



NEWS FROM ZION

ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH ~ SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

NOVEMBER, 2011

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



GREBEL & COFFEE

Saturday, November 5th

7 a.m. - 10 a.m.

PRE-ORDERS and HELP welcome.

Sign up at the
Welcome Center!
or call **632-8125.**



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

In All Things Give Thanks!

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18
KJV



How thankful is your heart today? In fact, how is your heart just now? Feeling stressed? Fatigued? Angry? Frustrated? Hopeful? Despairing? Joyful? Glad? Glum? I know you may feel a great number of things one after another in a very short space of time - but what is the general pulse of your life? I ask because how we're feeling in general, and even from moment to moment has really more to do with choices we make than what's happening in our life or the world around us. True, many allow themselves to be bounced about by people and circumstances, and that is a very unhappy path through life. But others, heeding the revealed will of God as stated in the verse above, take a proactive stance to trust God, to trust God's plan, and in spite of life's difficulties choose to give thanks to the One who really is in final control and has our good close to his heart. So, notice that thankfulness in the verse above is not a passive result but an active choice. For a long time I used to imagine that I would be truly glad and thankful once I had such and

such or once this or that had happened or once so and so said or did or thought as I wished. Not so, once one goal is achieved or a desire fulfilled, a void opens up to be filled by something else. So if gratefulness is not there to begin with, it won't come even if the whole

world goes your way - which of course won't always happen. Many are rich, powerful, successful, but very ungrateful, unsatisfied, and miserable. Some, with very little, mistreated, and little to boast of in the world's eyes have none the less found what those who have it all have failed to lay hold of. Yet it is not the sole property of the rich or poor, the famous or unknown, the powerful or the powerless, the weak or the strong, the healthy or the sick, the popular or the lonely. Thankfulness can be had by anyone who chooses to give thanks to God and others and to be thankful. If you're not thankful today, then come Thanksgiving you probably won't be on that day either, but choose to be thankful today and each to God and those around you, for what you have and for what you don't have, and come Thanksgiving you will have but one more day to enjoy what blessings are yours and give thanks.

Pastor Garry

PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

Mission Prayer Partners for November, 2011



6th - Mission Sunday/all our missionaries

13th - the persecuted church around the world

20th - 4C's Conference/High Plains Fellowship/Conference Minister

27th - Hans Wilhelm/World Outreach

Get your newsletter first and in color if you receive it via email. 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.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME ENDS!
Remember
to set your clocks
back 1 hour before you go
to bed on
Saturday, Nov. 6th
FALL BACK ONE HOUR!

BOOK RECOMMENDATION for November. . .**"A Most Unsuitable Match"***by Stephanie Grace Whitson*

An unlikely attraction occurs between two passengers on a steamboat journey up the Missouri River to Montana... She is a self-centered young woman from a privileged family who fears the outdoors and avoids anything rustic. He is a preacher living under a sense of duty and obligation to love the unlovable people in the world. She isn't letting anything deter her from solving a family mystery that surfaced after her mother's death. He is on a mission to reach the rejects of society in the remote wilderness regions of Montana. Miss Fannie Rousseau and Reverend Samuel Beck are opposites in every way... except in how they both keep wondering if their paths will ever cross again.

Sympathies and condolences are extended to. . .

. . . Barb Steffensen and family on the passing of Barb's brother, Jake Weinmaster.
 . . . the family and friends of Terry Fegler.
 . . . Don Loos and family and friends on the passing of Don's sister, Harriet Foos.

Congratulations to. . .

. . . Katherine Kaufman on her 98th Birthday!
 . . . Pauline Zeiler on her 98th Birthday!
 . . . Gene Minch on his 86th Birthday!
 . . . Lindsey Schanaman on being 1st Attendant for homecoming at SHS!
 . . . Amy Stricker on being crowned Bayard Homecoming Queen!
 . . . Emma Marker on her 94th Birthday!
 . . . Kayleigh Schadwinkel on being crowned Homecoming Queen and Mark Pieper being selected as 1st Attendant at GHS!
 . . . Linda Peterson on her 60th Birthday!



Our KCMJ Broadcast for **NOVEMBER**
 is given in loving memory of parents
Alex & Katherine Kautz and
Carl & Frieda Stricker from children,
Joyce & Harold Kautz.

