
The Zion Bell

Zion Church of Kurten

Kurten, Texas, USA

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Special events of interest:

August 4—Congregational Meeting

August 4, 11, 18 & 25—NO Sunday School.

August 10—MileStone Men's Breakfast at the church

August 18—Expansion Kick-off Banquet in Family Center after church --Foundation of Faith (pending vote-if approved)

August 21—Child Safety Training and SS Teacher Training/ Recruitment Mtg.

August 25—Awana New Leader Training

August 28—Awana Leader training & Banquet

Pastor Kevin's Korner

So how is your garden doing this summer? One of the great things about Texas is that there is more than one growing season. Sometimes in Wyoming there weren't any due to some late freezes in June! If you garden, you know that when a fruit or vegetable is ready, you harvest it. If you leave it there the opportunity will be gone. It will be snatched away by an animal or rot. What a waste.

Jesus told his disciples "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." We understand this is about bringing people who are far from God to know the saving power of the Gospel. That is the harvest. Too often we look at that and pray for more missionaries, pastors, youth workers, and ministries to

go get the lost. We forget the next two words Jesus said there in Luke 10:3 "Now go". All believers are workers in the harvest field and yet many are sitting on the porch watching the harvest hoping it gets done.

Ladies and gentlemen, God is at work at Zion. People who were far from God are coming closer, and now more than ever we need all hands on deck. I believe a great harvest is coming this fall so I am praying that God will enable Zion to send more workers into the field. The field includes your home, neighborhood, community, school, and social circles. You are called to join in the cause of seeing lives changed, so let's go work the harvest because we are better together!

Birthdays:

- 02 -- Diana Kurten
- 03 -- Claudia Pine
Steve Dittfurth
- 04 -- Jesse Weatherly
- 08 -- Vanessa Sinclair
Neely Rutledge
- 10 -- Monique McFalls
- 11 -- David Norris
- 13 -- Frank Metzger
- 18 -- Cora Younger
Tatum West
- 20 -- Leona Schram
- 21 -- Alandra Price
- 23 -- Maria Bendiksen
- 24 -- Harley Clark

Anniversaries:

- 12 -- Pat & Carrie Shields
Lynn & Glenda Kurten
- 13 -- Allen & Clarie
Hammack
- 24 -- Harley & Julie Clark
Cory & Betty Cotton
- 27 -- Mark & Linda
Bendiksen
- 29 -- Larry & Jan
Thompson

ZYM-ers Helped out at VBS

During VBS this year, instead of having their own class, the Zym-ers were asked to help out. They were split into groups of two, spread amongst the younger classes, and asked to lead the story-time at least one of the five nights. Though their leadership skills were put to the test, and some were forced WAY out of their comfort zones, all of the Zym-ers did a spectacular job.

As for the skit crew:

With the end of the school year wrapping up, summer jobs, camps, and even injuries, the first time all four of them got to practice together was the Monday VBS started. They did an awesome job despite the chaos leading to the week. Thank you for all of your hard work, ZYM! Y'all did a fantastic job!

July in ZYM we will be wrapping up our Citizenship series with service and standard, and then we will be moving on to our Pixar series. We will be looking at the relationships portrayed in Disney/Pixar films like *Monsters Inc.*, *Up*, *Toy Story*, and *The Incredibles*.

Suzu Williams

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Newsletter deadline:
The 25th of each month

Please be in prayer for:

Scotty Herin
Denise Burch
Buddy Weatherly
Betty Duncan
Marie Henderson
Barbara Dooley
Peggy Kindt
Janie West
Evelyn Payne
Sherry Fikes
Allison Ellis

Bea Heartfield
Barbara Petty
Amy Kurten
Elizabeth Castillo
Billie Toland
Ronnie Jackson
Skeets Greer
Jolene Broach
Louise Woodard
Judy Irick Greer
R.T. Brown's father
Ada Gustavus
Charlotte Boaz

Allan Helmcamp
Nany Murphy
O.V. Christensen
And of course all of our
Servicemen and women

If you have a prayer request please contact:
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The Chapel is open daily
for prayer.

August-2013 Awana News

August means that it is time to start gearing up for our 2013-2014 Awana year. First thing on the agenda is to recruit and train much needed new leaders. There are many positions to fill so if you have been considering becoming involved with Zion's Awana now is a very good time. Anyone interested can reach me at 979-589-3703 or at wickangus@aol.com. Training for new leaders is scheduled for Sunday August 25th at 3:00 p.m. The all leader banquet and training will be Wednesday August 28th at 6:30 p.m. And the first night of Awana is Wednesday September 4 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. featuring our Awana Carnival. Shellie Stasny will be conducting a Child Abuse Update meeting on Wednesday August 21th at 6:30 p.m.

I would love to talk with any one about our Awana program whether to explain what Awana is and what takes place each week or share some of the many blessings I and others have experienced since becoming involved. Helping the children and youth of our community to come to know, love and serve the Lord is a wonderful way to spend Wednesday evenings. Please think about joining our Awana family.

