



NEWS FROM ZION

ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH ~ SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

SEPTEMBER, 2011

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Communion will be served after the 10:30 a.m. service, September 4th.



It's back!!!
GREBEL & COFFEE
September 10th ~ 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
PRE-ORDERS and HELP welcome.
Sign up at the Welcome Center!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

9/11 After Ten Years

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1 Tim 2:1-2 NIV



Do you remember where you were when the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center were hit on September 11, 2001? I had just joined a group of pastors who had met for a monthly gathering at one of their homes, but that day we just stared in silence as the events in New York and Washington unfolded before our very eyes. I called my wife and had her turn on the news and I think that's how most of America spent the rest of the day. The stories of heroism were as amazing as those of heartbreak and tragedy. The prayers that we pastors began lifting to God were among countless prayers raised across the nation and around the world. Even many of those not given to faith or prayer found themselves in church the next Sunday. For weeks the stories of the lost and stranded filtered through our lives and battles began in countries we'd barely heard of among people whose names we still struggle to pronounce. It has been a difficult and trying decade for our nation, to say the least, and opinions about the actions and reactions that followed that decisive day will be debated for decades to come. I spoke recently with a soldier newly back from Afghanistan and asked him how it seemed to be going there. He was reasonably

proud of our conduct as an American military in that difficult part of the world. Yet he was equally doubtful of the long term good we might do in light of the corruption that infects every level of the Afghan government. His heart went out to the children he saw and the world they must grow up in. Given their role models, he was equally pessimistic of what they would become; how differently they would view right from wrong and even life itself. I thanked him for keeping the battle on their shores and far from our own. I was reminded again how important it is to lift up in prayer those who lead us and those who risk life and limb to protect our freedoms abroad and here at home.

On the evening of September 11 this year, I am proud to say the evangelical churches of our community are joining together with various arms of our community - the government, the police, the emergency medical personal, the fire department, even the Patriot Guard - to remember, to never forget and to honor the heroes and those lost that day, which has forever changed our world. It will also be a time to look together as a community to the God who has carried us through this difficult era; who we may trust in every challenge until our Savior comes again, triumphing at last over every evil and establishing His Kingdom and our eternal home.

Serving with you for Christ and His Kingdom in the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave,

Pastor Garry

PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

Mission Prayer Partners
for September, 2011



4th - Rick & Fairy Hattan/
Awana Missionaries
11th - Zion Awana Clubs
18th - Jeremiah House
25th - Tom & Sandi Hofmann/
Awana Missionaries

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.



Sympathies and condolences are extended to . . .

. . .Clyde & Lora Massingill on the passing of Clyde's nephew, Robert, of Texas.
 . . .Bill, Candace and Zac West & family on the passing of Bill's mother, Helen West.
 . . .the many family and friends of John Harvey Reichert.
 . . .the family and friends of Marjorie Haines, our former pastor, Nevin Haines's wife of Pueblo, CO. If you are interested in sending a card to son John, his address is: 3536 Cameron Creek Drive, Matthews, NC 28105-6880.

Congratulations to . . .

. . .Leah Dittenber on her 86th Birthday!
 . . .Violet & George Knaub on their 58th Wedding Anniversary!
 . . .Holly Walker on being selected for Miss Teen 2nd Attendant for the Scotts Bluff Co. Fair and to Carli Rose for winning the People's Choice Award and for tying for first for the Talent Award for the Miss Queen portion of the contest. We are proud of you ladies!!
 . . .Bob & Norma Busch on their 33rd Wedding Anniversary on Aug 8th!
 . . .Don & Carol Loos on their 8th Wedding Anniversary, on August 24th!

BOOK RECOMMENDATION for September. . .

"Ten Things Jesus Never Said" by Will Davis, Jr.



Too often Christians carry a lot of guilt and baggage when it comes to their relationship with God. The problem is that so many of us believe unbiblical, damaging things about how critical God is and how fed up he must be with us. But many of the things we think Jesus would say to us--things like "I can't believe you call yourself a Christian," "If you really loved me, you'd try harder," and "I'm so disappointed in you"--are things he never said. The solution, says Will Davis Jr., is to stop believing the lies and start believing the things Jesus did say. In 10 Things Jesus Never Said, Davis un.masks commonly believed myths about our relationship with God and shows readers how to replace this pervasive theology of failure with the truth of how Jesus really feels about them. Discussion questions at the end of each chapter help small groups or individuals apply these truths to their current situations. Anyone who has ever felt that they didn't measure up to God's standards will love this freeing exploration of grace and forgiveness.



