

# NEWS FROM ZION

ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH ~ SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

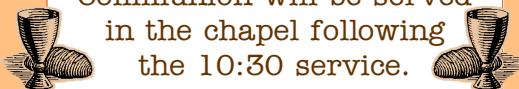


NOVEMBER, 2012

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## Communion

Sunday, November 4th  
Communion will be served  
in the chapel following  
the 10:30 service.



## GREBEL & COFFEE

Saturday, November 3rd

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...

### What a Privilege!

*“...the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses.”*

Daniel 5:21b NKJV

Election Day is at hand and we have the privilege and responsibility to inform ourselves about the candidates and cast our votes. This is something the first followers of Christ did not get to do. They had no say in who represented them in government and more often than not, the governments they lived under were hostile to Christ and his followers. Never the less, they were called on to pray for their government leaders; recognize them as appointed by God to their posts and accountable to God for their actions; obey them in so far as it did not conflict with their moral and spiritual obligations under God; and live honorable productive lives that would bear good witness for Christ and bear positive fruit in the world. We are no less called to pray for our leaders; be salt and light in our society; lead honest and productive lives; obey our governing

leaders recognizing them as holding their positions by God's will for God's purposes in history; trust God in his appointments through our election system; and as citizens of this great land, to be aware of the issues, where our candidates stand, and stand by our biblical values and vote!

Pastor Garry



## SPECIAL SERVICES AND GUESTS!!

Sunday, November 25th,

Frontier Holiday Carolers from  
Frontier School of the Bible,  
led by Ken Stearns, will be our  
special guests in the  
8:30 and 10:30 services.

They will present a  
program of music sure to enjoyable.  
Between the two services, we will do  
our Moravian Lovefeast with the  
traditional rolls and coffee.  
Plan now on being a part of  
this special Sunday.

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

### Mission Prayer Partners for NOVEMBER, 2012

- 4 - Francisco & Eliane DeSouza/  
FIM
- 11 - The Persecuted Church
- 18 - The Gideons International
- 25 - Tom & Sandi Hofmann/  
Awana Clubs

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first and in color if you  
receive it via email.  
Just drop us a note at  
[zion@vistabeam.com](mailto: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.



**SALUTING  
OUR  
VETERANS**

**General Fund for SEPTEMBER, 2012****INCOME:**

Fund Raisers	\$	934.50
Other Income		364.26
Sunday Offering		18,296.25
<u>Uncategorized Income</u>		4.69
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>19,599.70</b>

**EXPENSES:**

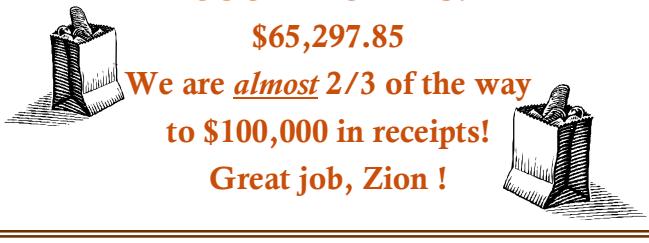
Bldg. & Grounds	\$	2,213.62
Fund Raising		185.34
Ministry		2,071.82
Mission Fund		3,256.25
Office		1,454.87
Special Expense		146.00
Staff Benefits		6,949.91
Staff Salary		6,437.85
<u>Utilities</u>		1,084.70
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>23,800.36</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(-4,200.66)</b>

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**COOP RECEIPTS:****\$65,297.85**

We are almost 2/3 of the way  
to \$100,000 in receipts!

Great job, Zion !



November's KCMI Broadcast is given  
in loving memory of Laurie Haugen  
from her family.

**Sympathies and condolences are extended to...**

...Francine Rogers on the passing of her mother.  
...Sharon Schultz and family on the passing of brother-in-law, John Schultz.

**Congratulations to...**

...Gene Minch on his 87th Birthday on October 15th.  
...Dewey & Betty Brothers on their Anniversary, October 9th.  
...Steve & Jane Schlager on the birth of granddaughter, Violet Ann Jacobs on Oct 5th weighing 8#, 6oz and 20" long. Proud parents are Josh & Kristi Jacobs and big sister, Audrey.  
...Jerrod Livengood on his 35th Birthday!  
...Katherine Kaufman on her 99th Birthday!  
...Emma Marker on her 95th Birthday!

**THANK YOU!**

Dear Zion Church Family - Thank you so much for the opportunity to share with you for Mission Sunday. It was wonderful to be back in Scottsbluff and to see all of you. I enjoyed hearing from you about what is going on in your lives and hearing what questions you had about my ministry in Madrid, Spain.

