



The Saltshaker

March 2025

Kokomo Zion Church

Pastor Keith Chanley

Easter season is upon us. Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent is March 5. We then begin a forty-day journey, not counting Sundays, toward Easter. Lent is that time of special focus when we are to reflect upon our walk with Christ. We should be thinking about our walk with Jesus through the whole year, but Lent is a particular time of focus. It is a time when we think about what Christ paid for us. It is a time when we do some self-inspection and see where we are in our walk with Christ and where he wants us to be. Ash Wednesday begins it as we take a moment to bear ashes on our forehead, the traditional and biblical sign of grief and repentance. Lent also calls us to a time of sacrifice in memorial of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Often individuals choose something to give up for Lent. You may have even heard someone say, "I gave that up for Lent." The idea is that when you desire whatever you gave up you will be reminded of what Jesus gave up for us and create a moment of thanksgiving and praise toward God. In order for this to work right you have to give up something you like. If you would never consider eating liver and onions as a meal then giving it up is no real sacrifice. If you love chocolate, coffee, Mt. Dew, chips and so forth, giving one of these up for Lent is much more of a sacrifice. It also creates a moment of celebration and rejoicing when that which was sacrificed is restored. Sometimes people give up a bad habit for Lent, smoking or gossiping for instance. This not only provides reflection on the sacrifice but also gives opportunity to improve our life. I think another way to celebrate Lent and to sacrifice would be to create a new good practice. Not only is this helpful when giving up a bad habit, but it is also an opportunity to create a positive spiritual practice. If you give up a bad habit when the desire to engage in that habit comes what good spiritual practice would you engage in? Do you take a moment to read your bible? Is it a time for prayer? Is it a moment to do some spiritual journaling and write about your walk with Jesus? You can also take Lent as a motivation creating a spiritual practice. Perhaps you struggle making time to read scripture, what is a time during your day when you can give up some free time to begin to read? Maybe there is a time when you watch tv and there really isn't anything on that you like but you watch because it is on and you are waiting for a favorite show. Maybe that is a time when you can mute the tv and read your bible or pray. Creating a new spiritual practice doesn't mean we have to give up something entirely but it is an opportunity for you to shift some time toward your walk with Jesus which should be our greatest priority. So, as we prepare for this seasonal journey toward Easter, how is Jesus calling you to deepen your walk with him?

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



Scripture Sisters will meet March 10th and 24th at 10:00 am in the Beamer Room. We are studying Revelation— come and join us!





HOME MAKEOVER

MAKING OUR HEARTS CHRIST'S HOME

MARCH 15, 2025

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

\$10.00

INCLUDES A PAINTING WITH *THE PAINTBRUSH BOUTIQUE*
AND LUNCH BY *MADE BY JADE*

YOUTH CENTER
MCGRAWSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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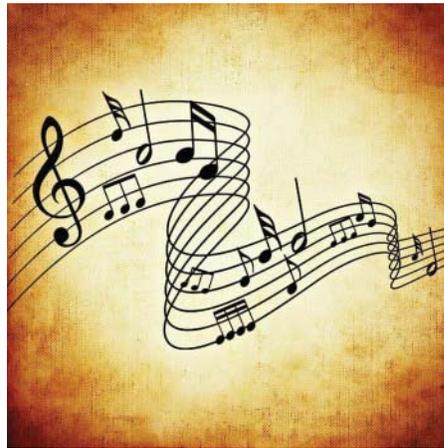
WELCOME & BRING A FRIEND!

“SO THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS...”

—FROM EPHESIANS 3:17



Matt's Concert March 23rd @ 3:00



THE KOKOMO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS:
HARMONY OF HERITAGE:
A CELEBRATION OF BLACK MUSIC IN HISTORY

MARCH 1, 2025 AT 7:00PM @ IUK HAVENS AUDITORIUM

FEATURING THE SYMPHONY NO. 1 - THE AFRO-AMERICAN SYMPHONY BY BLACK AMERICAN COMPOSER WILLIAM GRANT STILL, WITH ELEMENTS OF JAZZ, BLUES, AND GOSPEL WITH AN EMPHASIS ON CELEBRATING DOWN-TO-EARTH ROOTS OF THIS AMERICAN MUSIC.



**TICKETS ARE \$25
\$5 FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS
FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS K-12
AND CHILDREN**



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March 1st - 7pm Havens Auditorium at IUK, Kokomo—Harmony of Heritage. The Kokomo Symphony along with a massed gospel choir will be presenting a program of music written by African—American composers.

As part of the program Matt Gerhard will be conducting one piece. Kokomo Zion's choir will be a part of the massed choir. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or ahead of time at www.kokomosymphony.com

The tickets are \$25 for adults and free for all students K-12



Thank You!!
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Thank you for all the cards and prayers for us during this difficult time. Thank you for the generous donation of bibles in Mom's memory. It's a very fitting gift for a lovely Christian lady.

