



News from Zion

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It's never too late to have the newsletter emailed to you. Just drop us a note at the above address and we'll put you on our mailing list. Give it a try for one month. . . if you don't like it, we'll happily switch you back.

Communion will be served Sunday, July 6th, immediately following the 10:30 service.



From the pastor's desk . . .



Are You Spiritually in Shape?

"For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." 1 Timothy 4:8 NIV

The Beijing Summer Olympics are now less than a month away but the young men and women who will be competing in them have been training for a lifetime. People don't just go out and do the things they will do, run like they will run, jump as high and far as they will jump, tumble, twist and turn with such spell binding elegance, and play ball and other summer sports with such skill, without lots and lots of training and practice. Most of us will just sit on our couches and take it in, but did you know that we too are called to be in training? The apostle Paul sets a good example for all of us:

"Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize."
1 Corinthians 9:25-27 NIV

Bringing the life of the body into line with the will of the Spirit is hard work at times but worth it and part of Christ's call to discipleship. During the month of July we will transition from our study of what Jesus has to say about discipleship in Luke 14 to a mini series on spiritual disciplines for living an effective Christian life. Come on, it's time to turn off the T.V. Get out and get some fresh air and exercise for the body, crack open God's Word and do a little spiritual training for the soul!

Pastor Garry

Please Take note . . .

Mission Prayer Partners for July...

6th - Don & Nataline Osman/YFC

13th - Rick & Marie Parker/
Camp Rock



20th - Bruce & Julie Powell
Wycliffe/JAARS

27th - Ben & Becky Rivera/
Campus Crusade

GREAT NEWS:

COOP Receipts
are \$76,554.02 !!



Please welcome them!

Darlene Robertus

Heidi Robertus

Todd Robertus

Johnny Foes

Shirley Foes

Thank you . . .

Everyone at KCMI would like to extend this heartfelt 'THANK YOU' to the Zion VBS kids and their parents for their generous gifts. These help us continue to come alongside local churches in sharing God's Word and praising Him in song.
*Gary Almquist,
 KCMI General Director*



YOUR HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED!

Camp Rock is in need of cookies for Friday, July 25th for their Intermediate Camp. They need about 18 dozen cookies. If you could help with this, please sign up at the Welcome Center and have your cookies here on Thursday.



4TH OF JULY EVENTS

- **Circle of Praise** -
 at the home of Ken & Donna Reifschneider ~
 3310 Verbena Drive, Scottsbluff ~ 7:30 p.m.
 Dessert will be served. Sign up at the Welcome Center.
 - **Fireworks Watching** -
 at the home of Dan & Linda Peterson ~
 1201 Primrose Drive ~ 7:00 p.m.
- BRING:** a dessert or snack to share; a game to play; and lawn chairs.



Sympathies and condolences are extended to . . .

- . . . Clyde & Lora Massingill on the passing of Clyde's sister, Beatrice, in Texas.
- . . .to the family and friends of Frieda Dietz
- . . .George & Pauline Ott on the passing of Pauline's sister, Esther Jordan Schnell.

Congratulations to . . .

- . . .Harold Schreiner celebrating his 83rd Birthday!
- . . .Clyde & Lora Massingill on their 46th Wedding Anniversary.
- . . . Andy, Janae & Sarah on the birth of Josie Mae, June 3rd weighing 8lbs, 11oz and 20 inches long.
- . . . Mildred Minch celebrating her 80th Birthday!
- . . .Gene & Mildred Minch celebrating their 58th Wedding Anniversary!
- . . .Ray & Marjorie Steyer celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 21st.
- . . .Kamilah Rupp on her 13th Birthday!
- . . .Shaylah Schadwinkel on her 16th Birthday!
- . . .Nathan Schick on his 4th Birthday!
- . . .Molly Knaub on turning 98 years young, June 30th!!!
- . . .Ray Steyer turning 83 years old on June 30th!



BOOK RECOMMENDATION FOR JULY. . .

The Papa Prayer: The Prayer You've Never Prayed

By: Larry Crabb



Like millions of Christians, Dr. Larry Crabb has always considered his prayer life a weakness: dull, crisis-driven and mostly lifeless. But something new happened when he began practicing the four steps of what he calls the PAPA prayer - a relational, conversational approach to talking with and enjoying God. Each step of this revolutionary method promotes the thought that "prayer is getting more of God rather than getting more from God." As Crabb shares his own journey and education in the mysteries of prayer, you'll see yourself and God in a very different light, altering the way you talk and listen to Him. A "Practical Helps" section at the end will help you put the book's principles into practice.