I also want to thank you for all the generous donations I received toward my ministry. It was an incredible blessing to see how you responded to my need with so many generous and sacrificial gifts. My time in Nebraska reminded me of how lucky I am to have been raised in such a loving church and I returned to Madrid refreshed and more eager than ever to see an equally loving and giving church come into being here.

In Christ,  
Erin Campbell

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Thank you to all from Zion who showed your appreciation through cards, gifts and words of encouragement during Pastor Appreciation month. We feel blessed by God to serve this church and feel loved and appreciated all year long!

Andy & Janae

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Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the many cards and words of appreciation during Pastor's Appreciation Month and thank you to the Church Council for the Chamber Bucks! It is an honor to serve with so many dedicated people for Christ and His Kingdom here at Zion!

Love,  
Pastor Garry, Bridget, Anna, Micah, Nathan & Grace

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Dear Zion Church Family - Thank you for the many cards & wishes during this Pastor Appreciation month and for the Chamber Bucks. As well, thank you for the food, cards, calls and prayers during & through Betty's illness. We are most thankful and so proud of our church family. We are truly blessed!

Dewey & Betty Brothers

~ AWANA NEWS ~

On the last Saturday in September, five of the Zion AWANA Staff were blessed to participate in the **AWANA Ministry Conference** held at Monument Bible Church. The theme was "Zoom Out - See the Bigger Picture" and it emphasized that to be a successful Awana Club, we must recognize that children and youth are most effectively discipled when parents and leaders work together. As a "whole" we were a bit low in numbers but it was a great day and we so appreciate the Hattan's & Harkness's and all of the hard work they put into the conferences.

I cannot tell you how wonderful it was to have **Erin Campbell** share with us on our Mission Sunday here at Zion. She was one of my Chum clubbers when I was the Director of that 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade girls club (just a **few** years ago ☺). I would've NEVER in a million years thought that this quiet, shy little girl



would grow up and serve the Lord as a missionary in Madrid, Spain! That is what is **SO AMAZING** about how God works in our lives and calls us in different ways to serve Him! I am so very proud of her! Erin & I explained to the clubbers how being a missionary can involve many different types of "work". I told them how when I was on a mission trip with several others from our church for a week in Tecate, Mexico we actually built a home for a family and had a lot of interaction with children from the area. Erin, on the other hand, is mostly working on establishing adult relationships in order to disciple them with hopes of these people eventually becoming "a church plant" in Madrid. Erin shared with the clubbers how she trusted Jesus as her Lord and Savior when she was in Sparks.☺ She shared with us that her main focus right

now is to learn the Spanish language because without being able to converse with the people in their language, she is very "handicapped" in being able to share the Gospel. We were able to give her a donation that will help her with her lesson expenses. Erin shared pictures of her mission team, a map of Spain and different foods she's eaten while in Madrid - some very yummy looking and others quite nasty! (Black squid ink - ewww!) She told the clubbers that it tasted like the bottom of the ocean floor. And, of course, several clubbers asked how she knew what the bottom of the ocean tasted like! ☺ I was very proud of the clubbers as they had some really good questions for Erin. She taught us how to say "Jesus loves you" in Spanish.

The first Sunday in October, we did something a little different for what has traditionally been several club nights of Parent's Nights. We held an **Open House** for all of our clubber's parents. I think that everyone had a great



time. A BIG thanks to the Staff for providing the ice cream treats that we all enjoyed at the end of the evening. The pic-



tures from the Open House are of parents participating with their clubbers in handbook time, council time (song time) and game time - the Sparkies especially like to do the Rabbit Hunt with their parents in the center of the game circle. ☺

As of this writing, we have celebrated "half" of **Pastor's Appreciation**. During opening ceremony on



October 21<sup>st</sup>, we celebrated with Pastor Andy and Janae. We gave them our special notes we made for them and gift cards from Ole' and the Nile Theater. We each enjoyed a cup of popcorn with **30 M&M's** on top during the individual handbook times. (Yes, Carli and I actually did count out 30 M&M's for the cups! Needless to say, my

daughter thinks that I am losing my mind!) ☺ We will be celebrating with Pastor Garry & Bridget before Fun Fair on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Zion is very blessed to have such godly men and women in leadership! We so appreciate all of you!!!



We have some contests/challenges that will be "running" all club year. One is that if/when a clubber brings 2 guests to club, they will receive **30 shares**. Congratulations goes to Ashtyn Silverman for being the first clubber to accomplish this the 2<sup>nd</sup> club night in October. I will announce several more clubbers in next month's article that will be receiving their 30 shares as well. The clubbers are also working on earning their way to a pizza party that will be held in April 2013 for all clubbers that have passed **30 sections** in their handbook. I am thrilled to say that we already have a Sparky clubber that has received her invitation to the pizza party! Congratulations to Laura Yellman! Woohoo for these two Sparky clubbers that have gotten a great "start out of the gate"!!! The other two challenges involve Mission giving. If a clubber gives **\$3.00 to our Adopt-A-Club in Africa**, they will receive an Africa award patch for their uniform. And for any clubbers that donate a full shoe box to the Operation Christmas Child collection they will receive a \$3.00 gift card to JAX.

