



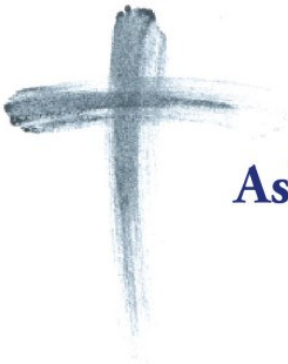
The Saltshaker

February, 2024

Kokomo Zion Church

Pastor Keith Chanley

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Ash Wednesday — Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will soon be upon us. I think it to be poignant that it is on Valentine's day this year. Valentine's Day is a day on which we celebrate romantic love, so, consider this a reminder to get your sweetie a little something if you have not. Also feel free to treat yourself. Scripture tells

us to love others as we love ourselves so loving on yourself is biblical just..... don't get too carried away and be narcissistic about it. But anyway, Lent is a time for us to examine our hearts and our spiritual walk with Jesus. I think it is particularly meaningful for us to begin Lent on a day associated with love. Lent reminds us of God's great love for us. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.", John 3:16 and "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us", Romans 5:8 Lent also reminds us why Jesus went to the cross, because we are sinners and because of his great love. So as we prepare to begin this year's Lenten season, pause each day and remember how much God loves you — enough to die for you.

And the greatest of these is

Love

-1 Corinthians 13:13



Missions

MISSION 50 UPDATE

2023 was a very good year for our Mission 50 programs thanks to the faithful mission giving of the Zion congregation. Every one of the 15 programs reached the goal that was set at the beginning of the year with 8 of the programs exceeding their goals.

The total amount of money received through our Mission 50 program was \$15,460, which was \$3,110 over the combined pledged amount of the 15 programs. Thank you to everyone who shared in this effort.

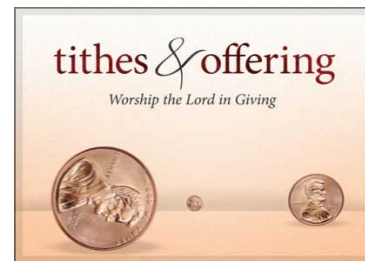
For 2024, the missions committee decided to keep all the programs except for one and has added 2 new programs. Jo Fipps has retired from Chi/Alpha at IU and therefore is removed from the Mission 50 list.

The 2 new programs we have the opportunity to support this year are Narrow Gate Horse Ranch and CSI Ministries. We will be sharing more information about these programs in the near future.

Ken Spangler, Missions Committee Chairman

Stay tuned and God bless!

Offering/Giving Envelopes are available for 2024. Contact Debbie Lavengood if you would like envelopes.



We will be taking new members soon. If you are interested in joining Kokomo Zion, please let Pastor Keith know.




The deadline for the March Saltshaker is February 25th.
 Please email your news to:
Sheila@kokomozionchurch.org
OR
 place in Sheila Lamb's mailbox.

Child Evangelism Fellowship Six County Chapter Update



The picture above is 55 youth who are training at Indiana Wesleyan University at Christian Youth in Action Camp. They are learning how to effectively share the gospel with children! In 2023 CEF Six County Chapter had 16 youth participate. They demonstrated how effective they are in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the year in their participation in the summer 5-day clubs, Christmas party clubs and Good News Clubs. These youth all started out in Good News Clubs!

We have a volunteer team trained from Zion and Northview churches and are making plans to begin a six-week Good News Club at Eastern Elementary School this spring semester. Please pray for the children and the volunteers. Your service, your prayers and your financial support are very much appreciated! The children have fun playing games, singing songs, and hearing stories with the other children. To get involved contact one of the churches mentioned above.



**2024 Kokomo Zion Work Camp
Henderson Settlement
June 9-15
The Mountains Are Calling You!!!**

Registration is open for summer work camp in beautiful Pine Mountain in Frakes Kentucky! Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy the beautiful Appalachian Mountains and to work with friends and meet new friends. We will be staying in the Ballinger Dorm (called a dorm, but not dorm rooms as you normally think). Ballinger is where the main dining room is located on Henderson's Main Campus. The cost is \$350 and includes your room and meals for the entire week except for Wednesday's dinner. We have also reserved spaces in the Mission Dorm for the youth and youth counselors. Sign up early so we are ready to select our work project around March 1st.



