



The Saltshaker

August 2025

Kokomo Zion Church

Pastor Keith Chanley

It seems hard to believe that it is August already. Kids are going back to school. Summer vacation opportunities are drawing to a close. Soon leaves will be changing color and pumpkin spice will fill the air. Dana said she saw Halloween decorations out preparing to be put on the shelves when she went into a store the other day. I don't know where you might have gone this year, what trips you might have taken. Perhaps you have been to the mountains seen tumbling waterfalls and bubbling white water. Perhaps you have gazed up to the mountain tops and down into the valleys. Maybe you have gone to the beach and marveled at the immenseness of the ocean. Perhaps you have gone to the Great Lakes and watched the waves roll in. Maybe you have traveled to another nation and pondered different cultures and vistas unlike those here at home. When we see such sights, we are often inspired at the wonder and majesty of God we see in creation. It is a wondrous experience when we feel our souls and hearts lifted from such sights. It causes us to remember the creativity and majesty of God and all that he has done. But perhaps you didn't travel and your vistas have been corn fields, bean fields, hummingbirds outside your window, and the squirrel that keeps raiding your bird feeder. While it is exciting to see the far-off sights, we shouldn't forget about the common beauty of God that we see in our everyday living. There are things just as majestic, that speak just as loudly to the wonder and creativity of God that we sometimes fail to hear or see because they are with us every day. Sometimes we fail to see the majesty of God in a loved one's face, a smile, a laugh or the touch of a hand. Sometimes we fail to see God in the sunset or sunrise over the same landscape we see every day, or the turning color of leaves on the same old hillsides. Sometimes we fail to see God in the rabbit or squirrel in our backyard. So, while we enjoy the greatness of God in the uncommon places we go, let us not forget to see God in the common beauty of our everyday sights.

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



HENDERSON HOLLARS SUMMER 2025

WORK CAMP SUMMER 2025 Work Camp has kicked off and we are rolling into summer with confidence that God's work at Henderson Settlement and the surrounding communities will continue to impact lives in a truly powerful way. Spring saw a lot of great work being done with home repair and multiple campus projects being accomplished. This included the first 2 weeks of the 43rd home building which we hope to complete in mid-August. The summer Work Camp has started well with numbers being consistent but lower than we would have hoped. The last 2 weeks of June have us expecting numbers that are more "Summer like" and in the 120–150-person range which really excites us and provides the opportunity to reach more people in a short period. Looking ahead into July and August those numbers drop off again to about half of what we would normally want to see. We are so thankful for each person that chooses to come and serve in our area. You make a difference every day! We can still schedule groups for this summer in June, July and August regardless of group size! We also have plenty of availability in September and October for groups that would like to schedule a full week or partial week. We cannot emphasize enough how important having work groups here impacts the total ministry of Henderson Settlement. Beyond the community home repair and campus improvements are the impacts you have on the everyday operation of ministries like the Thrift Store, Food Service, Youth programs, Greenhouse, Food Pantry, MIHOW and general operating just to name a few. Work teams make those ministries possible in so many ways with both the physical labor you provide but also through the fees you pay to be here. A true overall impact to how we operate. We have opportunities for most all ages and those with high skill, medium skill and low to no skill. If you want to serve there is a place for you. Please consider bringing a group this year and if not this year plan for a trip in 2026 spring, summer or fall. If you have any questions or need assistance in setting up a trip, please contact us at workcamp@hsumc.org or call 606-337-3613 extension 314. We hope to hear from you soon.

Stillwater House: We are very close to completing the Stillwater House. We are working through a few electrical kinks but after that installing cabinets and setting up furniture should get us ready to use as a housing facility. We are super excited to offer this new unit to guests. Old Admin History and Information Center: The renovation of the main floor has been slower than we had hoped to this point, but we are seeing progress. We have some electrical challenges there as well and need shelving and floor sanding / finishing done to get us on the verge of being ready for public use of that building.

A Note from Your Board President:

The Henderson Settlement board of directors is looking forward to another season of work camp by getting involved with many parts of the ministry. As we have participated in the selection of the 2025 house build family we plan on helping as much as we can throughout this Year. My name is Dan Tebbe from St. Mary's, Ohio and the board recently elected me as board president, and I can only hope to live up to the standards that have been exemplified by the officers preceding me. I have been involved at Henderson with volunteering for the past 3 or 4 years and try to make it to campus every month to pitch in with whatever needs done. My wife Linda comes along as often as her schedule allows. We always come away from Bell County feeling richer for the new friends we've made along the way, blessed by the Settlement staff who welcome and take great care of us, and grateful to have been able to make acquaintances within the community and other volunteers. With the Centennial year upon us, the board is looking forward to the completion of a couple special projects in the community park and some nice additions to the old administration building. There's a lot to be done, and we would most certainly appreciate as much help with these projects as we can get. If you haven't been to the Settlement lately, this would be a great year to get re-engaged!

