



News from Zion

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SEPTEMBER, 2009

New Adult Sunday School Class:
Dave Ramsey's
Total Money Makeover
starting Sept 13th!
CHECK OUT THE DETAILS ON
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COMMUNION

will be served
September 6th
following
the 10:30 service.



From the pastor's desk . . .



"Set Your Mind On Things Above, Not On Earthly Things"
Colossians 3:2 NIV

*"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."
Philippians 4:8 NIV*

What are you thinking about - right now, at this moment? Are you worrying or fretting? Are you grumbling in your spirit about something? Are you fearful or frustrated? Are you joyful and thankful? Are you hopeful and glad? Are you peaceful and contented? So much of our mindset depends on what we dwell on in the private world of our thoughts. What we set our minds on shapes our attitude and outlook, how we interact with others, how we get along in life, and how joyful we truly are or aren't through the day. Wisely, Paul writes to us in Colossians 3:1, **"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God."** NIV

But how do we do that? Let's face it - many of us dwell on some very negative things

which are of no help to us at all.

1. Take every thought captive. 2 Corinthians 10:5 says,

"We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." NIV In other words, don't let your mind just drift from one thing to another - but bring your thoughts under obedience to Christ and fix your thoughts on healthy things such as are mentioned in Philippians 4:8 above.

2. Guard your lips. Colossians 3:8 says, **"But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips."** NIV So much of our attitude and thought life is shaped by the words we ourselves say. This is one reason why it is always important to speak respectfully of your spouse - both to honor them before others and in your own heart. Tell enough demeaning jokes about your husband or wife and you will treat them in kind.

3. Guard your ears and eyes. Psalm 119:37

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Please Take note . . .

Mission Prayer Partners
for September, 2009...



6th - Zion Awana Clubs
13th - Jeremiah House
20th - Tom & Sandi Hofmann/
Awana Missionaries
27th - KCMI Radio

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.



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is a short prayer,

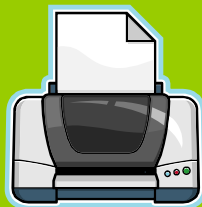
“Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.” NIV Oh, there is so much worthless and unedifying junk being broadcast at us every day from a million sources – but we have the ability to avert our eyes and close our ears to what is not edifying and tune our attention instead to things that are edifying and pleasing to God.

I have noticed as I drive from place to place that we are especially blessed in this valley with a number of excellent Christian radio stations for a variety of listening tastes. Is your dial tuned to one of these?

- ◆ **KCMI 96.9 FM** – Your Local Christian Radio in Scottsbluff – offering a variety of talk, music and teaching programming.
- ◆ **KLOVE 88.3 FM** – Offering a gentle blend of Christian Contemporary music all day ever day.
- ◆ **God’s Country 91.5 FM**– Christian Music with a country flare.
- ◆ **Air One 89.1 FM** – Christian Music with more of a Rock and Roll sound.
- ◆ **BBN 89.5 FM**– Traditional Christian Music and solid teaching.
- ◆ **KPNY 102.1 FM** – Music during the day, teaching in the evening.

We live in a unique time with so many edifying choices to choose from – but you have to make that healthy choice. So, what will you set your mind on today?

Pastor Garry



We are still recycling printer cartridges and cell phones - just bring them to the church office

FALL/WINTER/SPRING 2009 SCHEDULE

Sundays

- 8:30 Worship & Praise
- 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship
- 9:30 Sunday School ~ Pre-School through Adult
- 9:30 Pastoral Prayer Teams
- 9:55 Take Twenty
- 10:30 Worship & Praise
(Nursery is available for young children)
- 3:30 Awana Clubs (Sept-Apr) ages 3-Jr. High

Mondays

- 10:00 Bible Study - Village/weekly
- 6:30 Craft Night/3rd Monday
- 7:00 Ladies Guild/1st Monday

