

NEWS FROM ZION

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COMMUNION

Sunday, July 5th

Communion will be served **after both** services.



MONTHLY CARRY-IN DINNER

SUNDAY, July 12 ~ 11:30 A.M.

Let's gather for fellowship and great food!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

After his resurrection, Jesus explained to his disciples that the entire story of the Old Testament pointed to his coming, his death, and his resurrection as God's solution to the problem of man's sin and need for forgiveness. (Luke 24) During the summer months, we are trying to do a quick survey of the 11 books that cover the storyline of the Old Testament, paying particular attention to the way God clearly pointed to the coming of Jesus. I say trying because I'm quickly finding out how difficult it is to summarize an entire book of the Old Testament in just 30 minutes while adequately giving enough attention to the way God is preparing the world for the Savior he promised. After making it all the way through Genesis on June 7, it took us two weeks to make it through Exodus. Going forward, we'll move as quickly as we can while still emphasizing all the major themes that need to be highlighted. My favorite part of this study so far has been the repeated comment I have been getting after church from various church members: "I'm going to have to go home now and read that part of the Bible again." For a pastor who has just preached a sermon, that's a major victory and a huge encouragement. I would encourage all of our members to read ahead and to go back and re

-read these stories after we cover them.

On June 14, we took a break from our study to enjoy a Sunday morning dedicated to special music. We had fourteen different individuals or groups who prepared special music selections to encourage our hearts. Thank you to all who blessed us with either an instrumental performance or by singing solo or in a group. The music was both enjoyable and uplifting. We will be having another break from our study of the Old Testament storyline in July as we have invited a speaker from The Gideons International to share in both services on July 5th. As a church, we have been strong supporters of the ministry of the Gideons, so this should be an exciting opportunity to hear about the work they are accomplishing around the world.

When we get back to the story of the Old Testament in July, we will be covering the books of Numbers, Joshua, and Judges. These books track the children of Israel, having been redeemed from Egypt, making their way to the Promised Land. The faithfulness of God and the unfaithfulness of his people are contrasted both in the journey to the Promised Land and as they settle into the Promised Land. I'm excited for the study of these books, and I hope many of you will join us regularly during the summer months. I want to remind you also that if you

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

Mission Prayer Partners
for JULY, 2015



- 5 - United States of America
- 12 - Hans Wilhelm/Chinese
- 19 - 4C's Annual Conference
- 26 - Don Osman/LEAD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!



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miss a week during our study you can watch or listen to the study you missed by going to the church website at www.zionscottsbluff.com

All of the exciting things that happened in June were sadly overshadowed by the passing of a great man who served our church faithfully for 20 years, Mr. Dewey Brothers. On June 13, we held a funeral service to give thanks and celebrate his life. Remembrances were shared by his grandson Barry Brothers on behalf of the family, by Mark Harris on behalf of the Gideons, by Pastor Doug Birky on behalf of Sidney Evangelical Free Church, and by both me and Pastor Garry Schick on behalf of Zion. The choir from Zion graciously volunteered to sing a couple of Dewey's favorite hymns as well. I believe everyone involved simply felt honored by the chance to show their respect and appreciation for a man who has made such an impact on so many of our lives. We'll certainly miss Dewey's kind heart, his passion for teaching the Scriptures, and his wonderful ability to tell a story. Please remember to keep his wife Betty in your prayers.

Andrew



A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Almighty God, we remember that you are the Lord of all nations including the United States of America. We are mindful that we stand responsible and accountable before you as we consider our stewardship as citizens of this land. Make us equal to our challenges, O Lord. Guide us into providing justice for all. Turn our hearts toward our children that we may teach them rightly to please you in their citizenship. Enable us to make certain that all citizens, affluent and poor, young and old, male and female are treated fairly and never forgotten. Most of all, keep us aware of your providential care and guidance that we may never assume that we are totally on our own. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Just a reminder:
Remember to call the church office if you or a family member are admitted to the hospital. **OR** have someone in your family give us a quick call: 632-8125
We want to do whatever we can to minister to you or your family when it's needed the most.

Sympathies and condolences are extended to . . .

- . . .the family & friends of Steve Hilzer.
- . . . Ray & Marjorie Steyer on the passing of niece, Ramona Eichbret.
- . . .the many family and friends of Dewey Brothers.

Congratulations to . . .