**General Fund for September, 2011****INCOME:**

Fund Raisers	\$	1,183.00
Other Income		221.18
<u>Sunday Offering</u>		<u>13,898.50</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$	15,302.68

EXPENSES:

Bldg. & Grounds	\$	2,424.48
Fund Raising		602.91
Ministry		1,289.91
Missions		5.00
Office		681.19
Staff Benefits		6,017.83
Staff Salary		5,444.40
<u>Utilities</u>		<u>906.47</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$	17,372.19

TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE \$ (-2,069.51)

Dr. Ron Hamilton

4C Conference Minister
 4C'S SUNDAY/Weekend

Saturday, November 19

Carry In Dinner with Dr. Hamilton
 Q & A about the 4C's/ Fellowship
 Emmanuel Church / 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 20

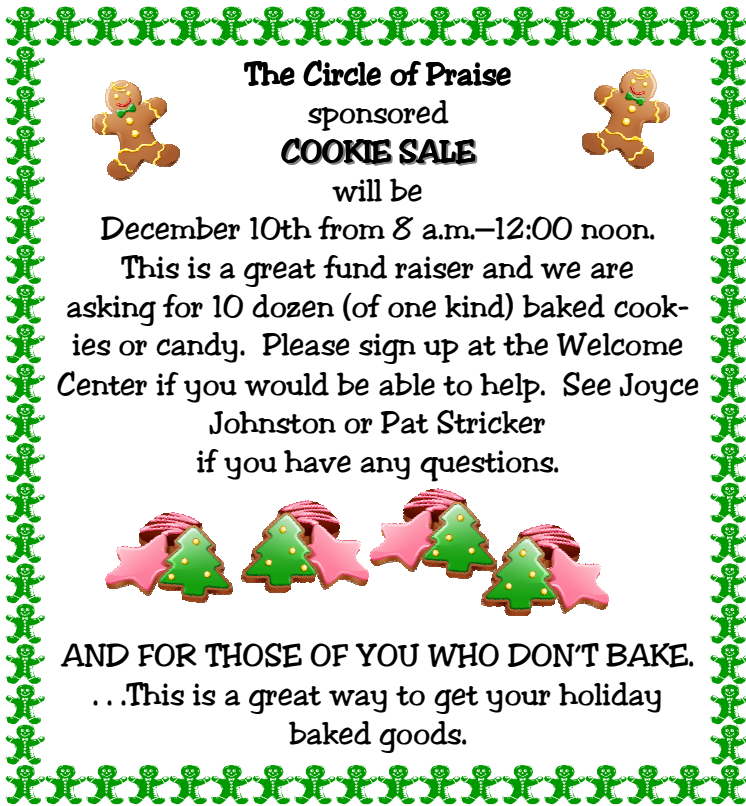
Dr. Hamilton will give the message during
 the 8:30 and 10:30 services.

There will be a Q & A during Adult Sunday
 School.

Carry In Supper after the 10:30 service.


Dr. Hamilton will speak during Awana with
 our kids. Awana is 3:30- 5:30.

4C Thanksgiving Service at Zion
 7:00 p.m. with Dr. Hamilton preaching
 A time of cookies, coffee
 and fellowship will follow the service.



The Circle of Praise
sponsored
COOKIE SALE
will be
December 10th from 8 a.m.–12:00 noon.

This is a great fund raiser and we are asking for 10 dozen (of one kind) baked cookies or candy. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you would be able to help. See Joyce Johnston or Pat Stricker if you have any questions.



AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T BAKE.
...This is a great way to get your holiday baked goods.



Did you know you can now listen to and/or see our church service on your home computer? Go to our website:
www.zionscottsbluff.com
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.



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
COLLECTION WEEK IS
NOVEMBER 14-21, 2011**
There are brochures in the foyer on how to pack your shoebox.

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MINISTRY/MISSION OPPORTUNITY!
Interested in getting an inside look and volunteering at the Processing Center in Denver for **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD?**
When: Monday, November 28th
Time: 10a.m.– 5 p.m. (leaving early/returning late)
Who: Anyone 13 years or older/We need 15 people to fill our shift. Interested??? Sign up at the Welcome Center. Make plans now to join the 65,000 volunteers who will serve in the seven U.S. centers. Has God called you to serve in is some capacity? Now is your chance! See or call Barb Kautz with question at 632-8125.



THANK YOU!