Tuesdays

- 10:00 Bible Study - Wel-Life/weekly
- 12:00 Biblical Hebrew/ weekly
- 5:30 Jeremiah House/3rd Tuesday
- 6:00 MOPS at Night/4th Tuesday
- 7:00 Council Meeting/1st Tuesday

Wednesdays

- 6:30 Men’s Bible Study/Pastor Schick/weekly
- 6:30 7th Grade Confirmation/weekly
- 7:00 Bible Study/Brothers/weekly
- 7:00 Choir/weekly
- 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation/weekly
- 8:00 Worship Team /weekly
- 8:00 Senior High Bible Study/weekly/Griess

Thursdays

- 7:00 Junior High Youth Outreach/weekly

Saturdays

- 8:00 Grebel & Coffee/1st Saturday

Starting Tues., Sept 8th -
Biblical Hebrew at Noon

Starting Sun., Sept 13th
Total Money Makeover

Starting Mon., Sept. 21st -
Craft Night

**Keep this as a handy reference tool!
Where will you join into fellowship?**

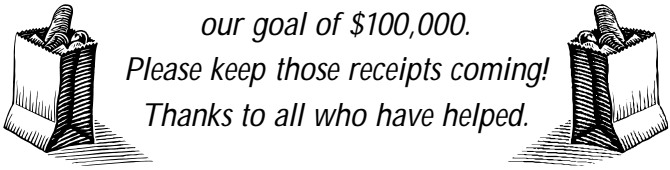
Valley Mobile Food Pantry

September 25 at 1:00 p.m.
at the old Sun-Mart in Gering
**NEEDED: canned goods,
mac & cheese and any other dry goods**



Sponsored by: The Valley Evangelical
Pastor's Fellowship

*We have collected \$83,359.23 towards
our goal of \$100,000.
Please keep those receipts coming!
Thanks to all who have helped.*



BOOK RECOMMENDATION for September . . .

Don't Waste Your Life
by John Pieper

In this provocative work Pastor Piper challenges us to set aside the trivial pursuit of self-fulfillment so that we can develop a deeper passion for God. Piper believes that if we passionately submit the sufferings we endure, the risks we take, and the goals we set to the pursuit of God's glory, then not one moment of our lives will be wasted. Don't miss this opportunity to rekindle your passion for the cross of Christ and the glory of God.



*Our KCMI Broadcast for
SEPTEMBER
is given in loving memory of
Leo Kampbell from wife Irene and
his children and grandchildren.
Thank you for sharing in
this ministry on behalf of your
loved one.*




Sympathies and condolences are extended to . . .

- . . . Clyde & Lora Massingill on the passing of their grandson.
 - . . . Brian & Jodi Rupp on the passing of Brian's uncle, Harold Rupp.
 - . . . the Harris family and friends on the passing of Esther Mohr.
 - . . . Lori & Jeff Reifschneider and family on the passing of Lori's aunt, Margaret Hoffman.
 - . . . Sandra Reichert & family and Albert & Mildred Weber on the passing of Cindy Rein, sister and niece.
- Congratulations to . . .**
- . . . Spencer Lease and Amy Blehm married here on August 8th.
 - . . . Paul Bolzer who celebrated his 92nd Birthday!
 - . . . Violet Rein on her 80th Birthday!
 - . . . Amanda and Nic Easton on the birth of Cayden Jackson, born 8/6/09 weighing 6# 15 oz and 20" long. Proud grandparents are Gary & Carol Brandt and Uncle Sean.
 - . . . Carli Rose and Sarah Peters on their baptisms on August 15th.
 - . . . Jake & Ashley Robbins and big sister Emma on the birth of Cash Jacob, weighing 10# 3.5 oz and 22" long. Proud grandparents are Dave & Colleen Dietrich and great-grandmother, Emma Stricker.
 - . . . Evelyn Miller on her 96th Birthday. Cards can be sent to: 1890 Fay Street, Burlington, CO 80807



WANTING TO LEARN BIBLICAL HEBREW?