Last year Zion had 16 people go and we worked on various community projects including cabinets, doors, crown molding, gutters, small engine repair and painting. There are also many opportunities to help

on campus with the greenhouse, the thrift store, youth and children, and senior meals, on the farm or in the food pantry and many more.

Here is what one volunteer has to say: *I've been a work camper on 3 occasions and the experiences are priceless. The folks at Henderson take very good care of you. The dorms and food are wonderful after a hard day's work. Programming helps feed the soul and educates you on the history of the missions and the people we serve. Can't wait to go back!*

To register, contact Norman Lavengood at 765-438-3537 or pick up a registration form at the Welcome Desk.



WALK A MILE IN MY SHOES 2024

Saturday, Feb 24th kickoff at 8:00 a.m.

Address: 321 Mulberry St, Kokomo IN



It's time to gather your troops! You can now register your team (or register as a single walker)! Head to kokomorescuemission.org/walk-a-mile-2024 to sign up. Once you're registered, you can get your Walk-A-Mile packet by either: coming to the main building (321 Mulberry St) during office hours (M-F 8-4) beginning Monday, Jan 22nd OR download the "Captain's Packet" on the web site. Please Note: If someone is a part of a team and is NOT the team captain, they do not need to register themselves, Captains will register their own teams. Let Melissa Fipps know if you plan to walk or have any questions!

Hillsdale/Zion Food Pantry

Hillsdale Community and Kokomo Zion Churches partner in providing Food Pantry assistance to residents of Howard County. If you know of someone in need, please direct them our way! The food pantry is open every Friday at Hillsdale from noon-3:00 p.m. Clients should bring identification for each member of the household (social security card or birth certificate) and a current bill to validate their address.

During the year 2023, we served: 1162 families including 1710 adults and 642 children. Food insecurity in Howard County continues to be a great need. Your continued support of this important ministry is so very much appreciated! There is a wheelbarrow in the main hallway that food and hygiene products can be collected – they are brought down to the pantry each week. Monetary donations are always accepted – just mark your check “Food Pantry”. Other ways you can help that don’t cost a thing – if you drink Ensure, Boost, or other protein drinks – those containers are the PERFECT size for bottling dish soap that we make, as well as shampoo. Arizona Tea bottles are also nice heavy plastic bottles, as well as soft drink and juice bottles. You may place your rinsed/clean bottles in the wheelbarrow along with the food donations. Menards rebates that you don’t want to bother sending in for a small amount – give those to Sheila & she will combine with others collected. These rebates are SOO helpful in purchasing oxy-clean for the homemade laundry soap! If you are cleaning shelves and notice that you have an over-abundance of Bibles – send them our way. We always have a supply available, and they always disappear! Volunteers are always needed on food pantry days. And most importantly – pray for this ministry – for the volunteers who minister each week, and for those who come in need. May each person see Jesus through this ministry.



WHAT'S GOING ON IN FEBRUARY AT ZION

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| Jan 31 | 6-7:30 | Women's Bible Study | Feb 10 | 10 am: | Scripture Sisters |
| Feb 1 | 7-8:30: | Choir Rehearsal | Feb 14 | Ash Wednesday Service @ Hillsdale (with Hillsdale & Connexion) | |
| Feb 2 | 6:30-10 pm: | high school & college people. Pizza this week! | Feb 15 | 7-8:30: | Choir Rehearsal |
| Feb 3 | 9-3 pm | No Regrets Men's Conference @ Greentown Wesleyan | Feb 22 | 7-8:30: | Choir Rehearsal |
| Feb 6 | 3:00 | Staff Meeting | Jan 23 | Taco Tuesday-Youth/Young Adults | |
| Feb. 6 | 7:00 pm: | Worship Committee Mtg | Feb 24 | 8 am | Walk a Mile-Kokomo Rescue Mission |
| Feb. 7 | 6-7:30 pm: | Women's Bible Study | | 10 am: | Scripture Sisters |
| Feb 8 | 7-8:30: | Choir Rehearsal | Feb 25 | 3 pm: | Matt's Concert: Songs of Love |

IMPORTANT

As a part of updating some of their software, the church office and staff members have **NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES**. Please update your contact information.

