



The Saltshaker

May 2025

Kokomo Zion Church

Pastor Keith Chanley

I struggle with what to write for Mother's and Father's Days. I recognize not everyone's Mom has been a positive role model in their life. This can happen for a variety of reasons but it does happen. If I write about how great moms are it can sometimes be a bitter reminder and hurtful. If I write about Biblical examples, moms might get depressed because they don't feel like they are living up to those expectations. On the other hand, I do want to recognize those moms who have done great jobs, perhaps not perfect but great jobs loving, encouraging, disciplining and pushing their children to become good men and women. I also want to include those moms who may not be our biological mothers but have filled those roles in our lives, grandmothers, aunts, spiritual mothers, and so forth. So, trying not to create resentment, trying not to create depression or feelings of inadequacy, or ignoring those who are doing their best to raise good men and women leaves me with shrugged shoulders going now what. So, I don't know what to say except to remember your mom(s), in whatever form they may have taken, in your prayers. Whatever relationship you have with your mom remember them in your prayers. Scripture tells us to honor our mothers. Period. It doesn't say good moms, moms who give us everything we want, moms who don't make us mad or any other qualification. It simply says mothers. Honor your mom, pray for her, love her. To all the ladies who mother us regardless of biological status - HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY. Pastor Keith



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



FOOD PANTRY NEWS: The annual Post Office Letter Carrier's Food Drive is coming up on Saturday, May 10, 2025. Many volunteers will be needed to collect food (on both walking routes and driving routes) as well as workers to sort the donated food items at the collection site. Please consider supporting this endeavor by leaving food items at your mailbox on May 10th. This collection supports all food pantries in Kokomo – and all donations of current dated food items are greatly appreciated by all in our community. One final need for the food drive -- we will need LOTS of banana boxes to sort the donations. It would be VERY helpful if while grocery shopping if you could stop in the produce department and ask if they have empty banana boxes (they are usually very happy to get rid of them). Bring to the fellowship hall and put under the coat racks -- Sheila will see that they get delivered.

PLEASE SAVE YOUR CLEAN EGG CARTONS, THE FOOD PANTRY CAN USE THEM.

Mission News

In last month's newsletter, it was reported that the Kokomo Rescue Mission is currently building a new addition to its main facility called the Engagement Center. They are, of course, asking local churches in Howard Co. for financial support to complete this important addition to downtown Kokomo.

Our missions committee met recently and decided that a good way to do this was to use our already planned missions fundraising supper for this purpose. Therefore, 100% of the proceeds from the 2025 Fish and Tenderloin Supper will go towards this project.

Please save the date of September 27th for this event. This is always a big event for Kokomo Zion Church, and this year will be no exception. Your help will be needed! Thank you in advance for your support.

Ken Spangler
Mission Chairman



Zion's 2025 work camp at Henderson Settlement is coming soon! June 1-7 to be exact! In this photo you see Kevin Lamb working on the historic log cabin at Henderson Settlement where it all began 100 years ago. This year is Henderson's 100th year celebration!

In February 1925, Reverend Hiram Frakes observed a murder hearing in the county courtroom presided over by one of the members of his church. The judge was faced with yet another case from a notorious section of the county - Laurel Fork Valley - aided by its own kind of law of fear and violence. When witnesses refuse once more to place the blame for certain killings, the judge could take no more. In frustration, he told the residents to "go back and kill yourselves off."

Moved by this incident, the Pineville Methodist pastor decided to shift his ministry toward these valley people. There were elementary schools of variable quality around, but the nearest high school was 30 miles away. With no land or money, Rev. Frakes made the trek and shared his dream to provide a school for all children with whoever would listen. Incredibly, the people with a proud tradition of landownership affirmed that dream. Uncle Scott Partin gave 16 acres, Bill Henderson donated all 68 acres of his land, and several others contributed portions of their holdings.

Rev. Frakes went to his bishop, Theodore Henderson, laying the groundwork for financial support. Bertha Reil, a Deaconess and graduate of the Chicago Training School, heard about Rev. Frakes and came to be the first teacher at the school. The cabin where she stayed remains a Settlement landmark.

We have selected 9 projects this year with a total cost of \$7,700. These include replacing a deck for a family, replacing a deck at the park, installing new cattle panels at the lower farm, painting a roof on equipment shed, installing new led lights in the youth center, and a section of vinyl fence in the park and maybe helping with bible school in their Rec Program.

Please be in prayer for our summer work camp and those attending. We have 22 campers going and include Jim & Sheri Patterson, Kevin & Sheila Lamb, Ken & Cindy Einselen, Keith & Dana Chanley, Ken & Sharon Spangler, Jeff & Sam Troyer, Teri Lavengood, Scott Boltz, Lillie Fawcett, Kevin Smith, Wayne Isaac and Norm & Deb Lavengood.

Scripture Sisters will meet only once in May - May 5th at 10:00 AM. We will do a one-session booklet called, "Waiting for the Wedding." There are copies on the bulletin board. We will take June off and resume on July 7th.

Thanks!
Cindy



**Diamond Jubilee Celebration
with the
Kokomo Civic Theatre and
the Kokomo Symphony Orchestra.**

May 17th - 7:30 pm

May 18th - 2:00 pm

Havens Auditorium at IUK, Kokomo

Tickets may be purchased at the door,
or ahead of time at
www.kokomosymphony.com



A Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

*Please watch over
and support all mothers
on earth and in heaven . . .*

*and help them to know how much
they are loved and appreciated
on Mother's Day and every day.*

RightQuotes4all.Com



ON THE CALENDAR @ ZION

May

- 4 Henderson planning mtg. @ 12:00
- 5 Scripture Sisters @ 10:00
- 11 Mother's Day
- 17 Fish Fry @ Brookside Free Methodist
- 26 Office Closed for Memorial Day
- 27 Staff Parish Meeting @ 7:00



JUNE SALTSHAKER DEADLINE

Please have your article or news to the office by May 27th. You can email the information or you can place it in LeAnne's mailbox at church.

COME JOIN A SMALL GROUP!

Choir Practice: Thurs @ 7:00 pm **Practice for the annual summer choir program begins May 1.**

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.

FAMILY MINISTRIES

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



We still need people to sit with kids June 26-27

We need to know who is willing to show up and take a group of kids from station to station. We'd like for you to wear a vbs shirt, so we need to know your name, contact info, and t-shirt size. Your only obligation is to keep your small group of kids together and buy your shirt.

Kokomo Zion booth at VBS on Saturday, June 28

We are looking for a couple of people or a family to run a game/info booth. You can decide a game for kids to play and bring candy to hand out (like a carnival). We have games for you to borrow, if you'd like. See Melissa for info.

Snacks and supplies: If you are willing to help with snacks or purchase supplies, see Melissa.

Melissa Dalrymple
Director of Family Ministries
melissa@kokomozionchurch.org || 765-416-1716