NEWS FROM ZION

ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH ~ SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

SEPTEMBER, 2012

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Communion will be served September 2nd following the 10:30 service.

GREBEL & COFFEE
Saturday, September 8th
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...

ABC Praise and a Good Night's Sleep!

"I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety."
Psalm 4:8 NKJV

School is starting, simmer is ending and if you're like me, you're gearing up from one kind of busy to another. I used to think things slowed down in the summer, but no, it's just a different kind of busy. One difference though is that fall brings back a greater sense of structure and routine in life with all its business. And with so much going on in the day, I find it important to get a good night's sleep. The trouble is, it seems when I have the very most going on, I sometimes have the hardest time falling asleep. My mind can run for hours on stuff from the day or stuff to do tomorrow, all the while keeping me from the rest that will make me ready for that tomorrow. What I want to share with you today is an idea I picked up one day in a conversation with our church secretary, Barb, which I have found very effective in both falling asleep and going back to sleep on those occasions when I've woken in the night and might otherwise have gotten up and read for an hour or two before falling back to sleep. It's as simple as ABC! You simply take the letters of the alphabet and attach to each one some truth about God that starts with that letter. For example, as you lay down to sleep you might think, "**A**, my God is **A**wesome. **B**, He makes everything **B**eautiful in its time. **C**, all who **C**all upon the Name of Lord will be saved. **D**, God **D**elights in his children. **E**, my God is the **E**verlasting God. **F**, God is **F**aithful and true to the end. **G**, God is **G**ood." And so on right through Z. Usually, as I'm drifting off to sleep, my mind will get stuck on a letter, and as I roll it around in my mind I'll quietly fall asleep. I've only reached the end of the alphabet once or twice, and yes, you do have to cheat a little with the letter "X," but on the whole this method has worked for me, and maybe it will for you too. Thanks, Barb!

"COURAGEOUS",
the movie, will be shown here at Zion on Saturday, September 23rd at 7:00 p.m. You won't want to miss this!

Pastor Garry

PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

Mission Prayer Partners for SEPTEMBER, 2012

2 - Community Christian School
9 - Zion AWANA Clubs
16 - Rick & Fairy Hattan/AWANA
23 - Peacemaker Training/4C's
30 - Erin Kampbell/Mission's Sunday

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.

General Fund for JULY, 2012

INCOME:		
Other Income	$	1,734.62
Sunday Offering		25,015.00
Uncategorized Income		3.92
TOTAL INCOME	**$**	**26,753.54**
EXPENSES:		
Bldg. & Grounds	**$**	7,630.54
Ministry		2,029.46
Mission Fund		5.00
Office		468.47
Staff Benefits		3,841.91
Staff Salary		6,959.23
Utilities		1,297.65
TOTAL EXPENSES:	**$**	**22,232.26**
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	**$**	**4,521.28**

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COOP RECEIPTS:

$31,824.27

We are about a 1/3 of the way to $100,000 in receipts!

Great job, Zion !

Special Congratulations & Love to *NORMA RAY* on 45 years of playing the organ here at Zion Church! Thank you, Norma, for your faithful service!

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

Sympathies and condolences are extended to. . .

. . .Whitne & Terry Lofink on the passing of Whitne's grandmother, Billie Lunsford.
. . .the family and friends of Taylor Magdaleno.
. . .the family and friends of Ruth Schmidt.
. . .the family and friends of Pauline Zeiler.
. . .the family and friends of Harold Foos.
. . .Darline Fegler and family on the passing of Darline's sister Mary of Chicago.
. . .Irene Hoffman and Ruth Feagler and family on the passing of brother, Laurence Feagler.
. . .the family and friends of John Minch.

Congratulations to. . .