- . . .Ed & Elaine Kling on their 56th Wedding Anniversary.
- . . .Les & Shannon Kampbell and Erin on the birth of newest granddaughter/niece, Audrey Kaye Eisenmenger, born 5/26, weighing 8# and 20" long. Welcoming her are proud parents Scott & Lindsey (Kampbell) Eisenmenger and siblings, Ethan and Abigail.
- . . .Pastor Andy on his birthday, June 13th!
- . . .Pastor Andy & Janae on their Anniversary, June 13th!
- . . .LeRoy Meininger for his **iris** "Unchained My Heart", the "2015 Queen of the Show".
- . . .Sharon Woznick on her 72nd birthday, June 18th!
- . . .the family and friends of Katherine Buxman.
- . . .Taylor & Shaylah Stephens on the baptism of Harper Olivia Stephens.
- . . .Caleb Musonda on his 3rd Birthday!
- . . .Larry Groskopf on his Birthday, 6/28!
- . . . Mike Bauer on his 80th Birthday, 7/5!

 **COOP RECEIPTS:** 
\$34,550.19
Keep 'em coming!

 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 met June 20th with 20 people enjoying a carry-in pot luck supper. A short business meeting followed with Pat Stricker reminding everyone about Festival of Hope Pie Shoppe, Sat. June 20th at the Mitchell Event Center. Dave Erdman said he and Teri would take the pies that are brought to church up to the Festival. The church would be open at 7:30 Sat. morning for those that want to drop off their pies.

After the meeting, a time of remembering summer vacations was given by different members of the group. It was great to remember how family vacations were when we were young.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer. Please look for the July dates for the next Circle of Praise meeting in July.

Teri Erdman

**LADIES GUILD:**

President Elaine opened our June meeting with 12 women present. Janae offered prayer for the many requests that were shared. Hymns were sung and Erin Kampbell had her birthday.

In old business, the snack trays have found new homes. Andee gave a report on the Mother's Day Tea. Kathy Jay reported that an anonymous person gave a donation to be used for Children's Gifts. Kathy Trook made a motion with a second by Jane that this money be used to make gift packets for children of the church when in the hospital. Motion carried. Andee and Janae will be in charge.

In new business, it was mention that there will not be a meeting in July or August. The picnic was discussed and will be held on Monday, September 14 with Wanda in charge. A discussion was held on how we can encourage ladies of the church to join us. Erin Kampbell and Andee Musonda will be coming up with some possible plans. All women of the church are welcome to join us.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Joyce Kautz, Secretary

Refreshments were served by: Terry Martin, Kathy Jay and Elaine Kling.

FAMILY NIGHT:

MONDAY, JULY 20TH

@ 6:00 P.M. WE WILL BE

GRILLING THIS MONTH. BRING A DISH TO SHARE.

IF YOU CAN BRING YOUR MEAT EARLY, ANDY

WILL START GRILLING SO WE CAN EAT AT OR

AROUND 6 P.M.

SEE YOU THEN!



*The July KCMJ Broadcast is given
by Don & Loretta Roth in honor of
their 60th Wedding Anniversary!*

Congratulations, Roths!

*There are still months available to
sponsor: Aug, Oct, Nov, and Dec.*

Call Barb at 632-8125

Cost: \$75



General Fund for MAY, 2015

INCOME:

Other Income	\$	1,414.38
<u>Sunday Offering</u>		<u>13,844.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$	15,258.38

EXPENSES:

Bldg. & Grounds	\$	1,096.86
Fund Raising		86.64
Ministry		942.38
Mission Fund		195.00
Office		162.08
Staff Benefits		250.00
Staff Salary		7,170.69
<u>Utilities</u>		<u>1,562.49</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$	11,466.14

TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	\$	3,792.24
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MISSIONS:

Hello Zion!

I would like to tell you about an opportunity to reach the Muslim world without leaving your home. June 18-July 17 is the Islamic month of Ramadan, which Muslims celebrate to commemorate the revelation of the Quran to Muhammad. There is an organization that researches and writes background information and prayer requests for each of the 30 days of Ramadan. You may have read a little about it on the mission table already. It snuck up on me this year—I would have liked to have written this last month! Well, there are still 17 days to go.

Islam is one of the largest and fastest growing religions in the world and it can look quite different depending on the continent or country where it is being practiced. One thing that is certain: it is difficult to reach Muslims with the gospel.

This is where 30 days of prayer during Ramadan comes in. During Ramadan, Muslims fast all day with meals before dawn and after sunset. The entire month is a focus on discipline, increased devotion and worship, and self-reflection. Many have experienced dreams or visions of Jesus during Ramadan and it makes sense for us to devote ourselves to prayer on behalf of these souls at such a crucial time. How often in the Bible does something momentous happen after prayer and fasting? Should we really be surprised if God chooses this time to reveal himself as the One and Only to his lost sheep in the Islamic world?