The Important Job of Lighting the Altar Candles

Does your child want to be an acolyte? The word *acolyte* is taken from an ancient Greek word *akolouthos* meaning, "follower, attendant." In the early church, *acolytes* assisted senior clergy with various aspects of the worship service – from carrying in the cross to preparing the bread and the wine for communion, even ringing the bell to call the congregation to worship.

Traditionally, Zion has employed acolytes to light the altar candles. They carry the light into the sanctuary symbolizing God's presence among those who gather to worship Him. At the conclusion of the service, they relight their candle-lighters before extinguishing the last altar candle, reminding each of us to carry the light of Jesus into the world.

The Acolytes' ministry provides children with a meaningful opportunity to be involved and serve in the Lord's House as helpers and attendants in the Worship service. We will hold an instructional meeting after Sunday School/school gets back into full swing. Those entering third grade and older are eligible to participate. Contact Carol Jean Rhodes at yardenergal@yahoo.com or Karen Dittfurth at KaDi3555@gmail.com if interested.

Welcome to our newest Zion blessing. **Vivian Lynae Caffey** joined our earthly family on July 7, 2013 in the care of her Mom and Dad, Stacie and Kevin Caffey with her guardian brothers, Jackson and Slaton.

Thank you from Jan Thompson:

"Thank you to all the people who have contributed all these years. We couldn't write the newsletter without you!. Please continue to support Carol Jean.

"God Bless you all, —Jan"

Would you rather?..... We are exploring distribution of the newsletter by electronic means. With the exception of those who do not have access to a computer (these would still be mailed) an email would go out notifying everyone that the newsletter was available online through our home page. We would also set up an archive for the past editions. **Please share your preferences with us.** Thanks, Carol Jean

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Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
 Praise Worship: 8:45 a.m.
 (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR AUGUST)

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1 Men's Bible Study at IHop 6:00 am	2	3
4 9:00 AM Discover Zion Class Congregational Meeting after church	5	6 6:00 am Elder prayer mtg. 10:00 Morning Bible Study Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm	7 Dominoes 12:30 pm	8 Men's Bible Study at IHop 6:00 am	9	10 7—8:30 AM MileStone Men's Breakfast @ Church
11 9:00 AM Discover Zion Class Council after church	12	13 6:00 am Elder prayer mtg. 10:00 Morning Bible Study 7:00 WinGs Meeting	14 Dominoes 12:30 pm	15 Men's Bible Study at IHop 6:00 am	16	17
18	19 7:00 pm Life Group Host Meeting	20 6:00 am Elder prayer mtg. 10:00 Morning Bible Study Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm	21 Meals of Love 9:00 am Dominoes 12:30 6:30 Child Safety training; & 7:00 Sunday School Teacher Training and Recruitment	22 Men's Bible Study at IHop 6:00 am	23	24
25 Dominican Grab & Go Lunch after Church 3:00 PM Awana—New leader training	26 6:30 pm Elder Mtg.	27 6:00 am Elder prayer mtg. 10:00 Morning Bible Study	28 Dominoes 12:30 6:30 Awana—All leader training & Banquet	29 Men's Bible Study at IHop 6:00 am	30	31

Just for fun!

Old Farmer's Advice:

- ◆ You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- ◆ Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.

Summer activities

Betty Cotton, our church activity director, scheduled an ice skating trip to Spirit Ice in College Station on June 30 and had 29 ice skaters and a handful of spectators. She has also planned the next church group outing to Hawaiian Falls Water Park in Waco, TX which was July 27.

Discussions are underway with the Rhodes family about scheduling our next hayride and cookout at the Rhodes home sometime in early October. Stay connected, stay in contact, come and visit with your church family in a relaxed atmosphere and join us when you can. Please remember these outings are for everyone, invite your neighbors, your family, your friends.
Let's live, share and show the Gospel together.

Back to School Prayer

Father as my children start back to school
I ask that the Holy Spirit be used as a tool
For defense
Against any weapons that the enemy may use as
offense
As they travel from and for a safe journey home
Allow those angels assigned to hover and not
roam
When they walk the halls
I plead the blood of Your Son Jesus to shield them
when danger calls
Let the Fruits of your Spirit decorate
As they communicate
Lord, please saturate the air
With Your grace, before they sit in class and share
Lord plant discernment into their minds
As threats hang on corners and risks are seemingly
easy to find
Lord no matter what is seen or heard
Give my children the strength to stand on Your
Word
Father I know that I must
Trust
In Your will
Strive daily with my faith while we are apart and
be still ...excerpts from a poem by Collette D.
Jones



Zion church purchased furniture (pews) from St. Paul's in Houston. Shown unloading the furniture, picked up from the railroad station in Bryan are Ernest Wiese, head carpenter and others. Can anyone identify the "others?"