



The Saltshaker

September 2025

Kokomo Zion Church

Pastor Keith Chanley

It is Wednesday before we leave on Sunday to go to Henderson Settlement for our mission trip. LeAnne reminded me that I have a newsletter article to be turned in before we leave. As I looked through some past articles, I found one from 2007 when I was appointed in Rising Sun Indiana. Rising Sun is in the southeastern part of the state down on the Ohio River in Ohio County, the smallest county in Indiana. That church also went on a yearly mission trip but went to John's Island, South Carolina. A motto for that mission team was "Do your best and caulk the rest." The idea is that we do our best possible work, but since we are not professional carpenters, some were better than others, we use caulk to fill in those places where our best doesn't do the task perfectly. We use caulk to cover up our imperfections.

One afternoon that year I was working on installing some baseboard. It had been a hot and humid day, South Carolina hot and not far from the ocean humid, and I was getting pretty tired. I was ready to be done, go back to the church where we were staying, get a shower and rest. The baseboard was not cooperating. It was gaping from the wall and didn't want to pull tight. There was a nailing technique that I was attempting to use to get the board to stay close to the wall, but it wasn't working like I wanted. As I was struggling with this the thought went through my mind, "Oh just forget it and use more caulk. Don't worry about your best just use more caulk." I didn't give in to the temptation but kept working with it. I don't know if I ever really got it much better but I kept trying.

As I thought about the temptation to just use more caulk, a spiritual application came to mind, occupational hazard for preachers. That application was preceded by the question, "I wonder how often we do that spiritually? How often are we tempted to 'just use more caulk' spiritually?" How often when we are worn down spiritually are we tempted to not do our best and let Jesus use more 'caulk' to cover up our less than best effort. When we are spiritually tired, embattled, tried, frustrated and so forth the temptation is to just simply not try as hard. After all God forgives if we just ask. So, if it takes a little more 'caulk', a little more grace, to cover up our imperfections then it's all good in the end.

While God will indeed forgive if we ask, the attitude of not giving him our best is one which we should not cultivate. We should always strive to give God our best spiritual effort. If we fail to give God, our best effort we set ourselves up to live sloppy spiritual lives. If we are not careful, we move from not giving God, our best effort to not giving Him any effort at all. Soon our spirituality would be a sham and we would find ourselves wondering 'why I don't feel as close to God as I used to.'

'Do your best and caulk the rest' is a good motto for work missions. It is also a good motto for our spiritual lives. We should live our best spiritual lives and know that God's 'caulk', the blood of Jesus, covers our imperfections. Let us beware the temptation and not yield to the desire to do less than our best. Pastor Keith

SEPTEMBER 13TH
9:30-11:00 A.M.

CROSS AMERICA,
840 DANIEL DR.
KOKOMO, IN 46901

Join us for a

CEF PRAYER BREAKFAST



DEAR FRIENDS,

On behalf of Child Evangelism Fellowship Six County, you are invited to join us for Prayer Breakfast. This event offers an opportunity to gather in fellowship and support Child Evangelism Fellowship's work, in bringing the Gospel to children in the community and worldwide.

- Join us September 13th
- Breakfast on us
- Prayers, Inspiring Testimonies, Guest Speakers
- RSVP September 5th to Janis.nye@cefindiana.com or
- Sawyer.gehle@cefindiana.com

Guest Speakers



Janis Nye



Sawyer Gehle



Norm Lavengood

Mission Moments



Travis & Sarah (Bauson) Lacey will be at Kokomo Zion Church on September 8th 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.

Zion's Mission FISH FRY will be Saturday, September 27th serving from 4:30-7:00 p.m. It will be all-hands-on-deck to make this happen. LeAnne Donson & Sheila Lamb are working on planning and preparations, so be ready to say "YES—where do you need me?" when they call. Sign-up sheets for donations of products and worker schedules are located on the table in front of the welcome center. PLEASE sign up for at least one shift during the event. All proceeds from the event will support the Kokomo Rescue Mission's new building project. We are looking forward to a great evening of fellowship with our community as we raise funds for this worthy ministry.



Kokomo Zion Missions

Fish & Lo'in Fry

5051 E CR 400 N
Kokomo, IN 46901

765-628-3605 | kokomozionchurch.org

Sat, Sept 27, 2025 | 4:30-7 p.m.

ALL YOU CAN EAT

WE WILL HAVE A DRIVE-THRU LINE THIS YEAR!