Pastor Garry will be teaching a class on Tuesdays, starting September 8th at noon. Let him know if you are interested.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE: In conjunction with the Guild Soup Supper (see Guild article on page 4) on November 14th, Circle of Praise will be holding a SILENT AUCTION. Please be thinking about items you could donate. Questions??? Claudette Schmidt 635-1149.

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~ AWANA NEWS ~

Well, in case you haven't noticed, summer is just about over for all of us that operate on a public school or AWANA schedule. And, that's okay as it does bring back more structure to our days. As I took my two hour Sunday nap this afternoon, I thought that in just a couple of weeks I will no longer be able to take them. However, in the same thought I was reminded of how on AWANA Sundays God provides the strength and stamina to get through the day without needing a nap!

Sunday, August 9th was the day set for all clubbers/leaders to celebrate their hard work for the past club year. We gathered at the swimming pool at Trails West with a smaller group - probably due to many other activities and summer vacations still in progress. There were about 50 clubbers, leaders and parents (that needed to help their young children) in attendance and we had a splashin' good time! I had a great time catching a few of the younger ones as they flew off of the slide. I especially bonded with one of our Puggles, Caleb, as he "made my day" by only wanting me to catch him! (Of course, this is the same child that called me "Grandma" awhile back . . . so he redeemed himself!☺ Totally kidding - I definitely want to be a grandma someday but not quite yet!) Once again, God tested my trust in Him as it looked like the skies were going to bust open with all kinds of thunder/lightening/rain BUT, as we all know . . . **GOD IS IN CONTROL and HE IS GOOD** and we ended up having a beautiful afternoon!

The staff for the 2009-10 club year came together for our annual picnic two days later on the 11th and as always we had a great time of fun, food (Mexican, of course!), fellowship and planning. We want to welcome four new LIT's - Allison Stricker, Adam Harris, Timothy Herman & Austin Kniss. I would also like to thank the Sunday School Staff for providing us with dessert as we enjoyed the "leftover" ice cream and toppings from their ice cream social earlier this summer.

The three "big events" - two just for the Staff - that we have coming up in the month of September are:

Basic Training on September 12th planned by the Hofmann's/Hattan's that will be held here at Zion from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Cubbies, Sparks & T&T will be the focus.)

Staff Dedication (please be in uniform!) at the 10:30 a.m. service on September 13th followed by **Kick-Off** later that afternoon at 3:30 p.m. for the 2009-10 club year.

The **AWANA Ministry Conference** at Monument Bible Church in Scottsbluff from 9:00-4:00. (Again, please attend in uniform!) It should be an awesome day as Jill Bryan - better known to us from a couple years back as, "Jillybean", is lined up as the special guest.

As we look forward to all of the above getting underway, I again ask for the faithful prayers of our congregation to hold the AWANA Staff and our clubbers up to Our Great God asking for His blessing on our club year - that all of us as Staff will desire to have "a closer walk with Him", that God would soften the hearts of the clubbers to know Him as their personal Lord & Savior or to have a closer walk with Jesus if they already have trusted in Him. We do pray that in all we say and do, our club will be a shining light to the Valley and God will be honored and glorified through our efforts! Thank you for your continued support in prayer, monetary donations, in words of encouragement, etc. May God richly bless each one of you!

Cheryl Rose, Commander



LADIES GUILD: *The Annual Guild Picnic took place on August 3rd. We had a fun time and great food with our guests. The meat was furnished by Dave and Teri Erdman and was delicious. Thank you, Erdman's! We had an entertaining and enjoyable time guessing "who was who" from baby pictures that everyone brought.*

*The Guild is planning a **Soup Supper** for Saturday, November 14th. The ladies will be making noodles and butterballs for the soup on **Tuesday, September 29th** at 8 a.m. for noodles and 6 p.m. for butterballs. Help is needed on **Monday, the 28th** at 2:00 p.m. to break eggs. Additionally, if you can help with donations of eggs and/or butter for this project, it would be very appreciated. It would be helpful if you could sign up at the Welcome Center by Sunday, **September 27th** so the ladies will know how what supplies to buy. We would be so thankful and grateful for any and all help with this project.*