Our KCMJ Broadcast for SEPTEMBER is given in loving memory of Dennis Schultz from wife Sharon Schultz & family. Thank you for making our broadcast possible.



General Fund for July, 2011

INCOME:

Other Income	\$	5,246.57
Sunday Offering		22,723.80
TOTAL INCOME	\$	16,574.36

EXPENSES:

Bldg. & Grounds	\$	16,544.90
Ministry		3,459.95
Missions		10.00
Office		203.29
Staff Benefits		6,467.84
Staff Salary		6,536.27
Utilities		906.47
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$	34,128.82

TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE \$ (-6,148.43)

Zion Church is invited to the Wedding Reception of Joe & Meghan (Douglas) Trapp September 26th at 7:00 p.m. (Joe & Meghan will be married in Mexico on September 18th)

COOP Receipt Total: \$54,529.00

We are more than half way to our goal. 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!

Don't Forget

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

Upcoming Events in September/October**Thursday, September 1st**

7:00 p.m. Youth Parent's Meeting

Monday, Sept 5th**Church Office Closed for Labor Day****Tuesday, Sept 6th**

12 noon Men's Bible Study begins

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Wed., September 7th6:30 p.m. 7th Grade Confirmation Parent's Meeting7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation Parent's Meeting

7:00 p.m. Choir

7:30 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation

8:00 p.m. Senior High Bible Study

Thursday, September 8th

7:00 p.m. Junior High Youth

Saturday, September 10th

7:00 a.m. Grebel Kick-Off

Sunday, September 11th

10:30 a.m. Awana Staff Dedication

3:30 p.m. Awana Kick-Off

5:00 p.m. NEVER FORGET 9/11 Remembrance

Monday, September 12th

7:00 p.m. Ladies Guild

Tuesday, September 13th

6:00 p.m. MOPS at Night

Sunday, September 18th1-3 p.m. Schick Open House at their new home
3102 19th Avenue, Scottsbluff**Monday, September 19th**

6:30 p.m. Craft Night

Tuesday, September 20th

12 noon Woman's Bible Study/Bridget's home

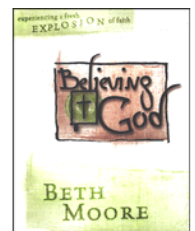
Sunday, October 2nd

8:30/10:30 World Day of Communion

****Watch the bulletin for further details for Dewey's Bible Study and other ministries to begin.****NEVER FORGET
10th Anniversary
Observance Of 9/11
Five Rocks
Amphitheater
09.11.11****5:00 p.m.
Emergency Vehicle
Processional****6:30 p.m.
Community Concert****FREE TO ALL!****OPEN HOUSE**at the Schick's - 3102 19th Ave
September 18th from 1-3 p.m.Come see our new home and please know you
are ALWAYS welcome to stop in!

Women's Bible Study to Begin!

A Women's Bible Study is beginning on Tuesday, September 20 at Bridget Schick's home, 3102 19th Ave, from 12:00-1:00. Grab a brown bag lunch, a dear friend and let's dive into God's Word.

Based on Isaiah 43:10, *Believing God: Experiencing a Fresh Explosion of Faith* by Beth Moore explores what it means to believe God. Through studying the lives of Abraham, Moses, and others from Hebrews 11 as examples of persons who believed in God, Beth encourages women to deepen their own trust in God and receive a fresh word from Him.

Sign up at the Welcome Center and order your book now from the Bible Book Shop or go online. Call Bridget at 632-7582 with any questions.

~ AWANA NEWS ~

A BIG THANKS to the Staff for the 2011-12 club year that were able to take time out of their busy summer schedule to join me on Wednesday evening, the 17th of August for our **Staff Picnic and Prayer & Planning Meeting**. I had a "weak moment" and decided to have the Staff bring an Italian dish rather than the traditional Mexican dish to share. It all worked out well, though, especially for those that like Italian more than Mexican . . . as well as for me as I just decided to bring a couple of Godfather's **Taco** Pizzas for my contribution!!! HA!!! (On that note, though, I think I had better put that on the "application" to become an AWANA leader that you must love Mexican food!!! Just kidding!!!) ☺ We had a fun time, as always, and actually got quite a bit accomplished!

