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Zion Church of Kurten

Kurten, Texas, USA

November 2013

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## Special events of interest:

Nov 2—Disciple Making Pathway

Nov 24—Youth-led Service because of Dominican Republic Mission Trip

NO ZYM—Nov. 24 or Dec. 1  
November 30 - Decorate for Advent Season

**No Advent Dinner this year**

## *Birthdays:*

- 01 Linda Bendiksen
- 03 Betty Cotton
- 05 John Herman
- 07 Bill Pine
- 09 Connor Cravey  
Susie Weatherly
- 12 Braden Stasny
- 14 Aislynn Houston
- 16 Bobbie Couch  
Cash Conrad  
Jackson Conrad  
Jackson Ray Caffey  
Henre Honnas
- 17 Claire Hammack
- 18 Jodi Josey
- 20 Mandy Rutledge  
Tammy Conrad
- 23 Lillian Holubec
- 25 Anna Clark
- 27 Wes Wolf
- 28 Bobby Kurten  
Susie Guillotte
- 30 Arienne Moore

## *Anniversaries*

- 14 Lane & Mandy Rutledge

*If you notice a birthday or anniversary which is not included in any month, please let Shirley, in the Zion office know.*

## Pastor Kevin's Korner

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

The book of Acts begins with this powerful statement and then throughout its pages we see the birth of the church. Today over 2000 years later we are still witnessing the power of the Holy Spirit in drawing sinners to their savior. This month we are going to see this verse come to life here at Zion in several amazing ways.

We will begin our sermon series  
"Empowered: A Study of the Book of Acts"

### Dominican Republic Team

November 23-29<sup>th</sup> our mission team will be giving up their Thanksgiving break to serve the people of the Dominican Republic. Please pray for our team members: Pastor Kevin, Pastor Mark, Linda Bendiksen, Evan Bendiksen, Mary Dozier, Mahlet Dozier, Keith Jones, Paige Jones, Andrew Astle, and Vanessa Sinclair. Pray for their families and kids back home as well. During the week our team will conduct a marriage conference with over 100 couples expected, we will have a youth concert and event night, and we will be in two churches on Sunday. Our main ministry will be in Bahrna with Pastor Julio. We will be visiting "Smiling Faces" which is the only special needs school on the island. Pastor Julio's wife started this ministry by faith and our church will be looking at how we can partner with them in the future. Pray that we would all learn and grow from this experience. Pray that our relationship with the believers there would deepen. Pray for the couples at the conference. Thank you all for your support!

### Annual Congregational Input

It's that time of year when we depend on feedback from the congregation as we start to prayerfully consider candidates to serve as elders and council members. Please submit suggestions to our elder board this month.

### *Fall activities—from Betty Cotton*

I want to begin by expressing my sincere thanks to the Rhodes Family for having us all out at their place for the Zion Fall Festival. I believe I speak for everyone who attended—we had a ball! It was such a great turn out, I believe over 120 people. It was a wonderful opportunity to visit with our church family outside of the church. We will be taking a slight break in event planning as we prepare for the best time of year, Jesus Birthday. Until then, may you all find that perfect balance to keep your calendars free to make time to celebrate our Heavenly Father during these upcoming busy months!

Zion will be delivering Thanksgiving baskets to those in need.

Our people will continue to share their faith and invite people to come and see what God is doing.

We will be sending 10 people to the Dominican Republic.

Steve Singleton of Still Creek Ranch will be sharing on November 17<sup>th</sup>

The Fuqua family is settling in their new home in SE Asia as they begin their mission work.

We have so much to be thankful for, but the greatest privilege of all is the opportunity to impact the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you Jesus for giving us the ministry of reconciliation.

*Please be in prayer for:*

Scotty Herin  
Denise Burch  
Buddy Weatherly  
Dawn Braton  
Marie Henderson  
Barbara Dooley  
Peggy Kindt  
Janie West  
Evelyn Payne  
Sherry Fikes  
Allison Ellis  
Bea Heartfield  
Barbara Petty  
Amy Kurten  
Elizabeth Castillo  
Billie Toland  
Skeets Greer  
Jolene Broach  
Louise Woodard  
Judy Irick Greer  
Ada & Gus Gustavus  
Charlotte Boaz  
Allan Helmcamp  
Nancy Murphy  
O.V. & Elsie Christensen  
Everett Martin  
Kagan Lucas  
Eddie Guillotte  
Joey Vines  
Lenny Sanders  
The Brown family on the passing of RT's father  
...And of course all of our Servicemen and women

- ◆ If you have a prayer request please contact:  
Diana Kurten - dikurten@gmail.com
- ◆ The Chapel is open daily for prayer.



**Awana** : Approved workmen are not ashamed - (2 Timothy 2:15)

A visit with Toni Wickersham

**Toni, how did you start coming to Zion?**

"Bill and I, with our children, Tryon and Meaghan, started attending Zion during the fall of 1995. We were invited to come and visit the church by various members and then soon after we moved into our new home, Frank Metzger came to our house to personally ask us to visit". (What a great outreach by Frank.)