Our Hope & Prayer List · finish History and Visitor Center · finish Park · finish Stillwater House · Restore Cabin · Late Model Minivan · Larger Transport · An extra Mission Team Visit · Church Visits · An opportunity to visit your church · An opportunity for you to visit an extra time · Financial Assistance · Food donations · Greenhouse Support · Fence Row Mower · Prayers · Update Work camp Storage Bay · Backup Generators Installed

Mission Moments



Kokomo Zion has a team going to Henderson Settlement August 24-29. Projects will be building more vinyl fences at the park and building a bridge across a creek on the trail that leads from the park to the ball diamond. The week of October 6th Henderson Settlement will be celebrating their 100-year anniversary! Please be in prayer for Henderson Settlement, the staff and the team from Zion going to help make improvements to the campus. The cost of the bridge is \$1,000 and the cost of each 50 feet of fence is \$1,000. Any donations will be appreciated. We will be taking a trailer down, so if you would like to make donations to MIHOW or the thrift store you can bring your donations and place them in the fellowship hall near the nursery. Thank you for your support of Henderson Settlement and Zion's volunteers!

Thank you,
Norman



Travis & Sarah (Bauson) Lacey will be at Kokomo Zion Church on September 9th at 7:00 pm to share with us what they have been doing. Please come and join us to hear about this mission that we support.



CEF Six County Prayer Partner

Happy Monday Prayer partners,

1 Praise the Lord with us, we had the opportunity to share the Gospel at the Back-to-School festival in Peru Saturday at the circus building to over 250 children and their parents. Check out the pictures below of Janis giving the Gospel while Kaylee acts as a moving visual. We used the party club lesson, the Secret of the Watermelon. We had 5 children accept Christ as Savior and handed out many Bibles and tracts.

2. Please pray for the children that heard the Gospel and those who accepted Christ as Lord and Savior this summer. We will get the number of children reached and saved out as soon as we get back from vacation.

3. Please pray for Sawyer as he works to raise his support. Pray that the Lord will lead him to the people and churches that He has called to support Sawyer in his new position as the Six County Ministry Coordinator.

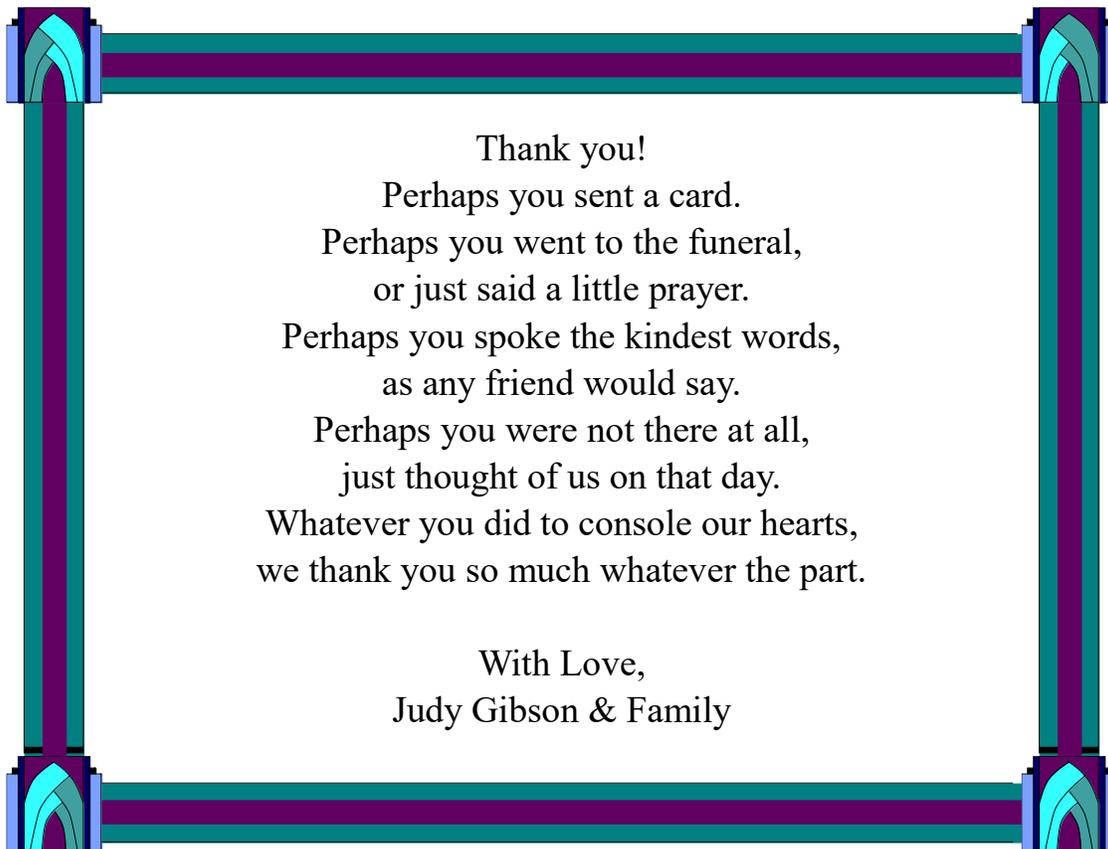
4. Please begin to pray for the Good News Clubs. As we work to get permission to go back into the schools, pray for the Lord to go before us, pray for the volunteers who will teach and for the children who will attend.