Woo hoo!!! Woo hoo!!! Woo hoo!!! I cannot tell you how happy (and relieved I am) to say that the **Pizza Reward Party** and the **Swimming Reward Party** for last club year have taken place. I apologize to those reading this that you had to "listen to me whine" about it for the last several months . . . but I think that most of you that have or work with children know that when you make a promise to kids, you need to follow through. So, on August 20th at 11:00 a.m., I met at Frank Park with the kids that were on winning team #3 and we enjoyed pizza, soda, chips and brownies. Then at noon, we walked across the street to the Splash-Arena and joined all of the clubbers that had completed their handbooks from last club year. It was a wonderful day!!! It was not too hot to be at the park and be on the play equipment and yet plenty warm to be at the pool. Thank you to the adult leaders that joined me in the pool to interact with the clubbers. Pastor Andy is always a BIG SPLASH with the kids in more ways than one! He definitely won the cannonball contest off the diving board!!! Congratulations, again, to all of the kids/leaders that qualified for the reward parties!!! (Hope to see you again next year!!!)

We finished out August on the 27th with **Basic Training** held here at Zion from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Ministry Team Members for Rick & Fairy Hattan and Paul & Janet Harkness sponsored this Basic Training for the Panhandle of Nebraska and Eastern Wyoming. A big thanks to Robert &

Melissa Jones (Calvary Memorial E-Free), Kim Hamilton and Coleeta Lewis (Pleasant Point), Waldo Smith from Laramie, WY and myself - as well as staff from Calvary E-free for nursery duty to make the morning a success. And, thank you to my staff that were able to attend!

The countdown is on until we have **Kick-Off for the 2011-12 club year!** As of my typing this, it is exactly two weeks away. Fliers and registration forms will be going out this week. One **special note** about Kick-Off on the afternoon of Sunday, September 11th is that because we want to show our support for the community's "Never Forget" event: We will be backing up our start time to 3:00 p.m. (just for Kick-Off!) so that we can be done and cleaned up in plenty of time for a few of my staff that are participating in the combined choir for the event as well as families that are interested in attending. At the 10:30 church service earlier that day, we will have our staff dedicated for the club year. Don't forget to be in uniform, Staff!!!

AWANA Ministry Conference will be held this year on Saturday, September 24th at Calvary Memorial E-Free Church in Gering. If there are Staff members that didn't get signed up the night of our picnic and are interested in attending, please let me know asap as it is not too late!!! Zion AWANA pays your registration fee and you get a free lunch!!! Not to mention all of the great ideas, information, fun & fellowship with which you will be blessed!!!

On Sunday, September 25th, we will start our **Parent's Nights** with Puggles & Trek. So, if you have a clubber in either of those clubs, please make sure to mark that down on your calendars!!! The remaining clubs will have their Parent's Nights in October.

I am looking forward to all that God has in store for this new club year and thanking Him that He has it ALL UNDER CONTROL!!! I would ask that the Congregation please be in prayer for the Staff, the clubbers and their families. I will see "you" at **Kick-Off on September 11th at 3:00 p.m.!!!**

Cheryl Rose, AWANA Commander

CIRCLE OF PRAISE:

The Circle of Praise held their annual cream can supper hosted by Ed & Elaine Kling, Don & Carol Loos and Geri & David Klein. There were 42 people in attendance. Bob Schmer played his accordion and there was a sing along with the ladies quartet leading. The salads and desserts were wonderful and everyone enjoyed the cream can food. Don had a short meeting and it was determined that we will hold a carry in dinner in the near future to honor the choir and those who present special music every week. The next meeting will be held in September and will be hosted by Donna Brehm, Sandy Kling, Joyce Johnston and Pat Stricker.



CRAFT NIGHT -

JOIN US FOR CRAFT NIGHT, MONDAY, SEPT. 19 AT 6:30

BRING A PROJECT OF YOUR CHOICE OR JUST COME AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP.

QUESTIONS--CLAUDETTE SCHMIDT 635-1149.

PLEASE SIGN UP SO I KNOW HOW MANY TO PLAN FOR.