Jim & Cheryl Yoars

Dear Kokomo Zion Church,

The prayer blanket crafted and sent by the Knit one, Pray Too Ministry is such a thoughtful gesture. Thank you! We are filled with gratitude for your prayers and love as we step into a new season. As we use this blanket throughout this transition, and for years to come, we will be reminded of our ministry together in Kokomo.

God Bless,

Pastor John and Marianne Hogsett

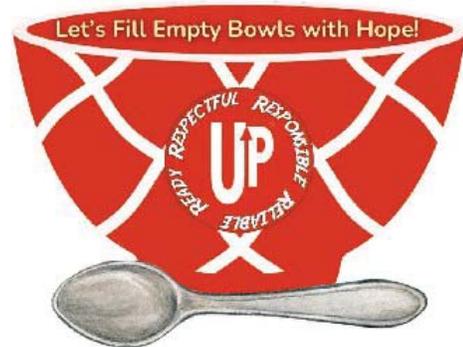
(John served as a pastor at Zion. He has accepted the position of DS in the Southwest District and they will be moving.)

ALL CHURCH CAMPOUT

There are again 2 opportunities for you to go camping with the church. The first one will be at Potato Creek Sept. 5-6 and the second is Sept. 19-20 at Mississinewa. Reservations need to be made by March 5th. Please let Jeff Troyer know if you are going to either or both of the camping trips. There is always good fellowship and food!



UP™ PROGRAM AT KOKOMO URBAN OUTREACH EMPTY BOWL FUNDRAISER FRIDAY, MARCH 14



**LUNCH: 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.
DINNER: 4 TO 6:30 P.M.
MAIN ST. UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
830 S. MAIN ST., KOKOMO**

**FREE-WILL DONATION
SILENT AUCTION
BOWL AUCTION & MUSIC FROM KEYTON ROMERO
DURING DINNER**

ON THE CALENDAR @ ZION

March

- 1 Kokomo Symphony @7:00
- 4 VBS Volunteer Meeting @7:00
- 5 Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30
- 10 Scripture Sisters @ 10:00
- 23 Matt's Concert
- 24 Scripture Sisters @ 10:00

Ash Wednesday Service

Join us on March 5 @ 6:30 pm.
The service will be held at Kokomo Zion Church. We will have a joint service with The ConneXion Church & Hillsdale Church. Rev. Sam Padget from the ConneXion Church will be preaching,



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

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.

Women's Warriors Bible Study: Tuesdays @ 6:00-7:30 — All ladies are invited to come study. Contact Melissa Dalrymple for more info. They will be studying Deborah. On Break



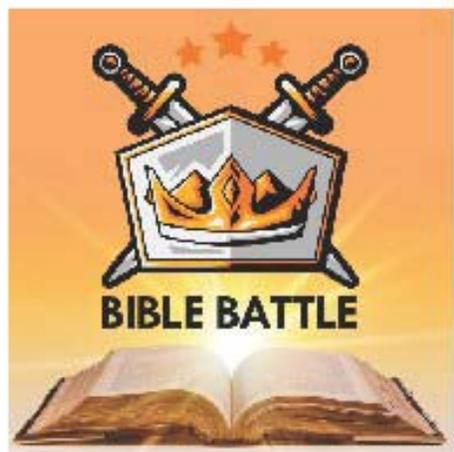
FAMILY MINISTRIES



MARCH



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



Here is a list of 16 Bible passages we will be using for our voting this year. You are encouraged to look them up in your own Bible for context. Choose your favorite in each bracket, then turn in your bracket to Melissa or her mailbox by March 9. The Kingdom KidZ will be voting on their favorites each week. Whoever's final bracket in each age category (grades K-5, grades 6-12, and adult) is closest to our final week will be a winner. Each winner will receive their choice of gift card to a local ice cream establishment (East End in Peru, Big Dipper in Converse, or Scoops in Kokomo). The good news? No one is a loser, if they are reading scripture!

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| Josh 1:9 | Isa 40:31 | John 16:33 | Eph 6:12 |
| Ps 23:4-6 | Isa 41:10 | Rom 12:2 | Phil 4:6-8 |
| Prov 3:5-6 | Matt 28:19-20 | 2 Cor 5:17 | 2 Tim 1:7 |
| Prov 22:6 | John 14:6 | Gal 5:22-23 | Heb 4:12 |

March

April

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

Women Warriors: We are looking for some ladies to join us. We are happy to change the day &/or time

IUK Prayer Walk: 30-45 minutes, contact Melissa

Family Passover & Carry-in Dinner
Kids' special music

Melissa Dalrymple
 Director of Family Ministries
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