



The Saltshaker

May, 2024

Kokomo Zion Church

Pastor Keith Chanley

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Mom's Day

I always struggle with what to write for a May newsletter. I know it should be an easy topic because, duh - Mother's Day. The problem is I always struggle with what to write. The theme may be easy, but the details are complicated for me. I fear what exactly to write. It is not that I don't like, respect, love or admire moms. This also does not mean that I do not want to honor moms. I am just always constantly torn by seeking to maintain a balance between sensitivity for those who may not have had a caring/loving/nurturing mom and those that did. I also do not want to create a picture of the perfectly impossible Biblical mother that no mother can achieve and thus create feelings of inadequacy in a multitude of mothers. So I struggle.

I know these things. (1) **We all had a mom.** This is a fact of nature and is indisputable. You were not picked up at Wal-Mart. (2) Since you did not come from Wal-Mart **you did not come with an instruction manual.** (3) Since you did not come from a department store, this means that **you could not be returned** when you did not function perfectly, i.e. woke up at all hours of the night wanting food, was colicky, cried without notice or explanation, was not satisfied with any means of trying to resolve the unexplained tears, would instantly awaken when placed in your baby bed and would only sleep while mom walked the floor, bouncing you in her arms, (your mother may at this time inform you of any other behavioral imperfections you might have displayed), which forced mom to learn by trial and error. This yields the unavoidable reality, (4) **Moms are not perfect.** Virtually all of them know this harsh reality already. They know it without you telling them.

This means **you have the right to love, honor, give grace and pray for them** all the more. **This is a good and right thing to do, and it is what God said you should do.** To all the moms out there, thank you and have a Happy Mother's Day. May God's blessings be upon you.

Pastor Keith

May God's many blessings
Be yours forever more
And may you know
you're valued
And loved by the Lord
Especially on this day
That we have set aside
To show our appreciation
To the Mothers in our
lives.

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Happy
Mother's Day



Zion 2024 Henderson Settlement Work Camp June 9-15

NOTICE: PLANNING MEETING ON May 5th after worship service in the Beamer Room at Zion

This year's work camp is getting closer! We have 22 people signed up and many good projects to work on. One half of the \$350 registration fee was due April 1st and the balance is due on or before May 19th. We are going to have a logistical planning meeting on May 5th after worship service in the Beamer Room at Zion. We have a great group going and I am so looking forward to a wonderful time! Thank you to all who have signed up! Our project total cost is \$7,495 and we have already received \$7,100. So, we only need an additional \$395 to complete all the projects we have planned. A BIG THANK YOU to Zion for your wonderful support! We will be taking a small trailer for our tools and any donations you would like to make. You can go online to www.hendersonsettlement.com and then click on "Needs List" and then click on "shop our Amazon Needs List" This will show you the items they are in need of and if you do shop online they will shipped directly to Henderson Settlement. This year we would like to support their MIHOW (Maternal Infant Health Outreach Worker) program. The MIHOW program works with expectant mothers and their children through the age of three. Some examples of items needed include Huggies, special baby bottles, baby socks and clothing, soothies, onesies, bibs, and many other things. Also, if you like to crochet, you could make baby blankets, baby hats, etc. We are asking that anything new or gently used you donate be placed in a small U-Haul box. These are inexpensive boxes, and it makes for easier hauling and delivering to Henderson, and they appreciate the boxes as well. I will have boxes available at the welcome center. We will leave right after worship service on Sunday June 9th and plan to arrive at Henderson Settlement by 6 pm in time for dinner. The trip is 368 miles and takes 5 ½ hours if you don't stop on the way. Earlier I did send an email to all work campers with information on what to bring, insurance and many other things. Please be sure to read your email.

Do not hesitate to call Norman Lavengood at 765-438-3537 with any questions.



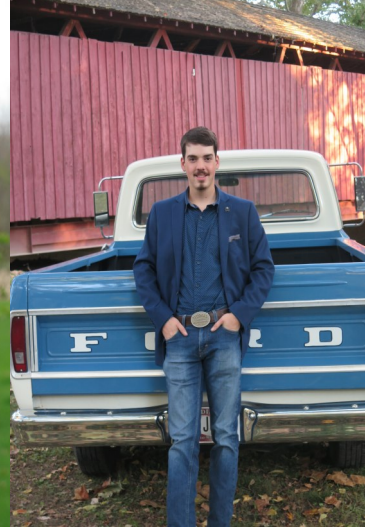
We will honor our high school graduates, on **Sunday, May 19th** with a carry-in meal. The youth will provide the meat, table service and drinks. Please bring a well filled basket to share and join us for lunch. We are look forward to celebrating their graduation.

Matthew Benson

Matthew will be graduating from Northwestern High School on June 2. His extracurricular activities during high school have included: FFA, Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, trap team, Boy Scouts, church praise band, and ushering.