Pastor Keith Chanley: pastor@kokomozionchurch.org

Matt Gerhard: matt@kokomozionchurch.org

Melissa Fipps: melissa@kokomozionchurch.org

Sheila Lamb: Sheila@kokomozionchurch.org



KOKOMO ZION CHURCH

Schedule of Services

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Keith Chanley, Pastor

Melissa Fipps, Family Ministries Director

Matt Gerhard, Music Director

Sheila Lamb, Treasurer

Teri Lavengood, Custodian

The Women's Saturday Study will meet February 10th and 24th at 10:00 AM. Come to the kitchen doors and join us in the Beamer Room. Questions? Contact Cindy Einselen



Thank you

Your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged

Thank you for the donation of ten Bibles in Paul's name.

Vicki, April & Matt Gerhard

COME JOIN A SMALL GROUP!

Men's Group: Tues @ 6:30 am at Bob Evans in Kokomo. Contact Scott Boltz or Pastor Keith for more information.

Men's Group: Wed @ 6 am at Hometown Restaurant in Greentown. Contact Scott Boltz or Pastor Keith for more information.

Scripture Sisters: Meets every other Saturday @ 10 am in the Beamer Room. Contact Cindy Einselen for more information.

Knit 1 Pray 2: Meets Monday evenings via ZOOM from 7-8:30. Contact Cheryl Yoars or Jayne Boltz for more information.

Mom's Bible Study: Will reconvene on Wednesdays in Mid-January....All ladies are invited to come study. We will also need help with child care. Contact Melissa Fipps for more info.



FAMILY MINISTRIES

JANUARY 2024

Kokomo Zion
KidZ



partnering with parents to create a culturally relevant, biblically sound, safe, and fun environment for children and youth to grow in their relationship with Jesus

Winter Jam '24

Feb 3, \$15, doors open at 5 pm, we will take the bus if enough interest

Women's Wednesday Warriors Bible Study

Wednesdays from 6-7:30 pm
Feb 7, 14, 21, 28; Mar 6 13, 20

Family Fun at The ARK Christian Ministries

Thursday, January 18 & Friday, February 8
4:30-7:30 pm
Bring \$5 cash, NO pre-registration

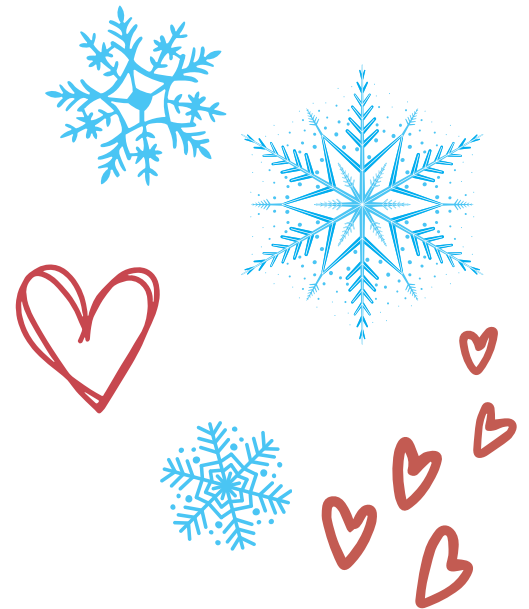
OPEN CLIMB at The ARK Christian Ministries

February 22, March 21
6-8 pm, \$12 per climber
ages 8-88, pizza provided
THE ARK Camp Indoor Rock Wall

Taco Tuesday: Feb 6 & 20, 6:30-8:30 pm. This will be a time to hang out, eat tacos, and play games. Youth and young adults ages 15-25 are invited to attend.

SNOWFIRE: Feb 17, 12:30-6:30 pm. The ARK in Converse is hosting elementary students in grades 1-6 for a fun-filled day with both inside and outside activities. We will take the bus over. We would love to have high schoolers & adults attend as helpers. Registration is open. Cost is \$20 per student.

<https://cwngui.campwise.com/Apps/OnlineReg/Pages/Login.html>



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