



The Saltshaker

October 2024

Kokomo Zion Church

Pastor Keith Chanley

Pastor Keith attended the Convening Conference of the Global Methodist Church in San Jose, Costa Rica last week. He is very glad to be home after some delayed flights due to the hurricane. He is still trying to get caught up from his trip. Pastor Keith did say that it was a joy to attend the conference and many good things happened. The Holy Spirit was present and above all God was worshiped and praised. He was unable to get his usual message written for this news letter but will share more with you at a later date . Continue to pray for God's blessings on all of the work done at the conference.

Also continue to pray for the hurricane victims.

There are many ways local churches, families, and individuals can respond to the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene, donating funds and volunteering. As assessment is currently underway, there are currently more opportunities to give financially than volunteer in person, but in-person opportunities will increase as partners are organized.

Checks should be made payable to "Global Methodist Church" and mailed to: 11905 Bowman Drive, Suite 501-A, Fredericksburg, VA 22408 with "Helene Disaster Relief" in the memo.



KOKOMO ZION CHURCH

Schedule of Services

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



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who made the fish fry a success. We could not have done it without everyone's help. Whether you helped set up, prepare the food, donated time, money or food items, served the food, or helped clean up, we appreciate you all! Thank you to Lisa Smith for letting us use her food trailer to do the drive thru, Herschberger & Sons, LLC for letting us use the ice cream machine and again thank you Hillsdale Church for cooking the fish and tenderloin. It was a great evening. All of the proceeds will help the following missions of the church: Valley of Grace, Kokomo Rescue Mission, Hillsdale -Zion Food Pantry, Joy in the Harvest (Missionaries Lowell & Claudia Wertz), Adam & Carly Wertz (Missionaries), and Kafakumba (Africa) Training Center. Sheila & LeAnne



OPERATION SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS

Shoeboxes are available to be picked up. Collection and dedication day will be **November 17th**. If you have never participated in Operation Shoebox Christmas and need ideas, please check out their website: <https://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>. OR, talk to Sheila Lamb or just about anyone else in the congregation! If you haven't already started your shopping, now is the time. I saw lots of school supplies on clearance. And, September and October are good months to be writing your personal letter to your child. To save space, a suggestion is to decorate the INSIDE of your box with your personal message (and a great way to involve your children). Last year we filled Kevin's truck with boxes. I'm hoping this year, we need 2 trucks or 2 trips to get them all delivered.



The deadline for the November Saltshaker is **October 27**. Please email your news to: leanne@kokomozionchurch.org

ZION FALL HENDERSON SETTLEMENT WORK CAMP

A Big Thank you to Kokomo Zion for their prayer and financial support for our September work camp to Henderson Settlement. Workers who went were Keith Chanley, Ken and Cindy Einselen, Wayne Isaac, Scott Boltz, Kevin and Sheila Lamb and Norman Lavengood. In addition, we had Riley Hennessey, a 29-year-old volunteer from Vermont who helped Scott Boltz finish work on the roof and insulation under the floor. In October another group of volunteers will finish the room addition on the inside. Now 2-year-old Gunner Hurst will have his own room thanks to Kokomo Zion's generosity! Below you can see that Gunner was anxious to help install the handrailing on the steps to his room. Below you can see Sheila enjoying sewing and Cindy enjoying working in the thrift store. We also were able to enjoy worshipping at Fonde Church of God in Fonde Kentucky where we heard an encouraging message from a young Bible College student on Romans Chapter 12. I encourage you to consider joining us in a work camp in 2025.

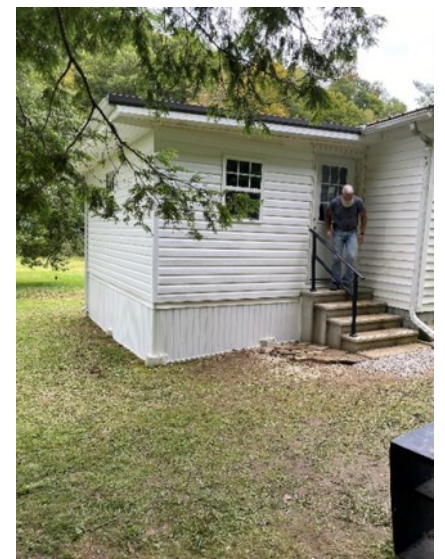


CEF Summer Update

- 493 Children were reached
- 18 Salvation Decisions
- 14 Summer Missionaries
- 7 Counties
- 21– 5 Day Clubs
- 2 Fairs in 7 Counties
- Good News Club starting soon

Howard County Fair

- ◆ Shared the Gospel with 243 children at the fair.
- ◆ 10 children made a decision to accept Jesus as their Savior.





CEF
CHILD EVANGELISM
FELLOWSHIP®
Since 1937 Reaching children worldwide™

Join us @ the
6 COUNTY FALL
BANQUET



With Guest Speaker
Randy Ollis
News Personality

8 OCTOBER
Silent Auction Fundraiser
6:30pm-9:00pm / Doors open at 6pm
Tickets \$20 adults \$12 children
Garden Gate Greenhouse
3415 E 500 S Peru IN 46970



Awakening Tour:

The concert will be held in Indianapolis. If you would like tickets, please let LeAnne in the office know. Tickets are \$15



See Norman Lavengood for tickets.