Matthew plans to attend Oklahoma State University majoring in Ag Business with a minor in Spanish.

Open House: Friday, May 31, 6:00-8:30 at Kokomo Zion Church



Rafe Combs

Rafe will be graduating from Eastern High School on June 2. His extracurricular activities included football.

Rafe plans to attend Purdue University.

Open House: June 1, 2-5 pm at Kokomo Zion Church.



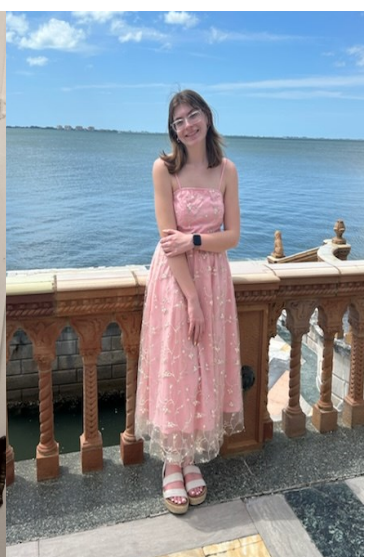
Hannah Troyer

Hannah will be graduating from Northwestern High School on June 2.

She currently works at the Doubting Thomas Café, is a 10 year 4-H member, and ran cross country.

Hannah will be attending Indiana University Bloomington this fall. She will be studying accounting at the Kelley School of Business while working towards a master's degree.

Open House: Friday, May 31, 5-8 pm at Cross America, 840 Daniel Drive, Kokomo.





SEWING FOR MISSIONS

For several years, Kevin and I have been sewing articles for Midwest Mission, an organization that provides humanitarian and disaster relief worldwide. We originally became connected to this organization when we made school supply bags instead of exchanging gifts at our family Christmas for Operation Classroom for UMCOR. We were looking at a closer drop-off site than Sager Brown distribution center in Louisiana and discovered Midwest Mission Storehouse. We have been sewing a variety of different projects for Midwest Mission since that time that includes cloth diapers, school bags, quilts, washable feminine hygiene pads, infant gowns, receiving blankets, and children's clothing. It allows us to be involved in a "serve-at-home" mission ministry. When my mom passed away, I inherited a closet full of her fabric collection (my mom had little self-control when it came to fabric!), and it has kept me busy for quite some time! As I have been sewing this spring, God has planted in my heart that there may be others who have, as my mom called it, her "sometime" closet – the closet for projects to do "sometime". The sewing projects are simple sews – no difficult techniques, and many require little amounts of fabric and are great for using up scraps. So – if you are one of those folks – please let me know if you might be interested in a monthly "SAWS" – Sew Along With Sheila session. I envision a short time of devotion together, and a great time of sewing and fellowship. I'll provide the patterns and instructions as well as a list of supplies/fabrics needed for each session. If there is interest, it would be *really cool* to take a group to deliver our projects and allow others to tour their facility and see first hand all that they do. If you want to learn more about Midwest Mission Storehouse and all that they do, check out their website at: <https://www.midwestmission.org>. Sewing projects are just one area of service – they do meal kits, school desks (made from old bleachers), a bicycle ministry, cleaning kits, and a long list of other things. If you would like to be involved in this sewing ministry, please contact me at mamalamb27@gmail.com or talk with me at church. You may be saying, "but I don't sew". I realize not everyone does – but can you cut with scissors? Can you lift and press with an iron? Can you handle a pair of pliers to set snaps? Even Mom Lamb, at 95 clips threads for me and helps package finished products. And Kevin – well, he is the *master* of their quilt pattern! So, yes – if you'd like to be involved, women, men (yes, roosters are allowed in the henhouse for this project!), kids and teens -- we can find a job for you. I look forward to hearing from some of you and see where this seed that God has planted in my heart goes!

Sheila Lamb

Hillsdale/Zion Food Pantry

Just a reminder that many volunteers will be needed on **May 11th** for the Letter Carrier's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Contact Ken Spangler or Sheila Lamb if you would be willing to help out—or find the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. We are still in need of banana boxes if anyone would be willing to stop at their local grocery and request a couple—put in the fellowship hall under the coat racks & Sheila will see that they are delivered to the collection site. And, a final reminder about the food drive— support the letter carrier's drive! One request — if you clean out your cabinets, please do not send out-dated



cans and boxed food to the food pantry. We have to check all cans to make sure that they are within current “best used by” dates. Food that is seriously outdated, must go into the dumpster. Bottom line—if the food is expired— and you don't feel safe using it—send it to the dumpster, not to the food pantry. **THANK YOU TO ALL who continue to support this important ministry so faithfully!**



Dear Friends,

On behalf of Franklin Graham and Samaritan's Purse, thank you so much for participating in Operation Christmas Child! We want to thank you for your faithful partnership with us in ministry.