. . .Gunnar Buchhammer and the Bluffs 12 & up baseball team for capturing a state championship in Sidney!
. . .Cliff & Cindee Reichert on the birth of twin grandsons on 7/3. Tyce Michael was 5#13oz, 18" long and Asher Gregg was 5#3oz, 18" long. Proud parents are Shane & Erin Smailey of Oklahoma City.
. . .Bridget Schick on her birthday, 8/5!
. . . Holly Walker on being chosen 2nd Attendant to the Scotts Bluff Fair Queen.
. . .to Braden Lofink, Austin Rhamy and the Scottsbluff 13 year old Babe Ruth baseball team for capturing the State Baseball Championship.
. . .Duane Stricker on his birthday, 8/14.
. . .Leah Dittenber on her 86th Birthday!
. . .George & Nadynne Schaaf on their 20th Wedding Anniversary!
. . .Pastor & Bridget on their 14th Wedding Anniversary on 8/15!
. . .Bob & Norma Busch on their 34th Wedding Anniversary!

September's KCMI Broadcast is given in memory of George R. Bauer whose birthday was Sept 23rd from wife Betty, his children and grandchildren.

PEACEMAKER'S TRAINING CONFERENCE

When: Friday, September 28
Saturday, September 29

For Who: **Anyone who wants to** learn practical steps to foster a "culture of peace" within your own life and ministry.

Where: Salem Congregational Church

Presenter: Dr. John Kimball, 4C's Director of Conference Care & Church Development

Cost:

Regular registration for certification - $70
Spouse registration for certification - $70
Spouse Registration for non certification - $15
Guest registration for non-certification - $50

Register at the 4C's website:
www.ccccusa.com

What is your conflict style? How have you handled personal conflict in your own life? Have broken relationships ever been detrimental to your church's ministry? This CCCC Peacemaker Certification Training will help give you the skills needed to address conflict in a biblical manner that glorifies God, serves the people around you, and helps you to grow to be more like Christ.

Based upon the tried and tested work of Ken Sande and in cooperation with Peacemaker Ministries, this special CCCC training is taught by Dr. John Kimball, our Director of Conference Care & Church Development and has been designed specifically to meet the needs of our Conference.

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

CIRCLE OF PRAISE:

Circle of Praise will meet Saturday, Sept. 29th. We will be re-painting the Nativity, so dress for painting, outside. This will begin at 3:00 p.m. Then we will have the "Cream Can Supper" following the painting. Ed, Elaine, Don and Carol will be in charge of that. Please bring paint bushes if you have them. Come help us spruce up the Nativity scene for the Christmas season and enjoy supper later on!

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JEREMIAH HOUSE:

God has led us to continue to serve the kids again this year at the Jeremiah House. Our first night is Tuesday, September 18th. Since we mainly depend on our church family to help provide a nice well balanced meal, it takes quite a bit of food. We feed approximately 80 people a night. This first month we would like to serve barbequed chicken legs, baked beans, scalloped potatoes and dessert. Any donations of ***CHICKEN DRUMSTICKS***, boxes of ***SCALLOPED POTATOES*** and ***DESSERT*** **(bars or homemade cookies)** would greatly be appreciated. Every year we see different kids coming. It is great to know so many are learning about our Savior.

Serving for the Lord,
Terry Martin

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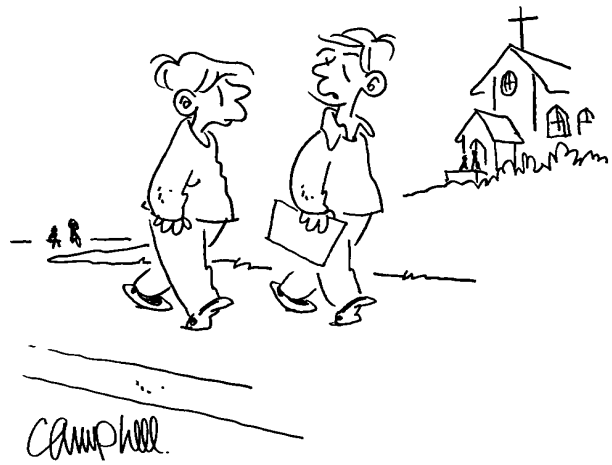

"He Googles you ... that's how God knows all about you."

