



The Saltshaker

April 2025

Kokomo Zion Church

Pastor Keith Chanley

During Lent we have focused on the words of Jesus, "It is Finished." We have looked at several different things that Jesus brought to a finish on the cross. Items or situations that when we are in Christ Jesus should be redirected. Items that were broken after the fall in the garden and through the cross of Jesus should be redirected to a pre-fall situation. We have looked at things like creation, dependence, marriage, inheritance and others. The biggest redirection of all though is our relationship with God, salvation. While all the other issues can be corrected through the cross, they begin correction with salvation. If we have not gotten our relationship right with God through Jesus then our inheritance will not be fixed, our connection to creation will not be restored, our dependence on God for freedom will not be restored. None of the rest of the series will be fixed if we do not get this one right. So, have you been redirected away from Jesus toward Jesus through the cross. Jesus lived a perfect life, died a sinless death, rose again in vindication from God and ascended to heaven to be seated at the right hand of the Father in power and authority until sent by the Father to claim his church, his bride. If you have not said yes to Jesus then you are on the wrong side of "it is finished" and are cut off from God, not by his will or choice but by you. I want to be clear this is more than just a mental agreement with a set of beliefs. This is a heart commitment to Jesus. It is a submission of your way to his way, of your will to his will, of your control to his control. It is a decision by you to stop being in control of your life and yielding it to God's direction. It is a stop of thinking you know better than God. It is finished. Have you finished things? It is only then that the grave is closed and holds no finality for you. It is only then that death is defeated and victory is won. Jesus has done all the work all you need to do is say yes. Have you with your whole heart, mind, body, soul and strength? Do not let another Easter pass by without getting things finished.



KOKOMO ZION CHURCH

Schedule of Services

Sunday School 9:00 a.m. / Worship 10:30 a.m.

Keith Chanley, Pastor

Matt Gerhard, Music Director

LeAnne Donson, Secretary

Sheila Lamb, Treasurer

Melissa Dalrymple, Family Ministries Director

Teri Lavengood, Custodian



Holy Week Schedule for Kokomo Zion

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday (Carry In Meal)

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday Service @ 6:00 pm

(The service will be held at Greater Life Fellowship)

Easter Sunday, April 20

Sunrise Service @ 6:30 am at Hillsdale Church

(Breakfast at Hillsdale)

Doughnuts, Smokies, Fruit & Juice @ 9:00 at Zion

Sunday School @ 9:00

Easter Worship Service @ 10:30

Palm Sunday Carry-In Meal and Passover (Maundy Thursday): All of Kokomo Zion Church and family/friends are invited to join us on Palm Sunday for a carry-in dinner. Dish sign-up is on the bulletin board. We will be having a special modified Passover during the meal time. If you are willing to bring in items, you may sign up for that as well. Due to the nature of this event, it will be in replacement of our typical Maundy Thursday gathering. (If you would still like to participate in Maundy Thursday, you are welcome to join ConneXion Church.)

Palm Sunday music special: kids will be singing "There's Power in the Blood." See Melissa for a link to the motions. Everyone gets to sing with them!



MISSION NEWS

Kokomo Rescue Mission is currently building a new addition to their main facility in downtown Kokomo. This addition will provide the much-needed new men's shelter rooms, meeting rooms, a classroom, office space, showers and laundry, and a new larger dining hall.

As many of you know, some members from Kokomo Zion were involved in the starting of the Kokomo Rescue Mission 72 years ago. Our church has been an active supporter of this ministry since then.

This project is well on its way, both in fundraising and actual work on the building. However, there is plenty to be done yet to reach a successful completion. Rescue Mission leaders are asking Zion church along with other churches and organizations in Howard County for help to achieve this goal. Our missions committee will be meeting soon to discuss how Zion church can best help bring this about. Ideas and support would be greatly appreciated. Further information is on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center area.



Henderson Settlement Workcamp
Sunday June 1 to Saturday June 7

Zion's 2025 Workcamp is scheduled for Sunday June 1 through Saturday morning June 7. We have 21 people signed up to go so far. There is still space available and time to sign up if you want to go. The cost is \$350 that includes your room and all meals except for dinner on Wednesday. Half of our payment for registration is due April 1 and the balance of registration is due on May 16. You can make your checks out to Kokomo Zion Church with Henderson Workcamp in the memo line. A reminder that scholarships are available.