So if Jesus is already appearing to Muslims, especial-

ly during Ramadan, why should we pray?

For those of you who participated in Beth Moore's *Daniel* study, you may remember how she addressed that question. She said that things are "stored up" by God and released by our prayers. She quoted the *Word Biblical Commentary* as saying, "One person's prayer brings about the restoration of the people of God; but it is a matter of releasing that restoration that God already purposed." How many more precious lives could be reached simply by our getting on our knees and asking?

Will you join me in praying for Muslims during Ramadan? Pray for them broadly, for their salvation and for softened hearts to seek the truth. Alternatively, get prayer points on specific people groups and barriers to the gospel by going to <http://www.30daysprayer.com> You can download the entire 30 day booklet or click on each day for prayer ideas.

Blessings,
Erin



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Vacation Bible School 2015: Willie's Red-neck Rodeo. What a marvelous time we had. The Robertson's from Duck Dynasty helped us learn so much during the week. The kids learned about parables: Redonkulous Faith, Radical Forgiveness, Ravenous Prayer, Real Obedience, and Rowdy Kindness - five very important lessons we all need to take to heart. Our mission's project was the Platte River Basin. They are a group of volunteers who take special needs kids out on a hunting trip, or fishing. This year our representative was Scott Powell. Jake Robbins also helps with this group. We raised \$500.00. We had approximately 65-70 children. We played games, had our annual "snowball fight" with marshmallows, only this year, we included the entire group!!

It was amazing to see how all the children played well with each other and how the big kids watched over the little ones. The crafts were amazing - from bird feeders to our older kids making beef jerky to tie pillows from flannel camouflage material. The treats were amazing! Thank you to EVERYONE who brought treats. . .oh, how we appreciated them!! We were surprised with popcorn balls for all the kids as well as the helpers. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped and to Pastor Andy for the devotions and playing Willie. We also did some fun skits. (We have some very talented adults). Thanks to Barb who was constantly running off projects for us at the

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last minute. Thank you Erik and Adam Harris for helping with the projector and music, and to Erik who helped us set up our 'duck blind' decorations. Thank you to JAX for making snow cones on the last day for everyone. But the biggest THANK YOU goes to our Lord Jesus Christ! He is the reason we celebrate as He taught his disciples and others through parables and He is still teaching us today. Jesus makes us Happy, Happy, Happy. ☺☺☺

Thank you again to everyone for a marvelous week, Sharon, Robin, Deb

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YOUTH:

The youth group is meeting as we usually do during the summer months on Sunday afternoons and evenings. Each week we plan (after Sunday School) some activity for all those students who attended church. The activity is different each week depending on weather and what we're all in the mood for. The emphasis is on building relationships that will strengthen and encourage each student's faith. I'm excited to have some adults, some college students, some high school students, and some junior high students interacting with each other each week. Later in the summer, we will schedule a youth group trip to Elitch Gardens in Denver. Also this summer, I am encouraging our students to participate in a week of camp at Camp Rock. During the first week of July, I am taking our high school and college aged students on a camping trip to the Grand Teton National Park. We have done this trip several times in the past as a reward for those students who participated regularly in our youth group activities during the school year. These are students who volunteered weekly to help serve in our junior high ministry and who attended Bible study faithfully. Please pray that we have safe travels and a great week together celebrating the work God has been doing in the lives of these students.

Andrew

GREAT NEWS!

Remember that we asked about getting help with the job at the computer after Adam goes to college in Omaha? We have someone who has volunteered to do 'produce' the Power Point presentation but we now need someone to 'run' it during the service. Adam would happily train that person. Just a reminder that this is a position that is very important and requires a weekly commitment. Would you consider it? See Adam with your questions.

THANK YOU!

Dear Zion Congregation,
Thank you for the graduation gift of inspiring DVD's .
They were very informational.

Thanks,
Kristyn Stricker

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Don't forget the . . .

S'MORE & MORE DRIVE

for Camp Rock. We are looking for donations of frequently used items for Camp Rock. Please bring them to the church, if you can help: large marshmallows, Hershey's chocolate bars, graham crackers, ketchup, Ranch dressing, French dressing, cereal, tea & coffee, lunch paper bags, sandwich & gallon sized baggies, 5lb cans of green beans/peaches, business envelopes, construction paper, 3 ring binders, stamps, copy paper, clasp envelopes, disinfectant surface or spray cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, 13 gallon trash bags or 45 gallon trash bags.

THANK YOU!

