
The Zion Bell

Zion Church of Kurten

Kurten, Texas, USA

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Special events of interest:

Sept 1 - Missionary Speaker

Sept 4 - Awana begins!

Sept 17 - Evening Women's Bible Study—The Pursuit of Proverbs 31

Sept 21 - ZYM Parents' Night Out

Sept 29 - Potluck Sunday

Oct 6 - Discover Zion Class

Birthdays:

02 Lisa Ketchum

Laura Sargeant

03 Fred Miller

04 Gus Gustavus

Rachel Norris

Chase Brown

05 Larry West

Mary Stasny

06 Joaquin Tausch

07 Butch Dittfurth

Gunner Brown

09 Deborah Petty

Kimberly (Whitwell) Pilat

11 Kerry Metzger

12 Lynn Kurten

Carol Dunlap

13 Allen Hammack

14 Arby Wager

15 Debbie Mitchell

19 Marti Ewell

Cliff Honnas

21 Gerturde Neely

23 Jason Kurten

Colt Dittfurth

24 Wilsy Ewell

26 Stacie Caffey

27 Kelsey O'Malley

Amber (Josey) Dockins

Anniversaries

07 Bobby & Judy Kurten

14 B.J. & Marti Ewell

19 Paul & Barbara Petty

21 David & Gwen Erlandson

22 Jimmie & Cora Younger

24 Willie & Josie Milberger

27 Will & Betty Skopik

Pastor Kevin's Korner

"The men who have accomplished most for God have been men of prayer. John Wesley was wont to spend at least two hours each day in prayer. Samuel Rutherford rose at three o'clock each morning to wait upon God. John Fletcher was said to have stained the walls of his chamber by the breath of his prayers. The greatest missionaries have been uniformly men of prayer.

These young men exerted a profound influence not only upon their own generation, but upon all succeeding generations as well. It was not by their actual labors, which were soon cut off, so much as by their prayer life and their resultant saintly characters. "*—Gospel Herald*

The impact, legacy, ministry, and vision of Zion depends not on money, programs, or even attendance, but on prayer. We are in the midst of our 40 days of Prayer.

MileStone Ministry Fall Refresher

Parents you are invited to be encouraged and refreshed Saturday September 28th from 8:30am-11 am. This will be a time for getting practical tools and tips for the journey. We will also catch people up on what MileStone ministry is and how easy it is to fit in to your family's rhythm of life. Sign up for this free event by contacting Pastor Kevin or Shellie Stasny at familyministry.zionchurch@gmail.com or 979-393-8389.

Join Us this fall for our sermon series LIFE SONG: Discovering the joy of Psalm 23. View a preview at our website.

ZYM News - Suzy's info: Phone- 820-1156 E-mail- Suzy.N.Williams@gmail.com

This month we have another Parents Night Out: September 21, 6-10p! Please call/text/e-mail Suzy before Wednesday, September 18, to reserve your child's spot. We have had a blast hanging out with your kiddos during these events. If you haven't taken advantage of this great babysitting opportunity, come try us out!

If you didn't get a chance to go home with a cake at our last cake auction, there will be another opportunity soon! This go-round, more cakes will be made by our very own ZYMmers! Watch the bulletin for more information.

This semester in Sunday School, our ZYMers will be junior leaders in the younger classrooms. We are to be equipping every generation to live, share, and show the Gospel, and we believe this will be an opportunity of learning and for practice sharing with age groups other than their own, while giving them the opportunity to use and develop their leadership skills. Those ZYMers that choose not to participate will be in the adult class. Thank you to all of our Sunday School teachers and leadership for partnering with us!

This fall in ZYM, we will be studying biblical truth "... so that we may no longer be infants, tossed about by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine..." (Eph. 4:14). We will be examining the catechism, discussing a few theological questions each week.

Thank you everyone for all of your hard work with the Foundations of Faith banquet. You all did a great job.

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
Skeets Greer
Jolene Broach
Louise Woodard
Judy Irick Greer
R.T. Brown's father
Ada Gustavus
Charlotte Boaz
Allan Helmcamp
Nany Murphy
O.V. & Elsie Christensen
Everett Martin
The Family of Mary Collins as
she went to be with her Lord on
August 7th
...And of course all of our Ser-
vicemen and women
♦ If you have a prayer request
please contact:
Diana Kurten dikurten@gmail.com
♦ The Chapel is open daily for



VISIT WITH *BETTY COTTON* A friend had advised Betty to put her three-year-old daughter in Awana's. So she drove out of her way to read the Awana sign that was placed on the corner of 2038 and Old Hwy. 21 and then began attending Wednesday night Awana's with her two children. She assisted in the Cubbies classroom where she was amazed that there were 12 to 13 three and four year olds that faithfully came every Wednesday night.

Betty and her husband Cory attended the Awana Sunday in January and felt a strong tug on their hearts to join Zion and make it their church home. The Cotton's have served in many capacities but are always blown away at *the number of new families that begin their journey by bringing their small children to our church*, and like the Cotton's, also make Zion their church home. This past Awana Cubbies class (three and four year olds) had an average of 20 kids every night. And there has consistently been this number of three and four year olds for the five years that Betty has been serving in Awana's, which left her wondering, where do they all keep coming from? She feels strongly that the Lord's work is very evident here at Zion!

