



NEWS FROM ZION

ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH ~ SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

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COMMUNION
Sunday, **AUGUST 7**
Communion will be served after both services



**Franklin Graham's
Decision America Tour**
August 12—Noon
Cheyenne, Wyoming

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

We are slowly making our way through the opening chapters of Proverbs on Sunday mornings. The opening chapters are primarily written from the perspective of a father instructing his son because he wants his son to experience God's best for his life. The father's instruction is a reflection of our Heavenly Father's heart for all of us. The focus of the chapters we studied in July was the truth of how incredibly good God is. He has good things (long life, peace, honor, health, strength, prosperity, and assurance of his love) he wants us to experience if we will only trust him enough to walk the path he has laid out for us through commands given in his word. Proverbs directs those who want to experience God's goodness to accept and get to know the commands of God (which implies spending time reading his word). However, simply knowing the commands of God is not enough. Proverbs goes on to instruct us to incline our ears toward wisdom meaning to seek to understand the heart of God well enough to understand why God says his commands are for our good (which implies digging more deeply into God's word). Still, even this is not enough. It's not until we have taken

what God has revealed through careful study of his word and put it into practice through obedience that we have an opportunity to experience the goodness of God. Proverbs warns about other paths that lead away from God which promise fun and excitement but ultimately leave us feeling empty and ashamed. There's a promise in Proverbs that as we begin to open our heart to God's wisdom and begin to experience his goodness, God's wisdom protects us by causing the appeal of those paths to grow smaller and weaker in comparison to the goodness of God we've tasted.

One issue that comes up in Proverbs because it's such a straightforward book is that some look at the promises Proverbs makes and think that it promises too much - far more than it delivers. Those who think Proverbs promises too much would possibly be right if you ignored two very important facts: the fact that no one walks the path God lays out for us even remotely close to perfectly and the fact that the Old Testament is only part of the story of God's dealings with us. If there were a person who managed to consistently live in perfect obedience to the commands of God and that person failed to experience the good things Proverbs promises, we could say that Proverbs promis-

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

Mission Prayer Partners for AUG, 2016



- 7- Franklin Graham/Samaritan's Purse/Decision America-Cheyenne
- 14-Voice of the Martyrs
- 21-Huron Clause/CHIEF
- 28-Zion Sunday School

Get your newsletter first and in color if you receive it via email. Just drop us a note at: zion@zionscottsbluff.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.



**GREBEL
SATURDAY'S**
are just around the corner! Mark your calendar for:
Sept 3rd/7-10 a.m.

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es too much. However, the reality of life that we all know by experience and the Bible states outright is that even the best of us fails to come even close to perfect obedience. This is why the Old Testament is not the end of the story of God's dealings with us. If it were, there'd be promises of his goodness that no one would have a chance to experience and the reality of his wrath hanging over the heads of everyone because we all have defied him. This is why the Old Testament is centered around promises that God would one day send a savior. All of the Old Testament was preparing the world for the hope that would come through Jesus. When Jesus came, because he was God, he became the first man to walk in perfect obedience to the commands of God. He was entitled to all the rewards of a perfect life (eternal life, joy, peace, etc.). Instead, his life came to an end when he was crucified. God's word tells us that as he was being crucified, all of God's anger toward our sin was being poured out on Jesus because God wanted us to have a chance to be forgiven and restored to a relationship with him. Jesus also rose from the dead assuring us that life here on earth was not the end of the story. His promise is that those who recognize their sin and trust that his death and resurrection was enough to pay for their sin will be given forgiveness and one day eternal life. This assurance in the New Testament of the experience of pure joy and satisfaction in eternity lets me know that every promise made in Proverbs God fully intends to keep. That being said, I also believe Proverbs wants us to know that God fully intends to show his goodness here on earth as he fills our lives with good things as we learn to live out the new life we have found in Jesus by learning to walk in obedience. I hope that over the course of our study that we all are growing more grateful for what Jesus has done for us, more inclined to trust that God's ways are best for us, and more excited about the day we are made perfect as we enter our eternal home and lay hold of the promise of perfect peace and rest. We're in this together Zion! Let's challenge each other, encourage each other, and pray for each other as we walk this road together.

Andrew

Congratulations...

- ...Ben Hein on his 80th Birthday!
- ...**Zion Church on collection \$100,000.00 in COOP Receipts. Great job, Zion!**
- ...Austin Rhamy on being selected to the All-National Choir coming together in Grapevine, TX.
- ...Adam & Carli Harris on their wedding July 9th!
- ...Ed Hilzer on his 89th Birthday, July 17th!
- ...Ed Minch on his 88th Birthday July 22nd!
- ...Art & Sharon Stricker on their 30th Wedding Anniversary, July 26th.
- ...Kathy Trook on her birthday, 7/29!

Sympathies...