Scripture Sisters are changing from Saturday mornings to Monday mornings starting in October. Join us in the Beamer Room at 10:00 AM for Bible study and fellowship. We will be starting a study on 1 Thessalonians on October 7 so it's a great time to join us. We will also meet October 21. See Cindy Einselen with questions.

Matt's monthly concert on **Oct. 13th** will be Hymn Sing Encore

We'll sing more hymns from the Celebration Hymnal. Join us at 3:00 for an enjoyable afternoon of singing



USA MINISTRIES

Partnering with Churches across the Country to Impact Communities for Christ

I've never been to church.

JEFF NICHOLS

These five words, spoken by a third-grade boy in our *Good News Club* in Tennessee, hit me like a ton of bricks. This was Brent's* first year attending the club and, on this day, he had received Christ as his Savior. When I asked where he went to church, he replied with these five words, "I've never been to church." As I drove home that day, I couldn't get those words and the look on his face out of my head. God, and Brent, are why I do what I do today.

Across the USA, churches have "Brents" or "Baileys" all around them. CEF comes alongside churches who don't want to only sit back on Sunday, throw the doors open and say, "Come on in and let me tell you about Jesus." CEF helps churches GO! Go to where the children are who haven't heard about Jesus' love for them. Go to those families who aren't showing up at

church because no one has shown them the amazing love of God.

HOW CAN WE HELP CHURCHES DO THIS?

Everything we do should point to **TRAINING, EQUIPPING,** and **SUPPORTING** the church so they can **EVANGELIZE, DISCIPLE,** and **ESTABLISH** the boys and girls they are reaching.

USA Ministries exists to help states and local chapters give churches tools they need to reach the Brents and Baileys.

It's going to take all of us to reach all of them.

God has blessed me to be part of a team of people all over this country living out the words of Jesus which revealed the heart of God when He said, "Let the children come to me" (Luke 18:16).

*name changed



JEFF AND DEBBIE NICHOLS

Jeff started as acting vice president of USA Ministries on April 1. He served as Tennessee state director for the past four years. He had also served on the local committee of CEF of Metro Nashville before becoming state director.

USA MINISTRIES REJOICING IN STRONG GROWTH



USA Ministries has experienced unusual blessing over the last year. The growth statistics are amazing:

- The number of children attending *Good News Club* increased by 45%.
- The number of Party Clubs doubled and reached 224% more children.
- Children reached in face-to-face ministry grew 26%.
- Children watched over 1 million minutes of digital ministry.
- Professions of faith grew 63% to 51,217 (nearly 20,000 more this year).

We are grateful to Fred Pry for his leadership of USA Ministries over the last four years. He helped unify the ministry and navigate through the pandemic. Continuing his ministry with CEF at the International Headquarters, Fred serves as acting vice president of Administration.

ON THE CALENDAR @ ZION

October

- 7 Scripture Sisters @10:00
- 7 Finance Committee Mtg. @ 7:00
- 8 SPRC Mtg. @ 6:30
- 13 Fellowship Dinner after worship
- 13 Matt's Concert @ 3:00
- 15 Ad Council Mtg. @ 7:00
- 18 Foodie Friday @ 6:30
- 21 Scripture Sisters @ 10:00
- 25 Hockey game in Ft. Wayne
- 27 Kendall Farms @ 4-7

First Fruits Harvest Celebration:
Plan to stay after worship service on October 13th for a fall fellowship dinner. An offering will be taken to go towards replacement of a heating / cooling unit for the kitchen (approx \$12,000 is needed). The meal has been donated and will be prepared for you – just plan to enjoy the food and fellowship!

The Menu

Country Fried Pork

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Green Beans

Homemade Dinner Rolls



COME JOIN A SMALL GROUP!

Choir Practice: 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 @ 6:30 am at Hometown Restaurant in Greentown. Contact Scott Boltz or Pastor Keith for more information.

Scripture Sisters: Meets every other Monday @ 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



OCTOBER 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

**Elementary
Epic Battle
Nov 9, 1-3 pm**



Register Here
<https://kokomozion.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2528131>

October

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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November

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December

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29	30	31				

Eastern Good News Club: We would love to have a couple more volunteers as substitutes. Training can be completed online.

Wednesday Warriors: Women's small group Bible study, all are welcome, 6-7:30 pm

Foodie Fridays: 6:30-9:30 pm; open to students and young adults ages 14-22; dinner, Bible study, and games included each week; adults interested in helping - see Melissa

Fort Wayne Komets outing: anyone wanting to attend the Komets game, please contact Melissa by October 11, tickets should be \$20-25

Kendall Family Farm Outreach: we reach out to the community by going to the community, candy accepted now, plan to help anytime between 4-7 pm

Melissa Fipps
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