This past summer Betty taught the Kinder and 1st graders at VBS and had over 27 in her classroom every night! There was no room to bring in desks or chairs for the children to sit in or work on their activities and this inspired Betty to come up with alternate plans to some of the curriculum suggestions because there was just no room for the children to work on any 'hands on' projects in their assigned classroom space. And with 27 students and 6 workers crammed into the small classroom it would get uncomfortably warm for all by the end of the night.

So when interviewing Betty about the possibility of having a new Ministry Center, a better facility to serve the needs of children and Sunday School ministries, her response was "IT MUST BE DONE". She knows in her heart that the young families will keep coming, and having a welcoming facility that is big enough to accommodate everyone that the Lord is sending to us year after year is greatly needed.

Many thanks go out to the Cotton's for their faithful service to Zion. Hopefully, soon we will have a better facility in which to prepare these 'little ones' hearts and continue to equip these families with the tools they need to bring up their families in our Kurten community.

AWANA STARTS SEPTEMBER 4!!!!!!

The banner is up! The new books and uniforms are here!
And all the fantastic leaders are ready to start the new year!

The ninth year of Awana at Zion will officially get underway on Wednesday, September 4 and will run through the last week of April. Awana meets every Wednesday (with a few holiday exceptions) from 6:00 to 8:00p.m. Five new leaders have been trained and tested. Add them to the 57 returning volunteers and we have a group of 62 wonderful individuals committed to spend Wednesday evenings for the next nine months sharing the Gospel and the love of God with the children and youth of our community. Remember we are always ready to add your name to the volunteer roster. There is always room for another pair of hands attached to a heart wanting to serve the Lord by witnessing to those who are younger. Children and youth 3 years through the 12th grade from the surrounding area are encouraged to become involved with the Awana program at Zion. Be sure to let family, friends and neighbors know about Awana at Zion. (Puggles is being offered to the children of leaders who are under the age of 3.)
As we start our new year please add Awana to your prayer list. Pray that the program be blessed with many new faces as well as all the familiar ones wanting to know, love and serve the Lord. Our year is packed full of fun themes, exciting games and special snacks with the Word of God in the center of everything.

For more information please contact Toni Wickersham at 589-3703 or wickangus@aol.com.

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 on-line thru our home page. We would also set up an archive for the past editions. If you have not already, please share your preferences with us. Thanks, Carol Jean

Just for fun!

Summer activities—from Betty Cotton

Hawaiian Falls Water Park in Waco, TX on July 27 was a blast for those who attended. It is a great place for families with children in grade school. With Christian music playing throughout the park and seeing Bible verses on the walls and on the big screens, it was quite refreshing to remember our Lord and the beauty of this world that He has given us to enjoy. It looks like the afternoon of October 5th will be our annual hayride and hotdog cookout at the Rhodes home. Mark your calendars and your Zion family will see you there!

Old Farmer's Advice:

Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.

Don't judge folks by their relatives.

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

New Calendar format:

We have added the contact info to the bottom of the monthly calendar. This will make it easier—print it and put it on your fridge.

Please feel free to make suggestions—it's your newsletter!



A better look at the church behind the men..... In 1910 the original church was enlarged, a steeple was added. This building was torn down and a new one constructed and dedicated on November 22, 1942—our “chapel”. Men in this picture were Henry Stroppe, Arthur Yeager, Alvin Dittfurth and 2 unknown.



UPDATE: In case you were wondering...they are (left to right) Arthur Yeager, Henry Stroppe and Ernest Weise

September 2013

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

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 Missionary Speaker from Dominican Republic	2	3 6:00 am Elder prayer mtg. Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm	4 Dominoes 12:30 pm 6-8 PM Awanas—Carnival	5 Men's Bible Study at IHop 6:00 am 7:30 PM Vocal Choir	6	7
8 Communion Sunday Council mtg. after church	9	10 6:00 am Elder prayer mtg.	11 Dominoes 12:30 pm 6-8 PM Awanas - Remember Freedom Day	12 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Vocal Choir	13	14 7 AM - Men's Breakfast
15	16	17 6:00 am Elder prayer mtg. Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm in Family Ctr	18 Dominoes 12:30 pm Meals of Love 9am 6-8 PM Awanas - Wild Wacky Water Night	19 Men's Bible Study at IHop 6:00 am 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Vocal Choir	20	21 6-10 PM ZYM Parents' night out
22	23 6:30 PM Elders mtg.	24 6:00 am Elder prayer mtg.	25 Dominos 12:30 6-8 PM Awanas—Words with Friends	26 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Vocal Choir	27 Dessert with the Pastor Night - @ Boaz's 7-8:30 PM	28 8:30—11AM Mile-Stone Ministry Fall Conference
29 Potluck Sunday Pledge cards due	30					October 5 Hotdogs & Hayride @ Rhodes'

Awana September Calendar

September 4 Awana Carnival---Opening Night!!!!
 September 11 Remember Freedom Day! Celebrate America Night! Wear red, white and blue.
 September 18 Wild Wacky Water Night!!! World Water Day!!!! Wear clothes that can get wet.
 September 25 ***Words with Friends*** Bring a Friend Night (Using post-it notes write encouraging words to others.)

Office hours

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon
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