- ...Jeff Haugen and family on the passing of Jeff's



The KCMJ Broadcast for AUGUST is from the Steve & Barb Kautz in honor of Joyce Kautz's 80th Birthday on August 10th!

Thank you for sharing in this valuable ministry.



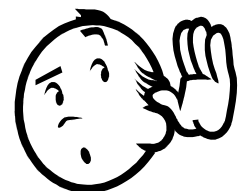
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www.zionscottsbluff.com

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.



HELP NEEDED:

We are looking for someone to help out with the CD/DVD ministry as far as producing them for the shut-in ministry. We will train. See Steve Schlager if you have questions or think you might be interested in helping.

COOP RECEIPTS:

Great job, Zion!
We reached our
\$100,000 goal!



General Fund for MAY, 2016

INCOME:

Other Income	\$	-51,133.65
Special Income		0.00
<u>Sunday Offering</u>		<u>16,102.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$	-35,034.65

EXPENSES:

Bldg. & Grounds	\$	3,602.05
Fund Raising		0.00
Ministry		1,158.83
Mission Fund		60.00
Office		358.96
Staff Benefits		227.88
Staff Salary		8,353.69
<u>Utilities</u>		<u>1,610.97</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$	15,372.38

TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE \$ **-50,404.03**

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SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

“Fried Chicken Sunday” Carry-in



**Bring a dish to pass ~
meat & drink provided.**

**Sunday, August 28th -
11:30 a.m.**

If you can help with the
COFFEE HOUR MINISTRY
there is a new Sign up sheet at the
Welcome Center. Thank you!!

YOUTH: Throughout the summer, each Sunday, I've been spending time with our youth group giving them a chance to spend time together and have some good times. As the weather has been hot, we've spent most Sundays at the lake cooling off. This time together on Sunday afternoons gives the chance for them to build strong relationships with other kids from the church and to see that their pastor is a real, fun-loving person and not just someone who preaches from a 2,000 year old book. I've always made an effort to be involved enough in our students' lives that they could see how the messages I share with them are being lived out in the way I live. My hope is that they see an example of the Christian life we talk about being put into practice in a way they are motivated to follow. We voted in July to hire Taylor Boltjes for our youth pastor position. I'm excited because Taylor has a similar heart - he wants to teach well, live what he teaches, and be highly involved in the lives of our kids so they can see that he believes every word he teaches.

In July, I also had an opportunity to take a group of 17 to Water World near Denver. Because of the generosity of one or two of our church members, we were able to enjoy the waterpark for free. Those who donated this money (without being asked) were adamant that God should be the only one who gets any credit for this. He's a good God who blesses his children with good things and fills their hearts with generosity. This was simply an expression of that. I regularly try to remind the kids growing up in our church what a privilege it is to grow up in a church like ours that prioritizes the training and instruction of our young people and showers them with love. Parents, you should know too how strongly Zion wants to support you as you raise your children to know and love Jesus. I'm excited as a pastor by the heart I see in our people to love kids and help them grow in faith. I'm excited as a father that my girls are being raised in such a loving, supporting environment. Let's strive together to keep this up and improve in any way we can. Part of that will be to encourage, love, and support Taylor and Claire as they join our ministry team this fall. Please pray for them as they prepare to make the transition here and get started ministering. Pray for me to have wisdom in my role of mentoring Taylor.

Andrew

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ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 10:00 Bible Study/Village 7:00 Women's Ministries	2 10:00 Bible Study/WelCove 12:00 Men's Bible Study 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living 7:00 Church Board Mtg	3 1:00 Valley Food Pantry	4	5	6
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7 8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team IV 9:30 Communion/Chapel 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct. 10:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 KCMI Broadcast 11:30 Communion/Chapel	8 10:00 Bible Study/Village	9 10:00 Bible Study/WelCove 12:00 Men's Bible Study 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living	10 1:00 Valley Food Pantry	11	12 DECISION AMERICA Cheyenne, WY 12 Noon	13
14 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. 10:30 Worship & Praise 4:00 Vespers/Residency	15 10:00 Bible Study/Village	16 10:00 Bible Study/WelCove 12:00 Men's Bible Study 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living	17 1:00 Valley Food Pantry	18	19	20
21 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. 10:30 Worship & Praise 4:00 Vespers/Residency	22 10:00 Bible Study/Village	23 10:00 Bible Study/WelCove 12:00 Men's Bible Study 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living	24 1:00 Valley Food Pantry	25	26	27
28 8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team II 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct. 10:30 Worship & Praise/ SS Staff Dedication 11:30 ALL CHURCH Sunday School Picnic	29 10:00 Bible Study/Village	30 10:00 Bible Study/WelCove 12:00 Men's Bible Study 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living 7:00 Choir...all invited!	31 1:00 Valley Food Pantry			