MOPS at Night. . .

Join us for MOPS @ Night as we explore our MOMSense this year! We will be kickin' off our year with an Open House on Tuesday, September 13th from 6-8pm at Zion. The open house will include registration for your MOPS International Membership - you get a cool member pack and access to a lot of great resources, snacks and games for you and your kiddos, and an opportunity to check out all the great things we have planned for the year. Bring a friend, too! MOPS is for **ALL** moms with kiddos, pregnancy through kindergarten. Mothering was not meant to be done alone!



MISSIONS:

"Who's Who in Missions" is a monthly critique of the different ministries that Zion supports.

Community Christian School:

Community Christian School is an interdenominational school that provides an excellent educational option to the parents of the Platte valley. CCS started in 1988 with 26 students and now has an enrollment of 200 students from pre-school to 8th grade. The school is committed to a Christian philosophy of education which includes hiring Christian teachers, Christian curriculum, daily classes and integrating Christian character across the curriculum. CCS is approved by the State Department of Education and teaches all the core subjects of the typical school. All teachers are certified by the state of Nebraska.

Thank you for your continued support of CCS and the other missions supported by Zion Evangelical Church.

In His Service,
Jerry Ross,
Missions Secretary

THANK YOU!

Dear Zion Church Family,
I want to thank everyone for the many prayers, cards and visits while I was in the hospital and home after my car accident. Thank you, Pastor Garry and Pastor Andy, for the prayers and visits. God bless you all!

Mary Lou Fegler

Dear Zion Evangelical Church. . .

Thank you for all the kindness you showed me during my extended hospital stay. The prayers, visits, books, presents and meals were greatly appreciated. All of your kindness helped with the tough situation. Please excuse my tardiness expressing my gratitude.

**In Christ's Love,
Angela Rhamy**

Hello Church,

I just wanted to say "thank you" for helping us with the parking for our Biker Sunday. Thanks for partnering with us to reach 'one more' for Christ!

Pastor Tyson
The Rock Church

ZION SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Sunday School sponsored our annual All Church/Sunday School Picnic on Aug. 21. What a wonderful time of fellowship we had with good food brought by everyone! Sunday School bought fried chicken (you can't have a picnic without fried chicken) and we had some good old fashioned gospel singing. We want to thank Pastor for playing "Jesus Loves Me" on his harmonica, Andrea Musonda, the Harris family, Zion Choir, Dave and Terri Erdman and the Ladies Ensemble. What a time of worship and praise. The kids had a time of their own outside! Thank you, Janae Griess, and all the youth that helped her with the water games for all the little kids and a big thank you to Andy Griess and Erik and Adam Harris for rigging up a Slip-N-Slide. The kids had a blast - it was a very fun day!

We will be starting our new Sunday School classes on Sept. 4th, for ages 3 to 100. We are so blessed to have the Sunday School teachers that dedicate their time to teaching young and old more about Jesus. I was so blessed in the 8:30 service, when Pastor asked for a testimony from anyone about a childhood experience they had in Sunday School. A lady stood up and said that her parents used to drop her off at Sunday School and the one thing that stood out in her mind was that she learned to sing "Jesus Loves Me", and even though her parents didn't come in with her, she is serving the Lord today. I am so thankful for my Godly parents who taught Sunday School, helped with Bible School and helped with the Christmas programs. Because of their love for the Lord, I am doing what I do today, and in turn, my daughter loves coming to church, as many young people do, and helping with all the programs. I am so thankful for Andy and Janae and the youth ministry they have for our teenagers and young adults; they love going to Andy's house, and they Bible Study. Thank you to Pastor Garry who takes a great interest in our Sunday School, as well as our church board and President Bob Busch who help and support us. We truly are a family of God and I am humbled to belong to such a wonderful family.

Our third graders received their Bibles in the 10:30 service on Aug. 21st and we hope they will put them to good use. Please come check out your child's Sunday School room and feel free to join your child's class anytime. Thank you again for your support to Sunday School and Zion Church. God bless!