Congratulations to our **September Clubbers of the Month**: Sparks - Laura Yellman & Nathan Schick; T&T - Cloe Brannan & Micah Schick and Trek - Anna Schick. Great job - keep it up!

We have one and a half more events in October that we are looking forward to - **Fun Fair** and **Pastor's Appreciation** with Pastor Garry and Bridget!

Looking ahead to November, we will have our **Operation Christmas Child** collection and our first break from club with the Thanksgiving holiday. It's going SO FAST!!! However, in the crazy rat race we find ourselves in at times, my prayer is that we would all take time to SLOW DOWN and count the **MANY BLESSINGS** that we receive from OUR GREAT GOD each and every day . . . start by listing **30** and I bet it won't be long before you'd have a list of **300** or more!!! ☺

On behalf of the AWANA Staff ~ Have a Blessed Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends!

**GOD IS IN CONTROL,**

Cheryl Rose, AWANA Commander

**CIRCLE OF PRAISE****November 10th - 6:00 p.m.**

**Theme:** Veteran's Day - bring any "old" pictures relating to the military/veterans

Soup will be served - bring a salad or dessert.

Sign up at the Welcome Center.

**Hosting:** Dave & Teri Erdman,  
Mike & Shirley Bauer

**UPCOMING:****December 8th - 8a.m.-Noon***"Annual Cookie Walk"*

Sign up at the Welcome Center if you would be able to donate cookies!

Be sure to mark your calendar.

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**Jeremiah House:**

We had a good night serving approximately 60 people. Attendance was lower than usual. There is a new women's group. The women must attend the group if they eat dinner. There were three women and two small children with them. We had three men from the community come to eat. Brian Hale has directed the people from the community eat last so they aren't with the small children. If food is running low, they will eat what is left. We are always fortunate to have enough for everyone. We served chicken and noodles, fresh grapes, celery, carrots and "Wanda's Homemade Cookies". The kids ate well. They especially enjoyed the grapes. We could have had more, but each one got some. We will not serve in November or December due to Holiday vacation. We will, however, cook turkey for their Family Thanksgiving Dinner. It is hard to believe the holidays are so close.

Serving for the Lord,  
Terry Martin

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**LADIES GUILD:**

The ladies met for their October meeting with 19 ladies present. Hymns were sung and prayer requests taken and prayed for.

Erin Campbell gave her presentation on her work in Spain. It was interesting to hear her tell her story about Spain and what she has learned and accomplished so far. She told of her accomplishments to come and what needs to be done. She mentioned the difficulty of

learning Spanish and being able to communicate on an in-depth level. She continues with her Spanish lessons.

A discussion was held on how to split the Missions giving and it was decided to divide it equally between Hans Wilhelm and KCMI radio. Joyce Kautz presented the slate of officers: President ~ Elaine Kling; Treasurer ~ Jane Schlager; Secretary ~ Teri Erdman. It was mentioned that there are still cookie sheets and knives available for purchase. Hostesses were: Heddi Stricker, Martha Stricker, Jane Schlager and Barb Kautz

Helen Maier, Secretary

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**MISSIONS CORNER: The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church** is a call to observe a "Day of Remembrance" for the persecuted Christians throughout the world.

*"Oh hear, O Lord the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry." Ps 10:17.*

There is a war against Christianity and despite what you may or may not hear in the media, it is not slowing down. Believers are incarcerated, beaten, tortured, harassed and killed by their neighbors and governments, all for the sake of the Gospel.

*2 Corinthians 4:8-9 "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."*

Sunday, November 11, 2012 is set apart as the designated date for International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. This is a day to remember the thousands of our Christian brothers and sisters around the world who have suffered persecution and have been martyred simply because they confess their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. This also is a call to bring us into an awareness of their plight as they suffer for their faith and to support these victims of persecution.

*Romans 12:10 - "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves."*

Please consider these issues as you pray :

- Empowerment of Christians to fulfill the

Great Commission in areas of the world where they are persecuted for their involvement in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

- Relief and healing to the families of Christian martyrs and remember their courage and faith.
- 1 Corinthians 12:26 - *"When one member suffers, all members suffer with it."*
- Encouragement of Christians in crisis in their faith and support them in their church work to reach the lost and unreached.
- Help needed to win the opposed with the message of God's Word. Proverbs 31:8-9 - *"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."*
- Assistance to Christians and the churches subject to religious persecution.
- Equipping of local Christians to win to Christ those persecutors who are opposing the gospel.

