sundays as possible, we will plan a special activity for everyone who makes the effort to participate in Sunday school. Much of the rest of my summer will be filled with additional ministry opportunities such as Vacation Bible school, the "Daddy and Me" fishing event, and several preaching opportunities. The youth group also has a trip planned to go to Elitch Gardens toward the end of the summer. Please pray that as things begin to get busy this summer I will be able to find ways to build and develop relationships with our student that will encourage them to trust God more fully.

Andy Griess

~ AWANA ~

To begin with, I need to finish up some "old business" . . . Congratulations to our **April Clubbers of the Month**: Sparks - Delisha Neal, Tristan Deem & Tyler Smith; T&T - Jordan York & Cooper Buchhammer; Trek - Chad Nagasawa. Way to finish the club year out strong!!!

We had a great time on Sunday, May 3rd, celebrating the clubber and leader accomplishments of the 2008-09 club year at our awards program - AKA, **Jamboree**. Congratulations to the clubbers receiving

the **Honor Clubber award**: T&T - Halley Schanaman & Tommy Rose and Trek: Allison Stricker & Timothy Herman. This is an award that is special because it is voted on by peers. As we remind the clubbers before they vote, this is not a popularity contest. It is based on club attendance, steady handbook work, sportsmanship on the game floor, etc. Also awarded on Jamboree night is an award called, "**The Spirit of AWANA**". This is an award decided on by the Commander (that's me! ☺). I have the absolute BEST AWANA Staff and this award is for them. It is a very hard choice to make as they each put their heart and soul into the AWANA program each week. This year, I actually chose a whole family - Mark, Joan, Eric & Adam Harris. I am so touched by their humble nature - always so willing to do "whatever it takes" to help out. May God richly bless each of you for your Christ-like example!!! At the end of the evening we enjoyed ice cream sundaes, root beer floats and great fellowship time! See you all in September!!!

Currently, I am still working on a plan for the clubbers and leaders who completed a handbook this club year. With my job as secretary of Lake Alice School and the end of the year normal stuff plus packing up to move over to Lake Minatare School, I have to admit I haven't gotten very far. So I do apologize. HOWEVER, I have not forgotten and will notify those of you that qualified ASAP what the plan is!!! Thank you for your patience and understanding!!!





Please remember to pray for Andee Trook who is serving in Africa on our behalf as well as clubbers and the AWANA Staff over the summer. I pray that you will all have a SONshine-filled summer and that it will also be a restful, relaxing summer knowing that "God Is In Control"!!! ☺

Cheryl Rose, Commander

P.S.: One thing not really AWANA-related that I wanted to tell everyone about is an award that is given out at Bluffs Middle School to an outstanding 8th grader. This award is sponsored by the Ty Brandt family. The students are nominated by the teachers. These students then fill out an "application" which, in turn, is then read and voted on by the Brandt family. This year, three of our Trek students were nominated - Allison Stricker, Chad Nagasawa and Timothy Herman with the award being given to Allison Stricker. Congratulations, Allison!!! That is so awesome! We are so proud of all of you!!! (Somehow, the Director of Trek, Randy Stricker, felt like that was a reflection on him but a few of us tend to think otherwise! ☺☺☺ We love you, Randy!!! ☺☺☺)

June, 2009

Zion Evangelical Church Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>“The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.” - Exodus 15:2NIV -</p>	<p>10:00 Bible Study/Village 7:00 Ladies Guild</p>	<p>10:00 Bible Study/Wei-Life 7:00 Church Council Mtg</p>	<p>Happy 1st Birthday, Josie Griesel!  8:00 Worship Team</p>		<p>Zion Softball 6:30p.m./Field 2</p>	
<p>7 8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S./Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 S.S./Zion & Emerald Ct. 9:30 Prayer Team V/Office 9:55 Take Twenty 11:00 KCMH Broadcast 11:30 Communion</p>	<p>8 10:00 Bible Study/Village</p>	<p>9 10:00 Bible Study/Wei-Life</p>	<p>10 8:00 Worship Team</p>		<p>12 Youngs/Johnson Wedding Rehearsal Zion Softball 8:30 p.m./Field 1</p>	<p>13 Youngs/Johnson Wedding  Happy Birthday, Andy Griesel Happy Anniversary, Andy & Janae</p>
<p>14 8:30 Worship & Praise/Children’s Sunday 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/Children’s Sunday 4:45 Vespers/Residency</p>	<p>15 10:00 Bible Study/Village</p>	<p>16 10:00 Bible Study/Wei-Life</p>	<p>17 8:00 Worship Team</p>		<p>19 Food Pantry 1:00 Sun Mart parking lot Zion Softball 7:30 p.m./Field 1</p>	<p>20 Daddy & me Fishing Event 10:00 a.m. Festival of Hope @ Mitchell Event Center 1:30-3:00 Kling 50th Wedding Ann. Open House/All Invited!</p>
<p>21 Happy Father’s Day! 8:30 Worship & Praise 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 2:00 Vespers/Golden Living 4:45 Vespers/Residency</p>	<p>22 10:00 Bible Study/Village</p>	<p>23 10:00 Bible Study/Wei-Life</p>	<p>24 9:00 Staff Meeting 8:00 Worship Team</p>		<p>26 Zion Softball 7:30p.m./Field 2</p>	<p>27 Happy Birthday, Nathan Schick </p>
<p>28 8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S./Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 S.S./Zion & Emerald Ct. 9:30 Prayer Team III/Office 9:55 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship & Praise 4-8 p.m. “Fun Under the Sun” Event Oregon Trail Park</p>	<p>29 10:00 Bible Study/Village</p>	<p>30 10:00 Bible Study/Wei-Life</p>	<p>8:00 Worship Team</p>			

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