Sharon Stricker, Robin Schadwinkel
& Deb Pieper

YOUTH:

Ready or not, the school year has arrived. August has been a mad scramble to make sure we are ready to start back up with all of our youth programs. Now that September is here and preparations have been made, I'm excited to see what God has planned in the lives of all the students who will be participating this year in all of our youth group activities. Before getting started, there were two things that needed to get done. First, I needed to have a meeting with all of the young adults and high school students who volunteer to help with our junior high outreach on Thursday nights. This was taken care of at the end of August, and I'm encouraged by the group we are going to have helping again this year. We have a nice mixture of experienced volunteers and those who are newer. The second thing to address is that I need to meet with all of the parents of our students who are interested in gaining a better understanding of what we have planned for our students this year. I have this parent meeting scheduled for Sept. 1 at 7 P.M. It is designed for parents primarily, but anyone from the church who wonders just what my job entails is welcomed to join us.

Starting the week after Labor Day, we will be up and running. My main area of emphasis for our junior high students is on our Thursday night outreach for 6th-8th grade students. My lessons this year will be focused on helping the students understand that the Bible is God's word for us. I will be working through the story of the Bible from beginning to end emphasizing all the way, the many ways the Bible uniquely proves itself to be from God. They will see that even before Adam and Eve sinned, God had a plan to send a Savior and that everything from beginning to end points us to Jesus. I also will be teaching the 7th and 8th grade Sunday school class, so those students will hear me teach two lessons every week. Our Sunday School class is going to read through and discuss the Gospel of John throughout the course of the school year.

The main focus of my ministry to our high school students is our Bible study on

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Wednesday nights. By this time in these students' lives, most have made decisions about how seriously they take their faith, and those who take it seriously are ready to begin to dig deeper into the Bible to get beyond the surface of their faith. We will begin this year with a study of the book of Colossians. The students chose this book, and I believe it's a good one to study based on where they are at in their lives. The book focuses on the greatness of Jesus and encourages its readers that if they have trusted Jesus (and continue to trust him), they have everything they need to be who God calls them to be. Another activity we have for our high school students is our prayer/fellowship meetings on Sunday nights. Those who participate on Sunday night will eat dinner together followed by a meeting which will include memorizing Scripture, sharing testimonies of what students are learning, sharing prayer requests, and praying together. After our meeting, those who want to stay usually spend time together at my house doing whatever they feel like doing on that particular night. We usually play games, watch a movie, or sit around and talk while playing with Josie's toys. Most of our high school students who participate in our Bible study and prayer/fellowship nights are also active in serving in some way in the church as well. Many help on Sunday as Awana leaders and/or on Thursday nights as leaders for our junior high group. I believe this combination of learning through in depth Bible study and serving others in the church is vital to seeing these students grow into the men and women God wants them to be.

Please be in prayer that God would take all we have planned and use it to build spiritual maturity in these students. Pray also that God would use what we're doing to reach out to students who don't know him and lead them to trust in Jesus.

Andy



MINISTRY/MISSION OPPORTUNITY!

The **Operation Christmas Child** workday at the Distribution Center in Denver is set for **Monday, November 28th!** That is a long way off but this way you can start making arrangements now to help Samaritan's Purse get the thousands of shoeboxes ready to ship. There will be more details to follow in the weeks/months to come, so watch the bulletin and newsletters concerning this trip and the collection of shoeboxes from Zion.



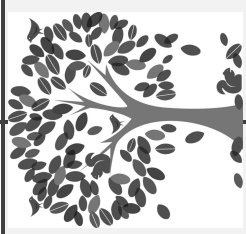


DINNER FOR EIGHT

Want to get to know the people you worship with each week a little bit better? Sign up today to be part of a **Dinner for Eight** group. Each group, comprised of couples and singles, will take turns meeting at each other's homes once a month for a meal or other fun group activity. The groups will be chosen at random from those who sign up and will begin meeting in October. You may sign up at the Welcome Center or call the Church office at 632-8125.



September, 2011

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 9:55 Take Twenty/Brothers 10:30 Worship & 10:30 KCMJ Broadcast 11:30 Communion/Chapel	  Church Office is closed	10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life 12:00 Men's Bible Study 7:00 Church Council Mtg	9:30 Staff Meeting 6:30 7th Grade Conf Parent Mtg 7:00 Choir 7:00 8th Grade Conf Parent Mtg 7:30 8th Grad Confirmation 8:00 Senior High Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team	Youth Parent's Meeting 7:00 p.m. 7:00 Junior High Youth		
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