With your help, Operation Christmas Child collected over 11.3 million shoeboxes in 2023 to distribute to children around the world. More than 5.1 million of these children enrolled in The Greatest Journey, our follow-up discipleship program, and over 2.9 million reported making the decision to trust Jesus as their Savior. On average, each disciplined child shares the Gospel with six friends and family members, meaning these programs have an exponential impact on families, friends, and entire communities.

I encourage you to read our [2023 Operation Christmas Child Special Report](#) to be encouraged how God uses Operation Christmas Child and the Greatest Journey to open doors for Gospel outreach. **This year National Collection Week will be November 18–25, 2024**, and we look forward to what the Lord has in store!

If we can assist you in any way, please reach out to us at 1-800-528-1980 or occinfo@samaritan.org. Thank you again and have a blessed day.

In the Name of Jesus,

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KOKOMO ZION CHURCH

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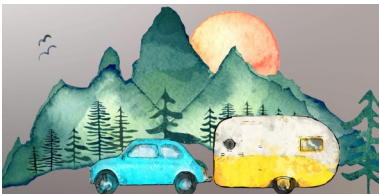
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. / Worship 10:00 a.m.

Keith Chanley, Pastor
LeAnne Donson, Secretary
Melissa Fipps, Family Ministries Director

Matt Gerhard, Music Director
Sheila Lamb, Treasurer
Teri Lavengood, Custodian



Zion's Mission **FISH FRY** will be **Saturday, September 28th**. Our goal for this year is to have enough help to have a separate carry-out line to better serve our crowd. It will be all-hands-on-deck to make this happen. LeAnne Donson & Sheila Lamb will be working on planning and preparations soon, so be ready to say "YES—where do you need me?" when they call. All proceeds from the Fish Fry support missions of the church. More details will follow in future newsletters.



Church Camping Trips: **Sept 6-7th** at Potato Creek and **Sept 20-21** at Mississinewa. Jeff Troyer has all the details you need to know!

ON THE CALENDAR @ ZION

- May 2 National Day of Prayer
- 3-4 Never 2 Young @ IWU
- 7 Staff-Parish Meeting-6:30
- 8 Staff Meeting-3:00
- 19 Grad Recognition lunch
Henderson Youth Training 1-3
- 22 Staff Meeting 3:00



The deadline for the June Saltshaker is May 26th. Please email your news to:
Sheila@kokomozionchurch.org
OR
place in Sheila Lamb's mailbox.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you wish to use the church facility for an event, please be sure to complete the Building Use Form. If you already have an event on schedule but did not fill out a form — they are on the counter beside the calendar. Please pick up a form and complete & return to the church office.



The Women's Saturday Study will meet May 11th, finishing the "Other Covenants" study. They will start a new series, "An Invitation to the Feasts" on the 25th at 10:00 AM. Come to the kitchen doors and join us in the Beamer Room. Questions? Contact Cindy Einselen

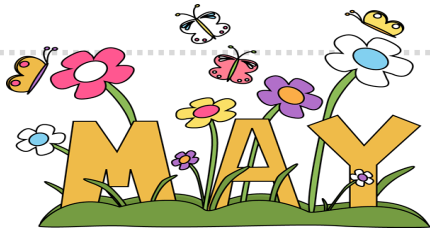
Thank you

Thank you so much for the beautiful and fun Easter basket delivered to us by Pastor Keith and Dana.

Thank you for the thoughtful cards and gifts in the basket. We feel so blessed too by your support during this time of Bill's health challenges. May each of you be blessed as you share your caring and love with us and others.

Your Grateful Friends,

Bill & Jane Keaffaber



To know you are with us in our time of sorrow, Sharing our prayers, Today & tomorrow. God gives us comfort in the form of family & friends. May His peace be with you, His love never ends.

Thank you for donating the bibles in my father's memory. It is a fitting gift as he spent many years teaching Sunday School and bible studies. Thank you for the prayers and cards.

Susan Banker and

The John Jessup family

COME JOIN A SMALL GROUP!

Choir: Thurs @ 7:00 pm

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.

Wednesday Warriors Bible Study: Wednesdays — All ladies are invited to come study. We will also need help with child care. Contact Melissa Fipps for more info.

Foodie Fridays: ages 15-22 from 6:30-9:30 on Fridays. Come for Food, Fun & Fellowship!



FAMILY MINISTRIES

MAY 2024

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

Women's Wednesday Warriors Bible Study resumes May 8, 6:30-8 pm

Senior Recognition Day May 19 with carry-in lunch after worship service. Meat will be provided.

Youth going to Henderson should plan to attend a training May 19, 1-3 pm

Foodie Fridays 6:30-9:30 pm for ages 14-22, great food, games, Bible study, bring a friend (Never2Young on May 3-4 for middle school)

CEF 5 Day Club at Northview Greentown June 24-28



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