*Our next meeting will be **Monday, September 14th** at 7:00 p.m. because of Labor Day holiday. See you then!*

General Fund for July 31, 2009

INCOME:

Other Income	439.09
<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>11,583.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$12,022.09

EXPENSES:

Bldg. & Grounds	1,261.28
Ministry	826.93
Mission Fund	100.00
Office	486.70
Special Expense	185.00
Staff Benefits	3,524.17
Staff Salary	5,305.31
Tax	863.79
<u>Utilities</u>	<u>1,115.24</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 13,668.42

TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE \$ (1,646.33)

With vacations and time away from church, we typically see a drop off in the giving to the church. We would like to graciously and courteously remind you to not forget the needs of Zion during the summer months. May God richly bless you in your giving!



CRAFT NIGHT - Join the fellowship of Craft Night starting Monday, September 21 at 6:30 pm. Bring a project of your choice -- scrap booking, quilting, embroidery, etc. Questions - - Claudette Schmidt: 635-1149.



Missions - I received an e-mail from Dr. Hans Wilhelm announcing his newly published autobiography, titled "China Hans - From Shanghai to Hitler to Christ". Hans leads an inspiring life. His book tells of his adventures of fleeing communists in China, surviving Japanese bombing raids, enduring an internment camp, joining and later rejecting the Hitler Youth and how he gave his life to Jesus. Hans is a brother to Peggie Ross and he grew up in Zion Church while his father was the Pastor of Zion Church when it was on 9th Avenue.

I am purchasing the autobiography to be placed in our Church Library. Please feel free to check out the book. You will be amazed at the trials Hans endured while spreading God's Word.

Serving for Christ, Terry Martin

SUNDAY SCHOOL : By the time this newsletter is out, our Fall schedule will be in full swing. We started our Fall schedule with a "S'mores" Sunday on August 30th. Our Junior and Senior High kids helped make S'mores for all the younger Sunday School kids. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and the kids enjoyed talking with their teachers. August 30th was also Sunday School Dedication Sunday. The following teachers were installed for the 2009-2010 year.

Superintendent - Sharon Stricker
 Assistant Superintendent - Robin Schadwinkel
 Treasurer - Amy Burton
 Pre-school/Pre-K - Jodi Rupp
 Helper - Heidi Robertus
 Kindergarten - Mickie Janecek
 1st & 2nd grade - Kathy Trook
 3rd & 4th - Kerri Arnold
 5th & 6th - Wendy Powell/Brian Rupp
 7th & 8th - Andy Griess
 Senior High - Jeremiah Ourada
 Adult I - Barb Kautz
 Adult II - Dan & Linda Peterson
 Take Twenty - Dewey Brothers
 Nursing homes - Vern Fegler
 Substitute - Bridget Schick

We welcome parents to visit your child's Sunday School class.

Pray for our teachers and students as we enter into our fall program.

God Bless,
 Sharon, Robin and Amy

3rd Graders receiving Bibles: Garrett Doremus, Quinton Janecek and Aaron Reed. Congratulations!

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!

MOPS @ Night - MOPS at Night had their annual family picnic at Oregon Trail Park in Gering on August 25th. The kids had carnival games and a bounce house to play in as well as the park, but they had more fun running in the rain than any of the entertainment we provided! We had about 40 parents, kids and MOPPETS there.

We are looking forward to another great year with more meetings and lots of fun activities planned. If you are a Mom (pregnancy through Kindergarten), please plan to join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. We are very excited about our "Mom's Spa Night" planned for September 8th at 6:00 pm in the Ministry Center. We hope to see you there!

Blessings,
Andi Hale,
MOPS @ Night Coordinator



YOUTH -

After another fast paced summer vacation, the kids are getting back to school. This means we're getting excited to get back to our regular ministry schedule. For the most part, we're going to pick up where we left off last school year without making any changes because I was very pleased with what we were doing. The only big change this year is that we will be changing the night of our junior high outreach for 6th through 8th grade students. For the last eleven years, we have met on Monday nights, but we have decided to switch to Thursday nights this year. We hope this change will help avoid some conflicts we run into with students' schedules and days off of school.

