



The Saltshaker

July 2026

Kokomo Zion Church

Pastor Keith Chanley

This year is a significant year for Independence day, 250 years. I expect celebrations to be bigger and louder than in previous years. Parades will be longer and towns that normally don't do fireworks will try and scrape together some kind of budget for them. There are so many spiritual connections that you can make with the idea of freedom. You could talk about the price of freedom is in the lives of the soldiers who fight to make us free. You then make a comparison to how we are set free from sin and how the price was paid in the blood of Christ. You could look at our national virtual slavery as we lived under the tyranny of a king and compare that with the real slavery of sin that we live under without Jesus. You can also talk about how unless we live in the freedoms, we are given nationally, it is really kind of pointless. If we do not live as free people then what good does it do to call ourselves free? In the same way once Christ has set us free from slavery to sin and death if we fail to live as freed people of grace then what have we gained? You can compare the battles fought to gain our freedom and the spiritual battles Christ fought to free us and the battles we still engage in as we seek to live a faithful life. You could contrast while we seek to live as a freed people nationally we should seek to live as dependent people under the power and authority of Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords, not separate from him. As our national celebration approaches, take time to think about the freedom Christ offers us. 2 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

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Summer Bash

Hot Dogs

Pickleball

Slippy-
slide

July 11
2-5 PM

Board
Games

Kokomo Zion Church
5051 E 400 N

Gagaball

Fun for
ALL!

Toddler
Area

**Bring your lawn chair, towel
& friends!**

REQUESTS & REMINDERS

COFFEE STEWARDS NEEDED: If you would be willing to serve a month as a “coffee steward”, please let Sheila Lamb know. It involves setting up and making coffee on Sunday morning, having it ready no later than 10:00 a.m. for the 10-10:30 welcome time. On the third Sunday of the month for “Sweet Sunday”, light sweets/snacks are provided. Instructions and all supplies are provided.

FISH FRY: The Fish Fry is quickly approaching on Saturday, September 26th. Mark your calendar – this is a huge fundraising event for The Kokomo Rescue Mission and Kokomo Urban Outreach UP programs.

OPERATION SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS: Just a reminder for your shoeboxes – July is the month to shop for school supplies! Retailers will be offering huge discounts as school approaches (around August 1st!!), and it’s a great time to stock up. It’s also a great time to find good sales on socks and underwear – also great shoebox fillers. Also remember that soap can no longer be packed in shoeboxes. Boxes are available anytime – just let Sheila know, or help yourself to one in the Treasurer’s Office (next to the workroom).

FOOD PANTRY: The Hillsdale/Zion Food Pantry continues to be a busy place on Fridays! If you would like to be involved, talk to Sheila Lamb or Ken Spangler. The Pantry is open every Friday from noon-3:00 p.m. Workers usually arrive around 10:30 to prep and re-stock pantry shelves and then assist clients who arrive for assistance. As we enter the summer months, the need for food assistance is typically greater, as kids are home from school and not getting school meals. Also, with summer, if you have excess produce from your garden, it is always welcomed and appreciated at the Pantry. Your generous and continued support of this important ministry to our community is so greatly appreciated!



This is a great time to join us on Monday mornings, July 6 and 20, at 10:00 in the Beamer Room (come through the north kitchen door). We will begin studying James, using a variety of study methods. Take a booklet from the bulletin board for a look at some different methods.

Music At The Fairgrounds

Howard County Fairgrounds, Greentown

Thursday Evenings At 7:00 PM

Bring Lawn Chairs and Enjoy

Music at the Fairgrounds begins July 23

The Salkie Musical Family

Matt Gerhard will be there September 3 & September 10th the IUK Choir, directed by Matt Gerhard will perform.

If it rains, they will meet in the cattle barn.