In addition, Zion has always been great financial supporters of funding the work projects. Project costs have been in the \$6,000 range. Once we select our specific projects, we will let you know the cost of the materials for our projects. We will also be scheduling a planning meeting soon to answer questions. Pillows, bedding and towels and wash cloths are provided. We usually leave Sunday after worship services and return either Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

In 2024 we built a 12x16 room addition for 4-year-old Gunner Hurst, installed 197 led lights in the Mission Dormitory, cleaned and painted two decks and worked in the shop, thrift store and greenhouse.

We haven't selected the jobs for this year at this time, but we are considering jobs that include window replacement, vinyl siding, fence on the farm and fence in the park and there is always things to be done in the thrift store, senior meals, youth activities, greenhouse and other on campus and off campus jobs.

Workcamp is a great time for fun and fellowship and an opportunity to show Christ's love in an economically depressed community.

If you want to give towards this year's workcamp you can make your check out to Kokomo Zion Church with "Workcamp materials or expenses" in the memo line.

Contact Norman Lavengood at 765-438-3537 if you have any questions.

Dear Kokomo Zion,

Thank you so much for sending me gift cards. It was such a fun surprise to find them in the mail! I enjoyed using the last ones to enjoy meals with my friends and I will do the same with these!

Thank you again,

Alexis Benson

Thank You!!
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I received the gift cards from the church today. Thank you to the church for supplying these to students. It makes it nice to be able to go out to eat and get a change from the dining halls.

Thanks,
Zachary Benson

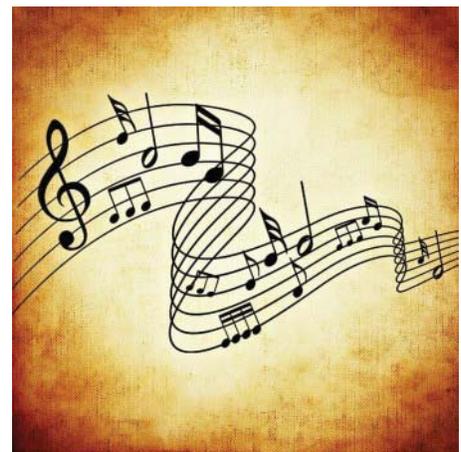
Dear church,

Thank you for continuing to support me at college and for the gift cards and note. I am far from home, but you all stay in my heart and mind. Everything is going well at school as well as with church and weekday worship services, but I am excited to be back home with you all during the summer.

Thank you again,
Matthew Benson



Scripture Sisters will meet April 7th and 21st at 10:00 am in the Beamer Room. We are



Matt's Concert
April 27th @ 3:00



This is a picture of our Good News Club held at Eastern Elementary School in February and March 2025. The Lord blessed us with 46 children who signed up to participate and we averaged 28 children in attendance each week. The children had a great time listening and singing and going through motions along with the Bible Story. We had 8 volunteers, and 8 children made decisions to trust Christ as their Lord and Savior!! So thankful to everyone who volunteered and for your financial and prayer support. Thanks also to Eastern Elementary for the use of their facility. The children looked forward to seeing the Good News Club each week and were disappointed on the day we had to cancel due to a school delay because of cold weather. A Big Thank You to Zion for your support of Child Evangelism Fellowship and the impact you are having bringing God's word to children, many whom may never have had the opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.

On one Tuesday evening after Good News Club, I received a text from Joy Myers, a teacher and volunteer at the Good News Club and whose son, John, is in the Good News Club. *Joy said, "on Tuesday evening John started asking me more questions and asked me if I would help him pray and ask Jesus to come into his heart."*

Joy and the whole team were excited to hear this news! To God be the Glory!

Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6

ON THE CALENDAR @ ZION

April

- 7 Scripture Sisters @ 10:00
- 8 Ad Council Meeting @ 7:00
- 12 Fish Fry @ Hillsdale
- 12 Amy Grant Concert in Gas City
- 16 Missions Meeting @ 7:00
- 18 Good Friday Service @ 6:00
- 20 Easter Sunrise Service @ 6:30
- 21 Scripture Sisters @ 10:00
- 27 Fish Fry @ Bennett Switch Church
- 27 Matt's Concert @ 3:00



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.

Around the Table: A Taste of Passover



Carry-in dinner after worship
Palm Sunday, April 13

★ **YEE HAW** ★
GREENTOWN AREA VBS

Calling all ranch
hands!

We are still looking for a lot
of volunteers to wrangle at
this year's VBS. Please plan
to join us at Greentown
Northview fellowship hall on
April 1, 7pm (no fooling)

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