

NEWS FROM ZION

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 **Communion** 
Sunday, August 6th
 Communion will be served
 after both services.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Our study of Luke brought us into some difficult subject matter during July. Chapter 12 led us to tackle the two subjects that are hardest for pastors to address because they are subjects most people don't like hearing about: eternal judgment/hell and money. I mentioned that this is one of the benefits of studying through an entire book of the Bible from front to back like we are doing rather than choosing topics or passages at random. It forces me to address subjects that I might not have the courage to address otherwise. It also forces us all to wrestle with subjects that we don't necessarily want to wrestle with but ones that will greatly benefit our relationship with God if we do. So, because Luke presented Jesus teaching on these subjects in chapter 12, we faced them head on and learned what Jesus taught.

On the subject of final judgment/hell, Jesus began with the truth that although we can hide things from others, nothing is hidden from God. He sees all we do and knows all about us - even our secret thoughts. Not only does Jesus say this is true, but he also says that one day these will be revealed and we'll be held to account for them. This is why, instead of pretending to be good and trying to impress people who are easy to fool. We should acknowledge our sin to God, who knows all about it anyway, and trust in Jesus for the forgiveness he

offers. Jesus made it clear that when final judgment happens for each of us, he will be the one who is our Judge. Those who acknowledge him before men, he will speak for them as their Savior during the judgment. Those who deny him before men, Jesus declares he will deny them in the judgment, leaving them on their own, without forgiveness, to answer for their sin. This reality of the conscious eternal torment of hell is especially heartbreaking in light of the longing Jesus has to extend forgiveness and the extreme punishment of the cross he was willing to endure to make forgiveness possible.

From the difficult subject of eternal judgment, Jesus went on to address what may be an even more difficult subject for a pastor to talk to people about: their money. Jesus warned people to beware of covetousness - a mindset that God sees as an evil equal to idolatry but most Americans see as harmless. In his instruction on the danger of covetousness, Jesus made a statement that challenges our covetous way of thinking. He said, "One's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." Watching the average American live, you would get the impression that we believe that our lives do consist in the abundance of the things we possess. Jesus showed the foolishness of storing up treasures for ourselves here on earth, and encouraged us to have an eternal perspective. Those who understand this life

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

Mission Prayer Partners 
 for August, 2017
 6-Jewsl for Jesus/Zaretsky
 13-2017-18 School Year
 20-Zion Sunday School Dept.
 27-LEAD Global/Osman's



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
FRIED CHICKEN SUNDAY!
 AUGUST 20TH
sponsored by the Sunday School Dept.
 Bring a dish to pass.
ALL INVITED!

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is not all there is but beyond this life comes the kingdom of God do not focus solely of storing up treasures here on earth. Instead, recognizing that the only things that go with us from this life into the kingdom of God are the people who have been reached by the Gospel, those who have an eternal perspective invest more and more of their money in making sure the Gospel reaches people. They give money to help the poor and oppressed as they share with them the message of God's love shown in the Gospel. They give money to support missionaries who are making effort to reach people who have never heard the Gospel. They give money to support their local church and its efforts to make the message of the Gospel clear in their own community. I challenged everyone with the thought that all those who had an eternal perspective should be doing each of those three things consistently. For some, this means a need to scale back their lifestyle to have the extra in their budget to do so. Jesus ended the discussion about money with the thought that "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." This put into perspective why it's so important we have the right mindset about money. If we are investing our money in eternal things, it's an indication that God owns our heart and we are seeking first the kingdom of God. If we are using all our money on ourselves, it's an indication that our money owns our hearts and we are far from God. These were challenging thoughts but ones we all need to hear. My hope is that all who were here to study them together left determined to assess what changes need to be made in their mindset and practice regarding their wealth. If you were not able to be with us, I'd hope you would listen to the message on the church website and challenge yourself by considering Jesus' instruction about your money.

Andrew

Congratulations to...

- ...Julie Harris on her birthday, July 7th!
- ...Art & Sharon Stricker on their 31st Wedding Anniversary.
- ...Ben Boltjes on this 1st Birthday!

Sympathies and condolences to...

- ...Dorothy Richard and family on the passing of Marion Libsack.
- ...Lynn & Mary Ann Heintz on the passing of Mary Ann's brother, Harvey Bauer.
- ...the Neu Family and the many friends of Madelyn Chamberlain.
- ...the many family and friends of Ray Steyer.

General Fund for June, 2017

INCOME:		
Fund Raisers	\$	0.00
Other Income		5.31
Special Income		0.00
<u>Sunday Offering</u>		<u>20,608.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$	20,613.31
EXPENSES:		
Bldg. & Grounds	\$	5,525.34
Fund Raising		0.00
Ministry		1,762.29
Mission		300.00
Office		134.90
Staff Benefits		250.00
Staff Salary		11,423.43
<u>Utilities</u>		<u>2,241.49</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$	21,637.45

COOP RECEIPTS:
\$56,860.95
Inching closer, Zion!
Great job!






The KCMi Broadcast for AUGUST
 is given in loving memory of mother
 Caroline Nash from
 Tim & Tammy Herman and family.
 Thank you for sharing in this valuable ministry.