My family and I would like to thank you, our Church family, for all the cards and words of encouragement during Pastor Appreciation Month. Your encouragement and prayers mean so much to us and we count it a privilege to serve with you our great Savior. We also want to thank the Church Council for the gift Certificate. I always enjoy an evening out with my dear wife and the Emporium never disappoints for a relaxed and wonderful meal. Finally, thank you to Mark Harris for the kind words and prayer on behalf of myself and the ministry staff and our families - it really struck a cord in my heart!
Gratefully Yours in Christ,
Pastor Garry



COOP Receipt Total:
\$81,253.02

Thank you to all who bring in their receipts!



We are still recycling printer cartridges and cell phones - just bring them to the church office...and we will do the rest!




~ AWANA NEWS ~

We are "bursting at the seams" in the Trek (7th/8th grade girls & boys) room! We had 17 this past Sunday - WooHoo!!! Having our **Visitor Campaign** in the month of October definitely has helped build up the number of clubbers in Trek but these kids are returning each week and are eager to learn God's Word and hide it in their heart! The Trek leaders are SO THRILLED!!! (And so is the Commander as this is what is hoped for as the outcome of a Visitor Campaign!!!) ☺

Congratulations to the following for being **September's Clubbers of the Month**: Sparks - Hannah Boyd, Chance Rahmig & Caleb Schanaman; T&T - Kimberleigh Cawley & Aaron Reed and Trek - Austin Rhamy. Way to start off the club year!!!

We finished up our **Parent's Nights** in October with Sparks on the 2nd, T&T on the 9th and Puggles/Cubbies on the 16th. Thanks, again, Staff for hosting our Parents!

The events still left in the month of October as of this writing are to wrap up Visitor Campaign on the 30th by drawing three prize winners from those clubbers that brought guests as well as **Fun Fair** which is always a great time for the clubbers to play unlimited games - win prizes and candy!!! (Thank you to the Zion Congregation for all of the candy that has been donated already!!!) Included in Fun Fair this year is a **SURPRISE** guest speaker/entertainer for the evening. It should be a great time for everyone!

Our **Pastor's Appreciation** celebration has been moved to November 6th which is also going to be our time with our church's **Mission Sunday** speaker for the day, Randy Larson.

The following club meeting on November 13th, we will have our 2nd Annual "**AWANA Grand Prix - Sugar Valley Rally Style**"! There will be 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies for design & speed in the "New Division" and 1st, 2nd & 3rd place for speed in the "Old Division".

The 2nd & 3rd weeks in November we will once again be working in conjunction with our church on the **Operation Christmas Child** collection. Hopefully we can break our record of giving 41 boxes!!! Finishing out the month of November before Thanksgiving Break on the 27th, we will have Zion's 4 C's Conference Minister joining us for Council Time.

~ Commander Commentary ~

- As I mentioned in my opening comments, I cannot be more excited for the "frenzy" that is going on in our Trek club!!! We were down two leaders this past club meeting and so I went in there to attempt to help out with listening to sections. Well, I don't know if it was because the clubbers were intimidated by the baby that I was holding, that I am the Commander or what but the clubbers didn't want to recite to me. So, I just stood in there for awhile and watched the steady stream of kids reciting to the two leaders that were there. I think it was amazing in and of itself that the kids could even memorize anything with the noise level in there but they have all adapted well. My heart swelled with joy as I watched!!!
- Another thing that happened this past club meeting that has never taken place in Zion's AWANA Club is that we had a child that is in a wheelchair come as a guest. I am so proud of our staff for how they figured out ways to adapt game time so that she could be included. And it touched me deeply to hear how her precious little face lit up when she was told that God loves her!!! A HUGE THANKS to Kim & Caleb for all of their efforts in bringing this little one to our AWANA club! Please pray that Morgan will continue to come and that our Staff will be used by God to accommodate her needs physically and most importantly, make sure her spiritual needs are met.
- Last of all, I am thrilled to report that - as often happens - we are adding another family to our Zion church family because of the child coming to AWANA. YES!!!

In closing, I just want to remind you of our theme for this club year ~ "FREEDOM IS NEVER FREE" ~ "NEVER FORGET" the price that was paid by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at Calvary for our spiritual freedom! As we will soon be celebrating Thanksgiving, this is what should be at the top of our list of things for which to be thankful!!! And, also, do not forget that . . .

God Is In Control!