Matthew 5:44 - *"Love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!"*

- Encouragement needed to help abused believers rebuild their lives.
- That the world will become aware of the atrocities committed against Christians.

*"Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." Hebrews 13:3*

Please keep in mind that Christians facing persecution require prayer from their brothers and sisters around the world more than just once a year. Commit to partnering with the persecuted by praying often and standing with those facing opposition because of their faith in Jesus.

In His Love,  
Linda Peterson

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#### YOUTH:

At this point in the school year, I'm pretty pleased with how well things are going with our youth ministry overall and especially pleased with our high school group. We have a consistent group of senior high students for Bible study each Wednesday night who seem to work hard to understand and be involved in the lesson. We fin-

ished 1 Thessalonians in October and by Thanksgiving should be able to work our way through 2 Thessalonians. This was my first time teaching both of these two books, so the study has been interesting to me and I hope to the students as well. I'm interested to find out what they would like to study next.

Our junior high group continues to confuse me. For years we have had a lot of students for our Thursday night outreach and have had difficulty getting our 7th and 8th graders to come to Sunday school regularly. This year my Sunday school class has been great. We have a good group every week, and they take part in the discussion. At the same time, our Thursday night group continues to be small. I hope in the next month things pick up quite a bit. The group we have coming now is a fun group to work with, so I thoroughly enjoy Thursday nights. However, we would love to fill the chapel up with students so we can share the Gospel message with more of them.

We did one special event in October involving both the high school group and the 7th and 8th grade Sunday school class. We took a group of 18 to a big corn maze outside of Lingle, Wyoming. The high school group has gone the past couple of years, and they always somehow enjoy getting lost and wandering around for an hour or two in a corn field. The night we picked to go was beautiful. We enjoyed perfect fall weather. The stars and few clouds were beautifully bright against the dark skies. Every time I looked up, I had to marvel at the beauty of the world God has made for us to enjoy. I feel blessed to enjoy all the gifts God gives while having the privilege of serving him at Zion. Please keep our students in your prayers as they continue to participate in all the activities we have in place for them each week.



Andy

*Frontier School of the Bible  
presents the  
Frontier Holiday Carolers  
November 25th, 2012  
the 8:30 and 10:30 services*



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**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

**The COLLECTION WEEK will be November 12-19th.  
There are shoe boxes (if you need one or more) on a table in the  
Oasis along with brochures on how to pack your box.  
Please have your boxes here by Sunday, November 18th  
so they can be delivered on time to 1st Baptist Church.**



# Zion Evangelical Church Calendar



## NOVEMBER, 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4	8:30 Worship & Communion 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 S.S. @ Zion & Emerald Ct 9:50 Take Twenty/Brothers 10:30 KCMI Broadcast 11:30 Communion/Chapel 3:30 Awana	10:00 Bible Study/Village	10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life	12:00 Ladies Bible Study 12:00 Men's Bible Study	9:30 Staff Meeting 6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Choir 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 Sr High Bible Study	7:00 JR High Youth  <b>Circle of Praise</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Be sure to turn your clocks back 1 hour !!</b>
5					7	8
6					7	9
7					7	10
11	<b>Pray for the Persecuted Church</b>  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. 9:50 Take Twenty/Brothers 10:30 Worship & Praise 3:30 AWANA 4:15 Vespers/Residency  <b>Thank a Vet today!</b>	10:00 Bible Study/Village	10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life	12:00 Ladies Bible Study 12:00 Men's Bible Study	6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Choir 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 Sr High Bible Study	7:00 JR High Youth
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18	8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team V 9:30 S.S. @ Zion & Emerald Ct. 9:50 Take Twenty/Brothers 10:30 Worship & Praise 3:30 AWANA 4:15 Vespers/Residency 7:00 Combine AC's Thanksgiving Service/Mitchell	10:00 Bible Study/Village	10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life	12:00 Ladies Bible Study 12:00 Men's Bible Study	7:00 p.m.  <b>Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service</b>	<b>OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION WEEK ~ November 12-19</b>    <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b>  <b>Church Office closed</b>
19					20	21
25	8:30 Frontier Singers 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:30 Moravian Lovefeast 9:30 Prayer Team I 10:30 Frontier Singers 11:30 Church Decorating/ Pizza for lunch NO AWANA	10:00 Bible Study/Village	10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life	12:00 Ladies Bible Study 12:00 Men's Bible Study	6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Choir 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 Sr High Bible Study	<b>Church Office closed</b>  <b>Working at Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center</b> 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
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29					29	30
30						