**You have been in charge of Awana for a while. How did you get involved?**

" I was asked to be the listener director for Awana by Lorie Honnas when it was first getting started. That was nine years ago. I served in that position then became director of journey and eventually went to the commander position. I am in my 6th year as the commander and Bill has been serving in Awana for the past 7 years. He has been involved with both the Trek and Journey clubs and is now serving as a leader in the T&T club". Toni went on to say that she feels so blessed to have had the opportunity to serve in Awana. She said,... "It is hard to imagine not spending Wednesday nights with all of the clubbers and leaders. Awana has been successful because we have very giving and dedicated leaders mixed with children and youth who are hungry to learn about and love our Lord and His Son!"

**What are conditions like in the Awana office and during club night?**

" This year we have been greatly blessed with many new faces, clubbers as well as leaders. Awana Wednesday is the time to witness the need for more room. With 126 clubbers and 75 leaders, needless to say we are *joyfully crowded*. Currently, because of the large Sparks and T&T clubs, we are using every available building on campus, including the chapel, to more effectively and successfully enable the leaders to help the clubbers come to know, love and serve our Lord".

Toni spends most of her time on Awana Wednesday night running from building to building checking on people and activities because supplies and equipment are currently scattered between the Awana office, the family center, the sanctuary and the Sunday school building!

 **Foundation of Faith Update** - So far we have \$335,688 pledged/donated. Pledges are being collected over the next 3 years. We have received a total of \$57,965.77. We invite all of you to enjoy the journey as God leads.

**ZYM News - Suzy's info: Phone- 979-820-1156 E-mail- [Suzy.N.Williams@gmail.com](mailto:Suzy.N.Williams@gmail.com)**

This semester is flying by in ZYM! We are wrapping up our series on Our Beliefs and The Catechism. There has been a lot of great discussion during this study, so thank you ZYMers for sticking with us and using a little extra brain-power.

We have gotten some great feedback from the youth regarding their time as junior Sunday School leaders. They have really enjoyed working with the kids, and one ZYMer even voiced that he was surprised how much they are learning as they help out in the younger classrooms. It is great to see our youth grow by stepping out of their comfort zones.

This month we will have another Parents' Night Out! It will be Saturday, November 23 6-10 pm. This time out could be used making your grocery list or shopping for Thanksgiving. Christmas is also coming, so this would be a great time to get a little shopping in before the big rush in December. So many possibilities! All you have to do is drop the kids off with us at the church, and we'll feed them and entertain them while you're out. It is that easy! Parents' Night Out is open to all kiddos 3rd grade and under. If you have an older kiddo that would like to come hang out with us and your younger children, please let us know, and we will try to work something out. Parents' Night Out is open to the community, so invite your friends!

Please RSVP to Suzy Williams by November 20th to reserve your child's spot!

ZYMers and Upcoming ZYMers: Remember that your participation in fundraising events like this is required to go to Challenge 2014! It is a short 9 months away so get excited!!!!

November 24 will be a youth -led service, as Pastor Kevin will be gone on the mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Please be sure to come to church that Sunday to support our ZYMers! It's almost time for Christmas Play rehearsals! ZYM will be changing time slots to allow our ZYMers to be a part of rehearsal. The new Christmas ZYM time is 2-4 pm. I know it is hard for many of our youth to leave and come back in time for ZYM, especially with the time moved up. If you just let us know, we are usually available to stay and hangout after church with you until ZYM time.

## Bazaar – Mission Accomplished!

About 35 years ago, the concept of a Zion Church Bazaar was put into motion. I'm sure the ladies who were involved in that first Bazaar never dreamed how this ministry would grow. On Oct. 19, the Family Center was packed with handmade goods, gifts, and food and many willing hands, smiling faces, and loving hearts to greet the huge crowd that turned out for Bazaar. This outreach to the community has grown into a much anticipated event that brings families, old friends and new friends to the Zion family, all for an experience of love and joy and most importantly, an opportunity to give Glory to God!

We would like to thank all the many people who helped. You each filled a special need and we are grateful to you. We thank the Lord for his bountiful blessings on this day. When it was all said and done, we were blessed with \$10,967.51! God always amazes us with his provisions! From His bounty, we use a large portion of this money to assist several groups in the community such as Hospice, Brazos Prenatal Clinic, Hope Pregnancy, Phoebe's Home, Salvation Army, Family Promise, and Awana. The rest is used for things such as candles for the altar, holiday decorations for the church, gifts for graduating seniors and new babies in the church, assisting with funeral meals, and special projects not budgeted in the Church's general operating fund.

## Awana News

It is so exciting to see that our Awana continues to grow; we currently have 75 leaders and 126 clubbers. We are so blessed. More than half of the clubbers are from surrounding communities and do not attend Zion. Welcome everyone.

One of the favorite themes of the clubber's is "Balloons a Bustin!!!!!" It was held in October and once again a great big thank-you goes out to Prax-Air and B. J. Ewell for providing us with the helium. About 350 balloons were floating in the sanctuary and then popped by the clubbers after getting a section signed off.