FOLLOW UP TO THE MOVIE:

Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed
 July 9th ~ 7:00 p.m.
 Gering Civic Center

General Fund for May 31, 2008

INCOME:	
Other Income	285.15
<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>14,510.50</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$14,795.65

EXPENSES:	
Bldg. Payment	\$ 1,052.16
Bldg. & Grounds	2,212.40
Fund Raising	79.80
Ministry	1,200.56
Missions Fund	120.00
Office	468.98
Staff Benefits	3,718.93
Staff Salary	5,018.89
<u>Utilities</u>	<u>1,963.57</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$15,835.29

TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE \$ (1,039.64)



PLEASE BE IN PRAYER for the First Congregational Church, a 4C's church in Parkersburg, Iowa and Pastor Brad Zinnecker. Their town was devastated by a EF-5 tornado and over 350 homes were severely



damaged or destroyed. Several in the church have lost homes, businesses and/or were badly injured. Please pray for patience as the people begin to put their lives back together and things may take time and be scarce. Pray for

physical and emotional healing of the people in town and church. Pray for this to draw people closer to God and away from the materialism of our day.



INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF AN EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN?

We will send out prayer requests the church receives to you via your email address so that you might be in prayer for these requests. Your email will remain confidential. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Ladies Guild:

About 30 ladies gathered June 2nd for a "Girls Night Out"! What a great night of laughter and fellowship! The ladies watched a DVD by Chonda Pierce entitled "Having a Girls Night Out". And did everyone laugh! And you know what they say about laughter and how it is good for the soul. But just as quickly as we were wiping away tears of laughter, we were wiping tears from the touching message that was part of the DVD. We delighted in many snacks and sweets that went just perfectly with the evening. Thank you Heddi Stricker, Jane Schlager and Barb Kautz for being the hostesses for the evening. The next meeting will be the picnic on August 4th. Watch for further details as that time approaches

Thanks to the ladies who volunteered to make pies for the Festival of Hope on Saturday, June 14th. Sales went very well. Many compliments for the delicious pies. Your efforts and time were very appreciated.



MISSIONS:

As we enjoy our summer, we hear of all the storms, flooding, tornados etc. hitting states all around us. Most of us know someone effected by these terrible disasters. We have been blessed so far. What if a tornado took our home? How strong would our faith be? None of us know how we would react. The victims in these situations need faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ, more than ever. This is where we can help. We as Christians should find out how we can spiritually help those in need by offering prayers and words of encouragement. We could find churches in the disaster areas that would have ways for us to communicate the love of Jesus Christ. We can let them know that Christ is with them even in desperate times. When on the internet, take time to check out the Relief Missions in the depressed areas. One note of encouragement on how Jesus can work in their life during their time of trouble, could give them a reason to hope again.

May Jesus keep us safe and sound so we can give comfort to others.

Terry Martin

~ AWANA NEWS ~

Celebrating 25 years of AWANA at Scottsbluff Zion!!!

That is what we did on Sunday, June 8th after our 10:30 service! There was plenty of pizza, pop and brownie sundaes to be consumed as we began our celebration. We had a few alumni show up but there were mostly the current clubbers and staff in attendance. It was also a pleasant surprise to have Tom Hofmann join us for the afternoon. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and (hopefully) everyone enjoyed the display of pictures, uniforms, awards, etc. from the past 25 years. It was fun to look at pictures from the early years and see how things have changed over time and being reminded of different activities. Among these remembrances and changes are: clubbers back then that are now bringing their child(ren) to club, crazy skits performed by the staff at Jamboree, some of us that have gained weight, having Grand Prix and Fun Fair in the old fellowship hall, some of us that have lost weight, all of the clubbers that worked very hard over the years for the Clubber of the Month award and trophies, Bible Quiz and AWANA Olympics/Games that we competed in, some of us that have more gray hair, having one game circle in the old fellowship hall with that "lovely" pole right in the middle to our wonderful two game circles in our awesome Ministry Center!!! As we put the picture/posters together, we mainly just looked at our physical changes, people that we had forgotten were clubbers or staff, etc. As I am looking back over these pictures now to write this article, it has caused me to think about "where" these clubbers are right now and what they have done with their lives. God has flashed in my thoughts clubbers and staff that are serving the Lord in the communities in which they live. Whether they are stay-at-home moms, serving our country in the military on foreign or domestic soil, nurses, teachers, computer techs, businessmen/women, working at Wal-Mart, secretaries, chemical engineers or working at JAX . . . God uses each one for His Glory no matter where we are "at" when we allow Him to work in and through us. It also saddens me to think about those clubbers that crossed our paths that are not living their life for the Lord. All we can do is pray that the truths that they heard and learned at AWANA, and hopefully in their home, will "open their eyes" to

turn from their sin and desire to live a life pleasing to the Lord. I grieve with the parents (former leaders) of a young, full-of-life 20-some year old son (a former clubber) who had his life end here on Earth due to a car accident. I am inspired by a young lady (former clubber) who at the age of 16 was diagnosed with cancer and beat it. She is now a nurse helping others and sharing her faith in Christ that carried her through her ordeal. The stories could go on and on . . .

The other part of our celebration was a bit disappointing. Our plans were to bring in a big inflatable 16 foot water slide but earlier that morning, Kevin Burton and I made the decision to postpone bringing it in as the weather was suppose to be fairly windy (imagine that!) and maybe make it up to only 70 degrees. We did go ahead with the water fight, though and still had fun. That is, until our resident "Coke" man pulled his trailer around the back side of the church where the water fight was and one particular Trek young man discovered the ice and put ice in with the water in his water gun! Being cold and wet was actually bearable until then!!! Then there were a few that thought it would be fun to put pop in their guns until I put the "Kibosh" on that! To be wet and cold is one thing . . . but to be wet, cold and sticky is another!!!