~ AWANA NEWS ~

The excitement is building as we look forward to "kicking off" our 30th year of AWANA at Zion Church!!! **Kick-Off** will take place this year on Sunday, September 9th at 3:30 p.m. The AWANA Staff will be dedicated at the 10:30 worship service that morning. Staff, please do not forget to wear your uniform!!! The Kick-Off flyer to clubbers/ potential clubbers and their families is still in the process of being put together for mailing but please put September 9th on your calendars!

The AWANA Staff had a great time full of fun, laughter, fellowship, planning & prayer on Wednesday, August 8th during our **Annual Staff Picnic** as we enjoyed Subway sandwiches provided by AWANA along with side dishes and desserts provided by the staff. We are welcoming three new student leaders (formerly called LIT's) – Spencer Riddick, Ben Stricker (pictured middle and right) and Jacob Pieper. Chad Nagasawa (in the SHS football shirt on left) is one of several senior student leaders that will be with us for his/her last year. :(

The **Swimming Reward Party** was held on Sunday, August 12th from 4:30-6:30. As in the past, this is for the clubbers that completed a full handbook (or the equivalent of) during the club year we just completed. Between the clubbers, their parents and staff, we had approximately 50 people in attendance. We were down at the YMCA Trails West Camp swimming pool down by the North Platte River with the Scottsbluff National Monument in the background . . . God's AMAZING handiwork!!!

September 29th will be our area's **AWANA Ministry Conference** held at Monument Bible Church. There are five of us signed up right now – if there are any more staff that are able to attend that day, please let me know as soon as possible and I'll add your name to the list.

The last club meeting in September, the 30th, we are looking forward to having Erin Kampbell come and share with us about her mission work in Spain thru Avant Ministries. She is one of "Zion's own" and a former Zion AWANA clubber. My prayer is that we will be encouraging to and supportive of her in her obedience to God's call on her life. So proud of you, Erin!!!

As we begin this club year in celebration of 30 years of AWANA at Zion, it is so awesome to reflect back on how God's hand has been in control and to know that **He Will Continue To Be In Control**!!! Please keep us in your prayers so that we - the staff - will keep our focus on Christ, on honoring Him and being faithful in teaching the clubbers to know, love and serve Him.

Cheryl Rose, Commander

MISSIONS CORNER:

Erin Kampbell grew up at Zion and is currently working with a church planting team in Madrid, Spain. She will be speaking at the church for Missions Sunday on September 30th about her experiences in Madrid and would also like to meet individually or in small groups with anyone who is interested in hearing details about her ministry in Madrid. She will be in Scottsbluff September 24-October 1. Erin's goal while in the United States is to connect with 10 people who can give $100 each month or with a larger number of people who can contribute smaller amounts. The funding is primarily for continued language learning so that Erin can be more effective in her ministry to Spaniards.

Erin's team is sent jointly by her church in Lincoln, Nebraska and a mission organization, Avant Ministries. Avant Ministries, which is based in Kansas City, seeks to plant churches in countries where less than 2% of the population is evangelical Christian using a method called Short-Cycle Church Planting. Short-Cycle Church Planting is a team-based approach to church planting. The aim is to develop mature, reproducing churches led by nationals within five years of arrival in the field. Ultimately, it is about God's power flowing through teams.

Short-Cycle Church Planting does not look the same in every field. Flexibility is built into this strategy so that teams can adjust to the cultural and political environments of a particular country. Whatever the specific means, the goal is to establish and develop a church as quickly as possible so that, with whatever time God gives us in a field, lives are transformed by the power of Jesus Christ.

Erin and her team are in their second year in Madrid, a city where less than 0.5% of the population is evangelical Christian. If you would like to meet with Erin or join her prayer or financial support team, you can contact her at:
ekampbell@avmi.org or 402.374.5521.
www.avantministries.org

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SUNDAY SCHOOL - Our fall schedule will soon be starting. On August 26th, we had our Sunday School Dedication. Below is a list of all the officers and teachers. Please know that we would like everyone's prayers as we teach children, young adults and adults.

