



The Saltshaker

September 2026

Kokomo Zion Church

Pastor

As I write, it is Wednesday, 8/19/26, the week after the torrential rains and flooding that has struck central Indiana. It has been hard and people who never thought they would have to deal with major flooding are having to deal. But it isn't just Indiana that is dealing with natural disasters. The website <https://www.the-world-now.com/global-disaster-tracker> currently lists 114 disaster alerts, 38 earthquakes, 5 wildfires and 12 volcanic or flood related disasters. And I have to wonder how many in the not-too-distant past are not counted here? As I have checked news feeds for updates on what is going on, a question that has made some laps through my head is what should be the prophetic voice of the church during such events. In some of the teaching I have done with Dr. Freemeyer, he has taught how we see in Revelation the earth trying to prepare itself, cleanse itself, for the coming of Jesus and I have to wonder is that part of what we see happening in our world today? Are these precursors to the end of time and the return of Jesus? While there are certainly those who would quickly and loudly say, "YES! YES! YES! Grab your signs and stand on the corner for the end is coming, " I find myself reluctant to join that crowd. I am not one who sees the end of time behind every rain drop, twitching of the ground, lava flow or ember falling to the ground. Do I believe there is an end time coming? Absolutely. Scripture teaches so. Do I believe this is the beginning of that end? I am not as confident. The other side of the issue is that I do not want to be like the prophets who cried peace, peace when there was no peace (see Jeremiah 6:14 & 8:11, Ezekiel 13:10 and 1 Thessalonians 5:3) and not warn people of coming judgment. So, what is the right prophetic voice of the church for today? I think it is appropriate for us to say PAY ATTENTION. While I may not be confident this is the end of time, I am confident that God is trying to get our attention, to call us back to him. I am confident that God is calling us to repent. I am confident that God is calling us to seek him. I am confident that in these times of disasters God is the one who has the answers and can see us through. I am confident that God is the one who walks through fire and flood with us (Isaiah 43:2). I am confident that our hope is found in Jesus and not insurance companies. I am confident that if insurance fails God will not. I am confident that our response should not be to shake our fist at heaven but instead bow our hearts to Jesus and ask what are you trying to teach me? Throughout scripture such events were not meted out as punishments but rather attention grabbers to humanity who were mostly ignoring God and following their selfish hearts to their own demise. Let us not fail to hear God in these moments. Jesus what are you trying to tell me? "Search me O God and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting", Psalm 139:23-24. Let us start with our own hearts and if someone asks, "what is up with these natural disasters?" may we with boldness share that God is trying to get our attention and lead us back to him. In these times of uncertainty let us find our prophetic voice and point people to Jesus the only sure and certain hope.

Pastor Keith

Kokomo Zion Missions

Fish & Loin Fry

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Sat, Sept 26, 2026 | 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
UP Program @ Kokomo Urban
Outreach**

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:

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Please support these vendors