Cheryl Rose, Commander



Ladies Guild:

Ladies of Zion Guild met for their meeting the 3rd of October with 20 ladies present. The meeting was opened by President Wanda Henkel. Songs were song and Linda Peterson presented a devotion. Prayer requests were prayed for. Minutes were read and approved as well as the Treasurer's report. The Guild will be sponsoring a new child through Kids Alive. Noodle making, Missions Sunday, the 4C Conference Minister's visit and blackberries were business items that were discussed. Hostesses for the meeting were Barb, Heddi and Jane.

Helen Maier



Jeremiah House

The night ended with several tired people. Helen Maier and Barb Steffensen worked on the funeral dinner but still served at the Jeremiah House. They are wonderful examples of serving for our Lord. The rest of us were tired after serving more than 70 people. Each month there are more kids. They finished off two big roasters of Spaghetti, garlic bread, three gallons of green beans, fresh grapes and pumpkin cookies. One girl gave Cindy a flower that she picked. A girl that refused to help us carry food in last month, was at the door as we drove up and came to help us. What a blessing. At the end of the meal, the older group of girls brought us homemade thank you cards for the people at Zion. Please check them on the Missions Board. They thanked us for the good meals we prepare. They said our meals are special with fresh fruit and good desserts. They look forward to the third week of the month. It is Zion's way of adding something good into their lives plus bringing them in to hear the Good News of salvation.

Next month we will not serve because it is their special Thanksgiving Dinner for their families. We are asked to donate cooked turkey and dinner rolls. They feed approximately 150. Does anyone know who gave us a bucket of spaghetti sauce? It was very tasty!

*Serving for the Lord,
Terry Martin*



MISSIONS:

Many are giving to the food bank again along with the support of other missions. We re-

ceived a big thank-you from the Panhandle Love in Action folks in the form of a card.

Our church secretary (Barb Kautz) maintains and updates the Zion Missions information on a bulletin board near her office. Please check it out at your leisure.

“Lord, you have entrusted us with the awe-inspiring task of sharing the message of the gospel. We acknowledge that we cannot simply give money and expect your message to spread. We must consistently give of ourselves by offering our time, talents, gifts and service. Stir within us the courage to be Christian stewards throughout our daily living. Accept our missions gifts as a symbol of our love and commitment to you. In Jesus name we pray. Amen”

In His Service,
Jerry Ross, Missions Secretary



MOPS at Night. . . Courtney Long

Greetings from the MOPS at Night group! We have had a great start to our MOPS year! We have spent time at our meetings reconnecting with familiar faces and getting to know new ones! It has been fun spending time together and gaining new insight on how to be the best mothers that we can be. We have enjoyed some wonderful guest speakers and fun crafts and we have enjoyed the time spent in fellowship with our fellow mothers of preschoolers. We have a great bunch of workers that take care of our kids while we are at the meeting, and our children are having a great time. We are still in need of some more adults that would enjoy being with our little ones while we enjoy our short amount of free time so prayers for this area of our ministry would be appreciated! We have some great things planned in the upcoming months for MOPS and we thank you for your continued support and prayers!

One event that is particularly exciting is the MOPS International Community Event that is scheduled on November 12th (9am to noon) here at Zion. In addition to being the MOPS at Night Coordinator, I am also a Field Leader for MOPS International. This position allows me to connect with other MOPS groups in Western NE and work as their liaison between their groups and MOPS International. What is particularly exciting about this position is my ability to offer training, support, and

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networking time for these groups, and the Community Event is a great opportunity to do this in one setting. An invitation was extended to the MOPS groups in North Platte, Grant, Sidney, Bayard, Alliance, Torrington, and the two groups here in Scotts-bluff. We will provide a continental breakfast for the leaders of these groups and then focus on training that will help develop their leadership skills. We will spend some time networking with leaders from the other groups. We have a great event planned for that day and I am very excited that Zion allowed us to hold such a wonderful training session here.

Thank you for always supporting and praying for our group. Our MOPS group is truly a Blessing to our community, the church, and all of the mothers who attend.

Courtney Long



SUNDAY SCHOOL:

We are off to a great start on our fall program here at Zion Sunday School. Our classes are full and the kids are learning about God's Word. We are so blessed to have the Sunday School teachers that we have here, and the time they put in thru the week to teach our kids.