Sunday School Superintendent: Sharon Stricker
Assistant Superintendent: Robin Schadwinkel
Treasurer: Deb Pieper
Pre-school, Pre-kindergarten: Ashley Robbins
Kindergarten: Mickey Janecek /
Helper: Malissa Meyer
1st & 2nd grade: Margaret Hancock
3rd &4th grade: Heidi Robertus
5th & 6th grade: Janae Griess
7th & 8th grade: Andy Griess
Senior High & College/Young Adult: Rich Riddick
Substitute: Brian Rupp
Adult Sunday School: Barb Kautz
Take Twenty: Dewey Brothers
Nursing Home: Vern Fegler

We stand united in serving God and teaching others about Him and we pray this will be a successful year. Thank you for your prayers.

Sharon, Robin and Deb

Help our Mission's giving:
Purchase something from the Community Thrift Store, 1815 1st Ave., turn your receipts into the church and we will receive 10% back of our total receipts for Missions each quarter.

MISSION SUNDAY

Sunday, September 30th, 2012

Special Speaker - *Erin Kampbell*

with Avant Ministries church planting in Spain

(See the Mission's article on p. 5)

Erin will be sharing in both services as well as talking to Take Twenty/Adult SS class and being part of the Awana Clubs .

Carry-in dinner following the 10:30 service.

Plan on joining in this opportunity and fellowship time to see what the Lord is doing in Spain.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

There are 15 spaces available to anyone 13 yrs or older to help at the distribution center for our annual trip to Denver.

Now is the time to start planning and making arrangements!

DATE: Saturday, November 24th

TIME: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

There will be more information to follow.

The COLLECTION WEEK will be November 12-19th.

Zion Evangelical Church Calendar

SEPTEMBER, 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 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 **10:30 KCMI Broadcast** **11:30 Communion/Chapel**	3 **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY!** 	4 10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life **12:00 Men's Bible Study** **7:00 Church Board Mtg**	5 **9:30 Staff Meeting** **6:30 7th Grade Confirmation Parent's Meeting** **7:00 8th Grade Confirmation Parent's Meeting** **7:00 Choir** **7:30 8th Grade Confirmation** **8:00 Sr High Bible Study**	6 **7:00 JR High Youth**	7	8 **GREBEL & COFFEE 7-10 A.M.**
9 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 Kick-Off** 4:15 Vespers/Residency	10 10:00 Bible Study/Village **7:00 Guild**	11 10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life **12:00 Men's Bible Study** **6:00 MOPS @ Night**	12 6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Choir 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 Sr High Bible Study	13 **7:00 JR High Youth**	14	15
16 8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team I 9:30 S.S. @ Zion & Emerald Ct. 9:50 Take Twenty/Brothers 10:30 Worship & Praise 2:00 Vespers/Golden Living 3:30 AWANA 4:15 Vespers/Residency	17 10:00 Bible Study/Village **7:00 100th Anniversary Comm. Meeting**	18 10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life **12:00 Men's Bible Study** **5:00 Jeremiah House**	19 6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Choir 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 Sr High Bible Study	20 **7:00 JR High Youth**	21	22 **3:00 Circle of Praise/painting Nativity followed by the Cream Can Supper**
23/30 8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team **II-23rd/III-30th** 9:30 S.S. @ Zion & Emerald Ct. 9:50 Take Twenty/Brothers 10:30 **23rd** - Worship & Praise **30th - Mission Sunday** 3:30 AWANA **7:00 - 23rd - Movie Night/ "Courageous"**	24 10:00 Bible Study/Village	25 10:00 Bible Study/Wel-Life **12:00 Men's Bible Study**	26 6:30 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 Choir 7:30 8th Grade Confirmation 8:00 Sr High Bible Study	27 **7:00 JR High Youth**	28 **Valley Mobile Food Pantry 1:00 p.m.** Peacemaker Conference@Salem Church Happy Birthday, Janae Griess!	29