I thank you for your prayers and support we appreciate each one of you
I Pray the Lord Bless you and your family

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September 27th
Zion's Fish & Loin Fry
All the proceeds will go to the
KOKOMO RESCUE MISSION
We will need everyone's help to
make it another successful fish fry.
Please be thinking how you can help!
If you have questions please see
Sheila Lamb or LeAnne Donson

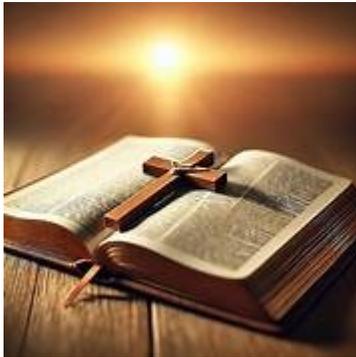
Scripture Sisters will be starting a new study on Psalm 119.
This is a great time to join us!
August 11 and 25
September 8 and 22
October 13 and 27
November 10 and 24
We meet at 10:00 AM in the Beamer Room.
See Cindy Einselen for a study booklet.

Thanks!
Cindy

ON THE CALENDAR @ ZION

August

- 11 Scripture Sisters @ 10:00 am
- 13 Bible Study @ 7:00 pm
- 19 Worship Committee Mtg. @ 7:00
- 20 Bible Study @ 7:00 pm
- 21 Music @ the fairgrounds 7:00
(Matt is playing)
- 25 Scripture Sisters @ 10:00 am
- 27 Bible Study @ 7:00 pm
- 31 Matt's Concert @ 3:00 pm
(reception for Matt after his concert)



Starting Aug. 13, Pastor Keith will begin a Bible Study called Christian To The Core. This Bible Study is a twelve - session journey to becoming a deeper disciple by increasing your intimacy with God, increasing you love for people, and discovering God's greater purposes for your life. It will be held at the Church on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

*15 Year Anniversary
at Zion*



Matt's Concert

Aug. 31

3:00 pm

*Invite all your friends
Please join us after the concert
for some refreshments
to help celebrate!*

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

Have you ever been tasked to do something that you hadn't done for a really long time – riding a bike, making your favorite dish, swimming? It can feel a bit daunting at first, especially if it might involve an injury if you fail. However, some muscle memory usually takes over. I've seen older adults break out their musical instrument they haven't touched in years and still be able to play. Of course, some work must be done in order for things to sound good. Still, it is possible.

That's what happened to me at the Howard County Fair a few weeks ago. I went to sit with the CEF youth while they made balloon animals. Oops! Allow me to rephrase that. I actually wound up making a lot of balloon animals. I had to watch Blessing (that's her name) make a one. Then I made a couple by looking at the samples. The other helper was taught how to make a couple of things. She did fairly well, considering she had never done it before. The second afternoon, she asked me how I was able to twist things so quickly. My answer – muscle memory.

In my late twenties I was a member of a professional clown alley in Marion called God's Promises. We did silly skits, worship skits, and made balloon animals. (We even had an entire worship service we led at a few churches.) Even though it had been almost 30 years since I had made a balloon animal, the muscle memory of the twists came back.

Sometimes, in our walk with God, we neglect some of the spiritual disciplines that we practiced in our youth. However, with a little practice we can again master them. This is true for those that have not been living out their faith and have stepped away from God for many years. They may still believe in God, but they have not been living out their faith and have neglected their relationship with Jesus. Encourage those you know who might be in that situation. Invite them to pray with you, attend a worship service, study the Bible, or participate in a small group. Let them know that the "muscle memory" will return with a little "elbow grease." And if you are the one who needs the encouragement - go for it! Get back in the game! Renew your relationship with the Father; He's waiting to hear from you.



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