



The Saltshaker

January 2026

Kokomo Zion Church

Pastor Keith Chanley

What will be different?

Depending on the arrival time of the newsletter, 2026 is either looming large in your vision or you have just crossed the New Year's threshold and are trying to remember to write 2026 on all your documents instead of 2025. It is easy, as we pass from one year to the next, to go ho-hum just another year. Even with the parties and things we do to welcome another year, it is quite simple for the old year to slip away and the New Year to quietly assume its place. We make a lot of noise as the year changes but what actually will be different in 2026 than in 2025?

After the wise men had worshipped Jesus, they were told in a dream from God to not return to Herod, Matthew 2:10-12. Herod was a paranoid psychopath and would have probably killed the magi in an attempt to manage this news about a king of the Jews. So, being obedient to the dream from God, the magi went home by a different route. In essence the magi were told to leave differently than they had come. As we have come through the Christmas season and enter into a new year, will we leave the one and enter the next any different?

A new year gives us an opportunity to spend some time reflecting. What are the lessons we learned? What things did we not do that we wished we had? What are the things we did do that we wish we hadn't? We often hear talk or make talk about resolutions and new things that we are going to accomplish in the New Year. Unfortunately, most of those New Year resolutions quickly find themselves in the trash. When they do, we find that the current year is no different than the last one. We find that we have not left any differently than we came.

So as 2026 is getting underway, I want to encourage you to pause and take a spiritual inventory. Ask the Lord how you can leave 2025 differently than you entered. Ask him to show you what can be different in your soul, your spirit, and your life in 2026. What changes in your walk with Christ will be different? Will you commit to a bible reading plan and spend time in God's word daily? Will you be a part of a bible study group? Will you find an accountability partner to ask you how it is with your soul? Will you try to have a more interactive prayer time with God instead of just giving him your want list? Will you take on a new spiritual discipline like fasting, journaling, or prayer walking in your neighborhood? What will be different?

Anytime is a good time to improve our spiritual life, but the new year is a special time for reflection and opportunity for change. Let us be like the magi and leave differently than we arrived. I pray you have a blessed and different 2026.

Pastor Keith

Kokomo Zion Church,

Thank you for the gift bag.
I appreciate knowing the
Church is thinking of me
even when I'm not home,
and your continued support
of my journey through
college means a lot to me.

With gratitude,

Matthew Benson

Dear Kokomo Zion Church,

Thank you so much for the
gift bag! It means a lot to
know that I have a church
family thinking of me and praying
for me while I'm at school. The
candy, giftcards, snacks, kind
notes, etc. are all very much
appreciated. Thank you!

Alani

Thank you 😊 !!

My Zion family,

Thank you so much for
the thoughtful care packages!
It means a lot that I know
I always have my church
supporting me as I transition
into adult life. Not only have
you encouraged me in my faith,
but also in my ability to
empathize and love fiercely.
The money helps a lot, along with
the gift cards! And, of course,
snacks are always appreciated :)

Love and light,

Cora Kendall

Kokomo Zion Church,

Thank you for the Christmas gift
bag. I appreciate having the support
of my church family in college.

Zach Benson

Thank you so much for the
gift bag! It meant a lot.

Merry Christmas;

Christina

Thank you to all of my church family for the amazing birthday card party. I received so many birthday wishes and I'm grateful to have such a loving church family.

Orval Gingerich

**Thank
You**

Thank you everyone at Kokomo Zion for my bag of goodies, notes, and gift cards. It was a wonderful treat from my church family.

Aliya Erwin

Thank you for the gift bags full of gift cards, food, and candy. It is appreciated and nice to know we are being thought of and prayed for.

Thank you,
Hannah & Sam Troyer

Pastor Keith & Dana delivered the Christmas bags to our Shut-ins. This was the message they heard over and over.

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift bags. We appreciate your love, kindness and support.



Matt's Concert
January 18th
3:00 PM

Invite your friends!



Please join us as we continue our study
of Psalm 119!

Scripture Sisters Schedule
January 5 & 19- Psalm 119:161-176

Thank you,
Cindy

ABOUT OUR MINISTRY

Child Evangelism Fellowship® is a Bible centered, interdenominational, worldwide organization, composed of born-again believers whose purpose and mission are to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, disciple them in the Word of God, and establish them in a Bible-believing church for Christian living.

Our ministry vision is to reach Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day. At CEF of Indiana, we take that mission to our level, meaning Every Child, Every Chapter (and every county!), Every Day. Since 1958, staff and volunteers across Indiana have been reaching children with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Currently, we reach children in 46 of our state's 92 counties.

God has given His people a clear commission to reach every creature with the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ. Mark 16:15 commands, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Our special mission in CEF is to evangelize every child. In the 2024-25 ministry year, CEF of Indiana reached 11,565 children with the gospel through various ministries. We saw 976 children make a profession of faith, and 91 children have begun attending a local church for the first time.

We are committed to leading children in every county in our state to be in God's Word every day. As children grow in their relationship with the Lord through meditating on His Word, they develop godly character, which produces much fruit to the glory of God, including spreading the Gospel to their peers. Psalm 119:2 states, "Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek Him with the whole heart."

We currently have 40 staff members around the state and close to 2,000 volunteers from local churches trained by our staff who serve in our ministries. We also train teens to be the missionaries in the summer, bringing the gospel to children through fun Bible clubs; this summer we trained 73 teens! Our primary ministries are Good News Club,® 5-Day Club,® and Christmas Party Club.™ Other CEF® ministries include Christian Youth In Action,® Camp Good News,® Party Club,™ Junior Youth Challenge,™ and Fair Ministry. We also train fellow believers from local churches to share the gospel effectively providing an invitation for salvation and counseling children to come to know Christ as Lord and Savior. In our 2024-25 ministry year, we trained 522 people.



You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: Kokomo Zion Church
5051 CR East 400 N
Kokomo, IN 46901

When: Tuesday, January 27, 2026

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