FREE WILL DONATION

All proceeds benefit

Kokomo Rescue Mission Menu

Fish, Tenderloin OR Combo
Prepared by Hillsdale Community Church

DINE-IN

Baked Beans
Coleslaw
Applesauce
Ice Cream

DRIVE-THRU

Baked Beans
Potato Chips
Applesauce
Cookies

Special thanks to our donors for this event:

Herschberger & Sons, LLC

Peru McDonald's Travel Plaza

Please support these vendors

2nd Annual Hillsdale Community Church

CAR SHOW

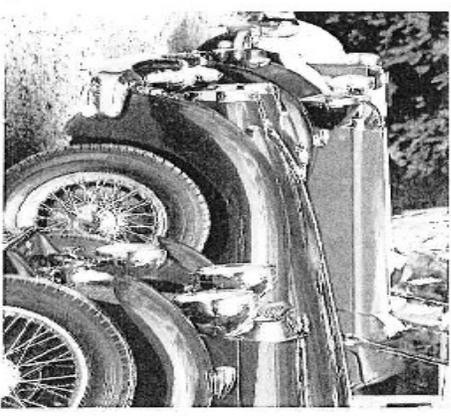
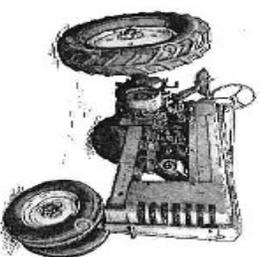
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& 1 - 5 p.m.

TRACTOR SHOW

Saturday, September 6th



● Climb on a tractor

● Sit in an antique car

4893 E 100 N, Kokomo, IN

FREE ADMISSION

Any questions, please contact Marguerite @ 765-252-7020



Church Parking Lot

September 15 & 16 the church parking lot and parsonage driveway will be closed for repair and sealing. We will not be allowed to drive or park on the parking lot for 24 - 48 hours after they finish.

We are starting a **MomCo (previously MOPS)** group at Kokomo Zion. We would like to find women willing to be involved (you don't have to teach) on a leadership team, snacks, etc. Contact Melissa at 765-480-685 or Melissa@kokomozionchurch.org. The mom community has been extended to any mom, not just moms of preschoolers. We need mentors so that we can reach out to the community with this ministry.



Sewing Ministry - We are thinking of doing a 4-6 session sewing class for women. If you have basic sewing skills and a sewing machine, we'd love for you to be involved. Contact Pastor Keith, Melissa or LeAnne, if you would like to discuss this further.



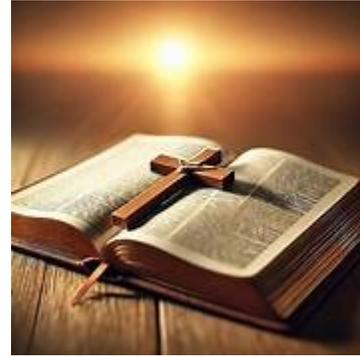
Scripture Sisters we are doing a study on Psalm 119.
September 8 and 22
October 13 and 27
November 10 and 24
We meet at 10:00 AM in the Beamer Room.
See Cindy Einselen for a study booklet.

Thanks!
Cindy

ON THE CALENDAR @ ZION

September

- 1 Office will be closed
- 2 SPRC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 3 Trustee Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 6 Hillsdale church car & tractor show @ 1-5 pm
- 8 Scripture Sisters @ 10:00 am
- 8 Travis & Sarah Lacey @ 7:00 pm
- 9 Ad Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 10 Bible Study @ 7:00 pm
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- 24 Bible Study @ 7:00 pm
- 27 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:00
- 28 Matt's Concert @ 3:00 pm



Pastor Keith started 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.

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



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



MOMCO AT KOKOMO ZION CHURCH
THE MOMCO



6 WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT MOMCO



IF YOU ARE A MOM, JOIN US!



TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS and family members about us, and encourage them to visit our group.



HELP US SUPPORT MOMS BY WORKING IN KIDSCO. KidsCo meets the needs of children as well as the needs of their moms. The quality care and biblical teaching in KidsCo impacts the entire family.



PROVIDE A SCHOLARSHIP FOR A MOM TO ATTEND MOMCO. A small donation can make a huge difference.



BECOME A MENTOR AND INVEST IN THE LIVES OF YOUNG WOMEN. A Mentor walks a few steps ahead. She doesn't have to know all the answers; she just needs to be willing to offer perspective on mothering, womanhood and relationships.



SIGN UP TO PROVIDE SNACKS. The best conversations often happen around a table. It's even better when that table has food on it. You can bless moms by providing a snack.

Fall dates for MomCo at Kokomo Zion Church: Sep 16, Oct 7 & 21, Nov 4 & 18



CANDY COLLECTION

We will be collecting candy for our outreach at Kendall Family Farm Adventures. Drop off candy between Sep 28 & Oct 5. We will put bags together sometime during the week of Oct 5. We will hand out bags 2-3 times between Oct 17-26.

Melissa Dalrymple
Director of Family Ministries
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