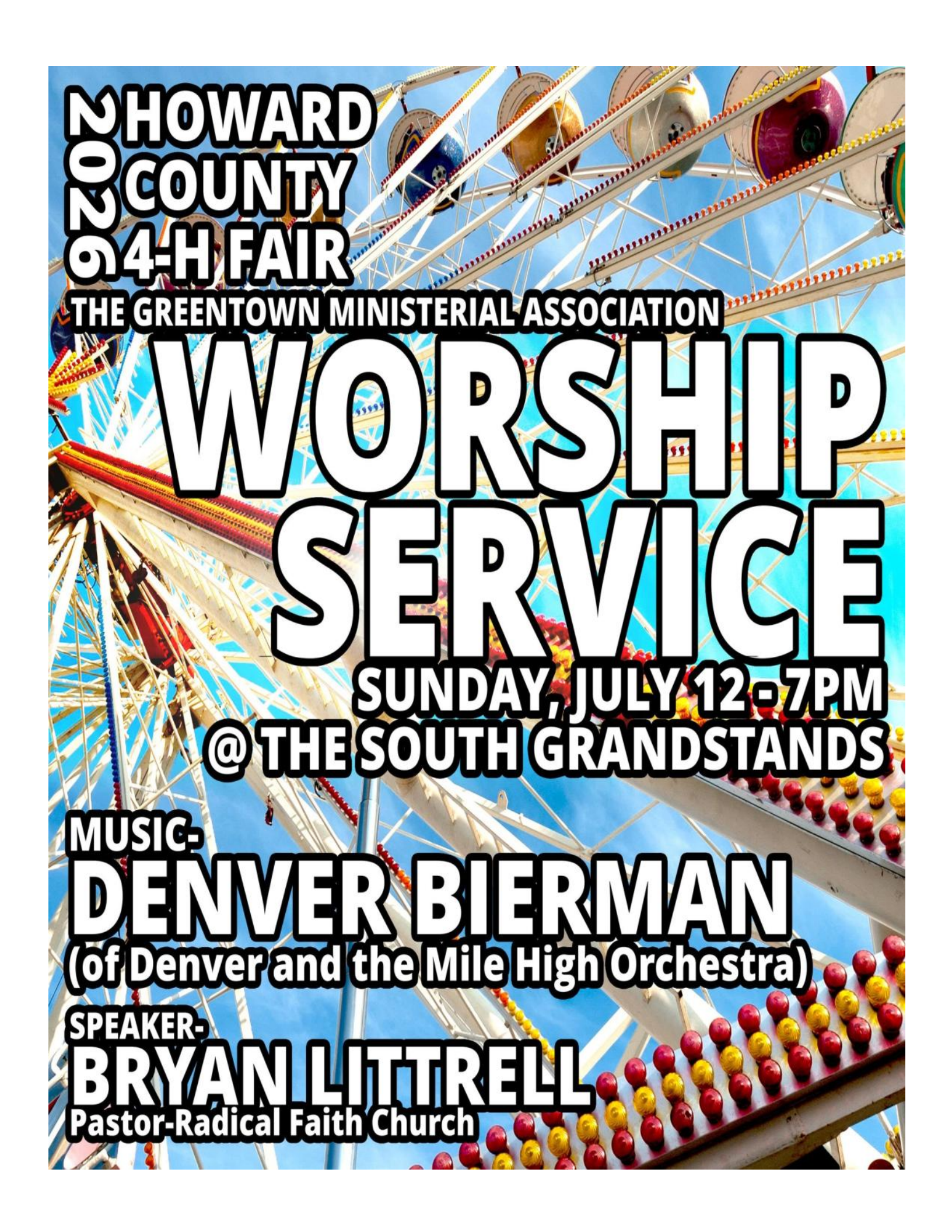
Sunday July 12, 2026, service, our guest speaker will be Perre le Grange, The Gideons International Trustee for South Africa. He will present testimonies of how Gideon placed Bibles changed lives in South Africa as a result of people's generosity.



Matt's Concert

July 19th @ 3:00





**2020 HOWARD
COUNTY
4-H FAIR**

THE GREENTOWN MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

WORSHIP SERVICE

**SUNDAY, JULY 12 - 7PM
@ THE SOUTH GRANDSTANDS**

MUSIC-

DENVER BIERMAN

(of Denver and the Mile High Orchestra)

SPEAKER-

BRYAN LITTRELL

Pastor-Radical Faith Church