Ms. Ashley Ward was kind enough to share with the Sparks and T&T clubs her experiences as a missionary in Africa and France while she was growing up. Thank-you Ms. Ashley for coming to our Awana club; the clubbers as well as the leaders really enjoyed all the information and experiences you shared with them.

This year we are doing our annual food drive a little differently. Clubbers and leaders as well as our church family will be able to bring non-perishable food items (canned goods, rice, beans, cereal, pasta, peanut butter, etc.) to Awana or church from October 16 through November 6. On November 6 our theme is "Noodle Night" and everyone is encouraged to bring noodles, macaroni and pasta. All of the food collected will be taken to The Bridge food pantry which is part of Twin City Mission.

Zion Awana is planning to take the Trek and Journey clubs to the Brazos Valley Maize on Saturday, November 23. The plan is to leave from the church at 9:00 a.m. for a fun filled day at corn maize and pumpkin patch. Our church family is welcome to join us and be included in the discount price. Anyone interested can contact Toni Wickersham at [wickangus@aol.com](mailto:wickangus@aol.com) or 979-589-3703. Additional information will be coming in flyer form.

It is time to start shopping and planning for the first Awana store of the year. Donations of new items are greatly appreciated. We are always in need of toys, games puzzles, sports equipment, craft kits, jewelry, books etc. We could do the shopping for you if you want to help with a monetary donation.

Zion Awana is currently in our 9<sup>th</sup> year. A special recognition goes out to the following leaders who have been serving in Awana since it was started Marita Astle, Julie Clark, Melanie Estes, Julie Hunt, Diana Kurten, Debbie Mitchell, Carol Jean Rhodes, Toni Wickersham and Meri Wigley. Thank-you, thank-you for your dedication and giving hearts; all of you are greatly appreciated and a wonderful blessing to the clubbers and Zion Awana.

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Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.  
Praise Worship: 8:45 a.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:30 AM Disciple Making Pathway
3 Communion Sunday Dominican Team mtg after Church 4:30 - Children's Christmas Musical rehearsal	4	5 6:00 am Elder prayer mtg. 7:00 PM All Ministry Leader Mtg.	6 Dominoes 12:30 pm 6-8 PM Awana	7 Men's Bible Study at IHop 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Vocal Choir	8	9 7:00 AM-MileStone Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM—VOCAL Choir
10 4:30 - Children's Christmas Musical rehearsal	11	12 6:00 am Elder prayer mtg. Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm	13 Dominoes 12:30 pm 6-8 PM Awana	14 6:00 PM—Council Mtg. 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Vocal Choir	15	16 6-10 PM ZYM Parents Night Out
17 4:30 - Children's Christmas Musical rehearsal	18 7:30 PM Elder Mtg.	19 6:00 am Elder prayer mtg.	20 Dominos 12:30 Meals of Love 9am 6-8 PM Awanas	21 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Vocal Choir	22	23
24 4:30 - Children's Christmas Musical rehearsal	25	26 6:00 am Elder prayer mtg. Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm in Family Ctr	27	28	29	30 8:30 Decorate for Christmas

**Give Thanks!**

## Awana November Calendar

November 6 “Noodle Night” (Think noodles when coming to Awana. Bring noodles or pasta for the food pantry.)

Wear your uniform to School/Work Day!!!! Sparks Double Handbook Time.

November 13 ####Hair Gone Wild#### (Do something wild and crazy to your hair.) T&T Double Handbook Time.

November 20 GIVE THANKS (Come dressed like something that makes you think of Thanksgiving.) Thank all those that are a blessing to you!

Saturday-November 23 Trek/Journey trip to Brazos Valley Maize (Zion church family is welcome to join us and receive the discounted prices.) Watch for flyer with additional information.

November 27 NO AWANA!!!!!!!!!!!! Have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!!!!!!!!!!!!

### Office hours

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon  
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## Annual Thanksgiving Basket Delivery

A great way for families to serve together! We ask you deliver the basket and offer to pray for the person. Zion has partnered with the Aggieland Rotary Club for the past three years. They are looking for 100 volunteers who would be willing to help deliver 400 Thanksgiving Baskets to needy families in our community.

The Thanksgiving Baskets will be delivered on the morning of Saturday, November 23, 2013. If you are able and willing, please sign up using the link below and forward this email to other potential volunteers. (If you would like to deliver more than 4 Thanksgiving baskets, sign up for an additional time slot!)

We're using VolunteerSpot to organize this activity. (a link is on Zion's website too) Please sign up for Aggieland Rotary Thanksgiving Baskets - here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot:  
<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/1550435860114>
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Bryan and He can sign you up manually.

Bryan Griesbach

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Do you recognize these Zion Acolytes?

The Zion Couple from Oct ZB:

Edelweiss (Ada) Kindt & Derwin (Gus) Gustavus

June 1, 1946

(Picture is inside our church—note the “stove/heater” to his left.)



## Old Farmer's Advice:

*“Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.”*

*“Lettin’ the cat outta the bag is a lot easier than putting’ it back in.”*