~ AWANA NEWS ~

When it comes to this time of year for me, I have said it often that God really has a sense of humor!!! He blessed me 14 years ago with a job I love - a school secretary. That same year (2003), I also became the Commander of Zion's AWANA Club. BOTH of these positions run on the same schedule - the busiest times of the year for both positions are at the beginning of the school/club year and at the end of the school/club year. And yet, I have continued to experience the faithfulness/peace of God to carry me thru the FRENZY of starting the school/club year and closing down a school/club year!!! My "God Is In Control" message is as much a reminder for myself as it is for you!!! ☺



So soon, the Staff will be welcoming clubbers and their families to the 35th year of AWANA here at Zion!!! I am actually feeling pretty good about where things

stand right now as I had some "friendly prodding" from a certain Cubbie Director ☺ that suggested to me that we promote our club at the City of Scottsbluff's National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1st. We are excited for what we have planned and hope to gain some new clubbers thru this event! I am SO THANKFUL for these people that God has placed in my life to come alongside me and share the "load" of running our club. I will report to you next month on how it all turns out!

Before I can completely move forward with the 2017-18 club year, I still need to get the swimming reward party scheduled for the clubbers that completed their handbook (or equivalent of) during the 2016-17 club year. Parents: If your clubber(s) qualified, please be watching for information.

I am also working on organizing the staff for the upcoming club year and scheduling a beginning-of-the-year staff picnic. Staff - I hope to have this information to you SOON!!! It is truly a pleasure to work with people that are not only willing to serve but are willing to serve wherever they are needed!!! I love and appreciate you all more than you'll ever know and I look forward to serving with you in the upcoming club year!!!

Cheryl Rose,

The Completely Sane, Un-Frenzied AWANA Commander

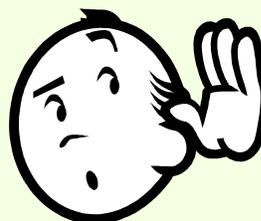
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and click on LISTEN ONLINE.

Find the date of the message you'd like to see or listen to and click on that date.

Be patient while it loads.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

We hope you are all having a wonderful summer. As much as we don't want it to be quite Fall yet, the calendar is closing in on the end of July. We have an important date for you to mark on your calendars: August 20th, a very big day here at Zion! It's "**Fried Chicken Sunday**" (and Sunday School will be providing the chicken) which is a carry-in church picnic for **ALL** our Zion Family, sponsored by Zion Sunday School. We will have Sunday School dedication of all our teachers in the 10:30 am service and our 3rd graders will be getting their Bibles. We will have the carry-in at 11:30 am in the Ministry Center and we then will move outside for games for the kids with ice cream sundaes for the adults and kids. We will have lawn chairs for the adults so they can watch the children and just visit with their church family. Our Sunday School classes will be begin on Aug. 20th. Teaching **Pre-school and Pre-Kindergarten**, Shaylah Stevens; Helper, Jaci Reed; **Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd**, Kathy Trook; **3rd, 4th, 5th Grade**, Heidi Robertus; **6th - college age**, Taylor Boltjes; **Adult Women's prayer group**, Barb Kautz; **Rest homes**, Vern & Evelyn Fegler; **Subs**: Brian Rupp, Megan Pieper.



This will be such a fun and eventful day for everyone to look forward to so please plan to attend "**FRIED CHICKEN SUNDAY**"!

God bless!

BLESSINGS
FOR A NEW & AN
AWESOME SCHOOL
YEAR!!!

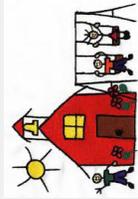
One of the best things about heading back to school is the chance for a fresh start. A new year, new teachers, perhaps even a new school offer students the opportunity to try a little harder and do a little better than the year before.

Praise God that he allows us to always start over. Jeremiah writes that the Lord's mercies "are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:23a). With God's help we can begin each day with a clean slate and a new attitude, determined to make some changes for the better.



ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH CALENDAR

AUGUST, 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		10:00 Bible Study/WelCove 12:00 Men's Bible Study 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living 7:00 Church Board Mtg	1:00 Valley Food Pantry			
6 8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team I 9:30 Communion/Chapel 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct 10:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 KCMJ Broadcast 11:30 Communion/Chapel	7 10:00 Bible Study/Village	8 10:00 Bible Study/WelCove 12:00 Men's Bible Study 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living	9 1:00 Valley Food Pantry AWANA STAFF PICNIC Time: TBA	10 GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT	11	12
13 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. 10:30 Worship & Praise 4:00 Vespers/Residency	14 10:00 Bible Study/Village	15 10:00 Bible Study/WelCove 12:00 Men's Bible Study 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living	16 1:00 Valley Food Pantry	17 First day of school/ Scottsbluff & Gering Schools 	18	19
20 FRIED CHICKEN SUNDAY 8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team III 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct. 10:30 Worship & Praise 11:30 ALL CHURCH SS PICNIC 4:00 Vespers/Residency	21 10:00 Bible Study/Village 	22 10:00 Bible Study/WelCove 12:00 Men's Bible Study 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living	23 1:00 Valley Food Pantry	24	25	26
27 8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team IV 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct. 10:30 Worship & Praise	28 10:00 Bible Study/Village	29 10:00 Bible Study/WelCove 12:00 Men's Bible Study 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living	30 1:00 Valley Food Pantry 7:00 Choir Practice begins	31		