The rest of my weekly ministry schedule includes the following activities. I will be teaching the 7th and 8th grade Sunday School class and helping Jeremiah Ourada prepare his lessons for the high school class. I will continue helping in the 3rd through 6th grade Awana group as a leader and teaching the devotion each week. After Awana, we will meet with our high school students for dinner, prayer, and fellowship at our house each week. Our Bible study for senior high students will be on Wednesday evenings (while Pastor Garry teaches confirmation for the 7th and 8th graders). Thursday nights we will run our outreach for junior high students. As you can see, I will be busy each week providing opportunities for our students to grow in their faith. Please encourage the young people in your life to get involved in one or more of these ministries during this school year. Also, you could really help us out by continuing to pray regularly that God would use our efforts to draw students closer and closer to himself.

Thanks,
Andy

Jeremiah House - The school year is beginning, so the Jeremiah House is getting ready to start a new year. Our church will be serving one meal a month for 70 people. We depend on volunteers to provide the food items needed each month. I will have a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center as to the food needed. If our meal encourages kids to attend the classes to learn about Christ, then our mission is worthwhile.

Serving for Christ,
Terry Martin



NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: **TOTAL MONEY MAKEOVER**

We have some exciting news for you! Many of you have expressed interest in getting involved in Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Class: Total Money Makeover! So we have decided to start offering this class during the Sunday School time starting September 13, 2009 in the Chapel. This program is a life-changing series that teaches you how to manage God's money and resources in a godly way. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals. It is the most sensible and fun you'll ever have learning about money. Each weekly session starts with Dave Ramsey teaching on DVD and is followed by a powerful small group discussion. He will teach you using easy baby steps about how to save money, put together a spending plan that works, communicate about money, eliminate debt using Debt Snowball method, finding bargains, establish a plan to take control of your finances, communicate with your family about money and experience the joy of giving. You will see that you are definitely not alone if you are struggling in this area. You will also benefit from this compelling material as it teaches you how to apply biblical principles to the way you handle money and how to start truly managing all of the resources God has given you. Most importantly you won't believe the hope and peace you will have when you start learning God's way of managing money.

Please sign up as soon as possible so we know how many family kits we need to order before the class starts. Each family will need to purchase a family kit through the church. The kit includes: Financial Peace University Workbook, All 13 Lessons on CD, Dave's book, *Financial Peace Revisited*, Envelope System, Budgeting Forms, UPDATED Financial Peace University Bonus CD, Two Debit Card Holders, Tip Cards, Member Resource Center, and free online tools. Each family kit will cost \$93.00. Please don't let this stop you from attending the class. Zion church has offered help with the cost of these materials. If you have any questions, contact Dan & Linda Peterson at 631-5680.

LOOKING AHEAD to October . . .

This is a tentative list of some upcoming events
you might be interested in!

More details will follow as we get closer to the event!

October 3rd - Grebel and Coffee

October 4th - World Day of Communion

October 27th - "A New Song"

October 30th - Camp Rock event for men with Steve Chapman

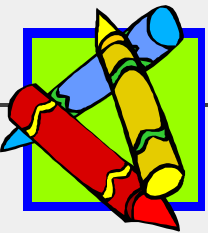


October 31st - Panhandle Women's Conference with Annie Chapman

September, 2009



Zion Evangelical Church Calendar



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. 9:30 Prayer Team III/Office 9:55 Take Twenty 10:30 Worship & Praise 11:00 KCMI Broadcast 11:30 Communion</p>	 <p>Labor day (church office Closed)</p>	<p>10:00 Bible Study/Wei+Life 7:00 Church Council Mtg</p>	<p>9:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Choir Practice 8:00 Worship Team</p>		<p>Schlager/Eckas Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>Schlager/Eckas Wedding</p>
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