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

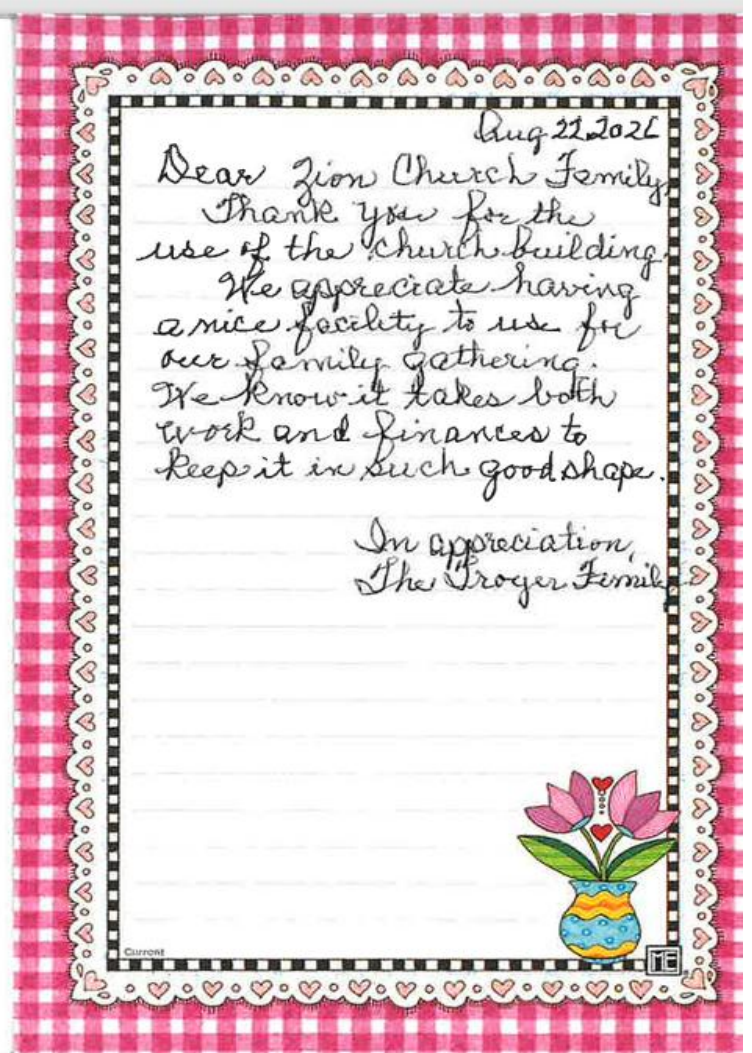
Kokomo Zion's collection for Samaritan's Purse **Operation Christmas Child** is quickly approaching. Shoeboxes will be available in the hall outside the sanctuary by the end of the month – please pick up a box or two....or 10! **Filled boxes will need to be returned to the church no later than Sunday, November 15th.** If you need information or suggestions, visit the Samaritan's Purse website at: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org> - click the "Get Involved" tab, then select "Operation Christmas Child". There you will find tons of information about how and what to pack in a Christmas shoebox. OR – talk with Sheila Lamb for ideas. One thing many people forget to do is include a short personal note and/or a picture to the child. To save space – this can even be done by writing or drawing on the inside of the shoebox lid! This is a great way to get the children in your home involved as well.

IMPORTANT NEW INFORMATION FOR 2026: Do **NOT** pack **Pokemon** or **Harry Potter** items in shoeboxes -- they will be removed at the inspection sites. Other items **NOT** allowed include the following:

Soap	Vaseline®	alcohol wipes
Liquid paint sets or liquid glue	rubber balls with liquid filling	liquid lip gloss
Matches or fire starters	sand/rocks/shells gathered from nature	
Nail polish	all types of food, candy, or gum	
Medications or Vitamins	toothpaste	money or play money
Baby powder	baking soda	razors
Liquids or lotions	aerosol cans	used clothing or toys
Breakable items or glass containers		
scary items (things that will frighten a child rather than bring joy)		
War-related items (such as toy soldiers, military vehicles, or wearable camouflage)		

The website has a Look-Up Tool for any other questionable items.

Thank You!



Dear Zion family,

Thank you for sharing in our 50th anniversary celebration with your cards, gifts, kind words and presence. We celebrate the love, friendships, and support that has carried us through each step of our journey. We praise God that our dear church family is such an important part of our story. We pray for God's continued blessings on Zion and each of you.

Love,
Kevin & Sheila



Scripture Sisters

September 21st at 10:00 AM in the Beamer Room,
enter through the kitchen door.



Indianapolis Colts Faith & Football

The Indianapolis Colts are hosting our **Faith & Football** event on **Sunday, November 29**, during our game against the New York Giants at **1:00 PM**.

The **Faith & Football** event is a postgame experience that takes place after the game. You'll hear from Colts players (last year's speakers included Jonathan Taylor and Camryn Bynum), along with coaches and Colts Cheerleaders, as they share their personal stories about their faith, their journeys to the NFL, and how their beliefs have shaped their lives both on and off the field. With your ticket, you'll receive:

- Access to exclusive group-discounted tickets.
- Admission to watch the Colts take on the Giants.
- Entry to the postgame Faith & Football program in the lower level of Lucas Oil Stadium.
- The opportunity to walk onto the field after the event for postgame photos with your group.

It's a unique experience for fans, families, church groups, and anyone looking to hear inspiring stories from members of the Colts organization.

If interested, please let LeAnne know in the of-



Matt's Concert

September 27th @ 3:00 pm

Come and enjoy an afternoon
of music.



Several have asked about Ryan's current address during his military deployment. As it is an international destination, a 1 oz letter requires 3 Forever stamps or 1 Global Forever stamp. Thank you for remembering him as he serves our country.

Lamb, Ryan
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