Just to give you an update on the water slide: During our week of Vacation Bible School, the Sunday School officers and I decided that it would be very fun to combine our efforts and have the Sunday School/Church Picnic on August 17th join with AWANA and use the water slide on that day. We are still in the planning stages but be watching for flyers, the church bulletin, power point and the newsletter for additional details. It should be a very fun day as we are working on entertainment for those that will not be taking part in the water fun and planning games not involving water that the kids and adults can compete in. We hope to see all of our church family as well as AWANA clubbers and staff outside of our church there!!!

As we enter our next "25 years" of AWANA here at Zion, my prayer is that God will give us a clear vision of where He wants us to go and what He wants us to accomplish. Two things that I am quite sure of, though, is that (1) He commands us to "Feed His Sheep" - which is what they are getting in Council Time each week. And, (2) To love as Christ loves us. No, it is not always easy to love those ornery, unruly undisciplined clubbers but if we are truly desiring to be obedient to God's commands, then He will give us the strength and patience to love as He loves.

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I continue to feel so blessed by you, the congregation, for your support - whether in prayer or financially and your encouragement - whether in spoken or written words. Please continue to pray for our AWANA club as we desire to be a Light for Christ within our Community. Please pray that God will renew and refresh the Staff over the summer so that we will all be ready to serve Him beginning the first Sunday after Labor Day (September 7th).

Staff: There is a PCDL (Pastor, Commander, Director, Leader) meeting scheduled on July 23rd from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. right here at Zion. Please make every effort to attend as Hattan's &/or Hoffman's always plan a fun evening for us - maybe a game or two, refreshments and information for the upcoming club year.

A **BIG THANK YOU**, again, to former and current clubbers, Staff, Congregation, Pastors and Commanders, as well as the Hattan's, Hoffman's and anyone else who has played a very important role in the Zion AWANA program. May God richly bless all of you for your faithful service. "Here is to the next 25"!!! I am so thankful that God is going before us and "Is In Control"!!!

In Christ,
Cheryl Rose, Commander

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Vacation Bible School 2008, **God's Big Back Yard**, where the kids learned about serving God and others. In this day where everything seems to be "all about me" this theme was so needed. We had special guests every morning, we had both mayors come and talk to the kids about how they serve our community, and how both of them are Christians. Kevin Burton from the National Guard came and talked to the kids about how he serves God and country. He also brought a big truck from the guard unit for the kids to go out and see. We had Pastor Garry minister to the kids, and Captain Kev from KCMI. Our missionary project for the week was KCMI. We had so much fun! On Friday because the kids had met their goal, Captain Kev came and did a live radio broadcast with sev-

eral of the kids getting a chance to be on the radio. He did some songs for the kids.

We had approximately 80+ kids by the weeks end. Crafts were fun with game time and snack time included. On Friday, we served the kids lunch that included homemade macaroni and cheese, chicken nuggets. The 3rd-6th graders made home-made ice cream, and ice cream jigglers.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped with Bible school! We are beyond blessed at Zion to have the dedicated people that help, and the young people of our church were absolutely amazing in how they stepped in wherever they were needed. Thank You so much!!! Thank you to everyone who brought treats for the kids. We even had fudge this year!!!! We were so blessed at the end of the week to have a little 3 year old say, " Mommy I want to come to Jesus school every day, I don't want it to end."

Please stay tuned for a wonderful picnic we have planned for Aug for the church, Sunday School and Awana. It will be a great time and a lot of fun entertainment for adults and kids. Have a great summer, hope to see everyone in Sunday school.

Sharon, Robin, Amy



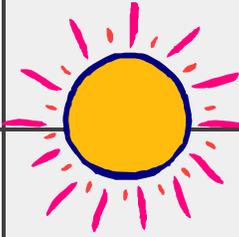
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Even though we take a break from our weekly scheduled events during the summer months, June provided our junior and senior high students plenty of ways to be involved in the life and ministries of the church. Even before June arrived, several of our students were at Camp Rock's training camp preparing themselves for ministry opportunities they will be involved in as dorm leaders, helpers, and teachers at camp this summer. Working at camp for these students can be every bit as rewarding as a missions trip without the language barrier and the need to raise hundreds of dollars. If done with the right mindset, these weeks can prepare our students for a life of ministry more effectively than anything else I know. I am excited to see how God impacts the lives of our students who are helping out at Camp Rock this summer. I also look foreword to visiting many of our students who attend as campers. I will be spending only one full week at camp this summer due to the

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Zion Evangelical Church Calendar



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 KCMI Broadcast 11:30 Communion/Chapel	10:00 Bible Study/Village	10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life 6:30 p.m. Zion Softball Vs Harrisburg	9:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Follow up to the movie EXPULLED @ Geiring Civic Center		7:00 p.m. Fireworks at the home of Dam & Linda Peterson 7:30 p.m. Circle of Praise at the home of Ken & Donna Reifschneider Independence Day	
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