I know it is early to start talking about the Christmas program, but the officers of Sunday School decided to let you know early enough about the Christmas program so you could make plans. Our Christmas program will be on Dec. 18, at 5:00, the practices will be as follows: Sunday, Dec. 4th at 1:00; Sunday, Dec. 11th at 1:00 and Saturday, Dec. 17 TBA (will check with parents and kids to see if a morning or afternoon will be best). On the Sunday practices, we will serve the kids a healthy snack, as many of them stay for Awana and we know that can be a long day. Our kids have so much fun doing the Christmas program and we love working with them. If you have any questions, please stop by the Sunday School office and visit with us. And now from the "Mouth of Babes", a Sunday School teacher asked little Willie who was the first man in the Bible? "Hoss" said Willie. "Wrong," said the teacher, "it was Adam." "Ah, shucks," Willie replied, "I knew it was one of those Cartwright's."

Have a great fall season!
Sharon, Robin and Deb



Multiply your thanks

We have so many reasons to give thanks to God. When we take time to count our blessings, we realize they just keep multiplying and adding up.

Use your multiplication or addition skills to answer each equation. Then use the word key below to write out Psalm 100:4 (NIV).

WORD KEY
22= him 16= courts 4=gates 24=name 9=praise 8=and 2=to
12= his 18= give 6= with 10= Enter 20= thanks 15= thanksgiving

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6×1 or $5 + 1$	3×5 or $5 + 5 + 5$	4×2 or $6 + 2$
6×2 or $6 + 6$	8×2 or $8 + 8$	3×2 or $3 + 3$
3×3 or $3 + 3 + 3$	9×2 or $9 + 9$	10×2 or $10 + 10$
1×2 or $1 + 1$	11×2 or $16 + 6$	8×1 or $3 + 5$
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Answer: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." (Psalm 100:4, NIV)

THANK YOU...

To Our Church Family at Zion:





Thank you for all the words of encouragement and gifts given for Pastor Appreciation month. We want you to know we feel your love and support not only during this month but all year around.

Love, Andy, Janae and Josie Griess

CHECK THE KITCHEN FOR ANY FUNERAL DISHES THAT MIGHT BE YOURS.

Zion Evangelical Church Calendar

NOVEMBER, 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Thanksgiving</p> 						
<p>6</p> <p>8:30 MISSION SUNDAY 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team I 9:40 S.S. @ Zion & Emerald Ct 9:55 Take Twenty/Brothers 10:30 MISSION SUNDAY 10:30 KCMJ Broadcast 11:30 Communion / Chapel 3:30 Awana/Pastor Appreciation</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/Village</p> <p>7:00 Guild</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life 12:00 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Women's Bible 7:00 Council Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 Staff Meeting 6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Choir 7:00 Brothers Bible Study 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 Senior High Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Thank a veteran today! Veterans Day</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>GREBEL & COFFEE 7-10 a.m.</p> 
<p>13</p> <p>8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team II 9:40 S.S. @ Zion & Emerald Ct. 9:55 Take Twenty/Brothers 10:30 Worship & Praise 3:30 Awana/Grand Prix 4:15 Vespers/Residency</p> <p><i>Intl. Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/Village</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life 12:00 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Women's Bible 6:00 MOPS at Night</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Choir 7:00 Brothers Bible Study 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 Senior High Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 Junior High Youth</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Valley Mobile Food Pantry 1:00 p.m. Old Sun Mart - Gering</p>	<p>12</p> <p>MOPS Leadership Training 9-Noon</p>
<p>20</p> <p>8:30 4C's Sunday/Dr. Ron Hamilton 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team III 9:40 S.S. @ Zion & Emerald Ct. 9:55 Take Twenty/Brothers 10:30 4C's Sunday/Dr. Ron Hamilton 2:00 Vespers/Beverly 3:30 Awana Clubs 4:15 Vespers/Residency 7:00 4C's Thanksgiving Service/Zion Cookies/fellowship following</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/Village</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life 12:00 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Women's Bible 6:00 MOPS at Night</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service 7:00</p>	<p>24</p> 	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>First Sunday of Advent 8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team IV 9:40 S.S. @ Zion & Emerald Ct. 9:55 Take Twenty/Brothers 10:30 Worship & Praise 3:30 NO Club/Thanksgiving break</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:00 Leaving for Denver for Operation Christmas Child 10:00 Bible Study/Village</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life 12:00 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Women's Bible</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Choir 7:00 Brothers Bible Study 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 Senior High Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team</p>			