



The Zion Bell



Zion Church of Kurten

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Pastor Kevin's Korner

Who do you think you are? Yes, I know that's a call we often hear someone say in anger, but at its core it is a question every one wrestles with. Our identities' can be defined by people, position, past experiences (both good and bad) and the list goes on. So many believers claim to understand the cross, the atonement, and the resurrection, but very few live like their identity is found in Christ alone. This fall we are going to walk through the book of Ephesians and discover what it means to have your identity defined by who Jesus is and what He has done. Join us for our sermon series "**I am _____.**" Find the freedom that comes in putting Jesus at the center of your life and discover how that will impact those around you who are far from God.

A great way to make the message stick is to get connected to one of our Life Groups. These groups go deeper in applying the sermon passage and meet every other week starting September 14th. We have groups on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday evenings. Contact Pastor Kevin to get involved.

Fall Sunday School Kick Off

Sunday September 7th we will be starting off a new year of Sunday School as we enter the new ministry center. Our vision for Sunday School is to partner with parents as we disciple all generations. Sunday School is also a key to forming a Christ Centered worldview through the study of God's Word. All classes will be located in the ministry center. (There will be a meeting on Tuesday, Sept 30th at 6:30 on in family center. This meeting will be for all teachers and subs interested in volunteering to teach this coming September to July.) **Please plan to arrive around 8:45 so you can get your coffee and get kids checked into classes. Make attendance a priority this fall and discover the blessings of digging into the Word.**

Zion Kids

Our children's Sunday School from Pre K-8th Grade will be in the Gospel Project as they study the beginnings of Jesus' ministry.

Parent Connection

Parents remember to review the Christ connection each week during your family faith talk. Help your child to apply the truths to his/her life during the week.

Zion Youth Making Disciples of All Generations

A key part of our vision for our 9th-12th grade students is to equip them to be a part of the body of Christ. Too often youth ministry becomes a separate entity from the church body and students do not learn to serve or connect with older generations. This fall our youth continue to have two options for Sunday School. They can serve as a disciple maker by being a Jr. Leader for Zion Kids or they can attend our adult classes and learn to interact with all generations.

Zion Adults

This fall we will offer a men's and women's class which will walk chapter by chapter through the Gospel of Matthew. During the second quarter we will offer our first set of elective classes. Stay tuned for topics and registration.

Women of Zion Bible Study

Trials produce character...?..?..

Every good gift comes from above...?..?..

Faith without works is dead...?..?..

Bridle your tongue..?....?....

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you..?..?..

The book of James is full of such "catch phrases". Please come join the Women of Zion as they delve deeper into the book of James. We will kick off our year with an informal pot luck dinner on Tuesday night, September 23rd starting at 7:00. Our study will actually begin on Tuesday night, October 7th, meeting every other week (also at 7:00) for a total of six nights spread over twelve weeks.

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As you are reading this, final touches are being added to the new Ministry Center. Furniture has arrived. All details are being carefully attended. Plans are to hold our first Awana classes there on September 10. (Awana Kick-off will be a carnival—primarily in the family center area) Please pray for the completion to happen smoothly. Pray for the safety of the workers. Pray for time and energy to be multiplied. Thank the Lord for this blessing. May the Lord use this facility to enlarge His kingdom. May He use us to be His witnesses there.
...contributed by Melanie Estes

Zion "Children" Get All-Wet

Out in the middle of nowhere lies a waterpark that hardly any of us had heard of in Sheridan, TX. Twenty-two Zion family and friends ventured out and visited Splashway Waterpark on Friday, Aug. 1, 2014. Thanks to the generosity of some of our church members, four of our attendees were paid in full and the rest of the crew was treated to an ice cream treat that afternoon. We shared laughs, smiles, food and sunblock. I believe everyone who attended had a great time, and we look forward to where the road leads us next year.

Betty Cotton

Sunday School Events Coordinator

Save the date for Hotdogs and Hayride - October 25th.

Zion Church of Kurten Contact Information

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9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Tues., Wed., & Fri.

8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Thurs.

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**Awana Begins Wednesday, September 3rd at
6:00 PM with Carnival Night**

Come and join us for a fun filled year of learning God's word and finding out how to
KNOW, LOVE and SERVE HIM.

<http://www.kurtenchurch.org/family-connect/awana>

Life Groups Fall Start-Up

The Kurten/Dozier Life Group - Sundays - Beginning September 14. Time will be in conjunction with ZYM still to be determined. PLEASE do not hesitate to call if you are interested in participating. Diana's cell 979 229-7302 or Monty's cell 979 255-5506. There will be childcare provided during this time.

The Brunson/Jones Life Group - Sundays - Begins again Sept. 14. Contact Ashley Brunson at Ashley_brunson@hotmail.com or Paige Jones at jones630@yahoo.com. Time is 4:00—5:30 PM. Childcare provided.

The Estes/Ketchum Life Group—Mondays, Starts back up on Monday, September 15th, 6:45 PM at the home of Larry and Melanie Estes. Contact Lisa Ketchum at li-sa@abigailestreehouse.com.

The Boaz Life Group—Saturday, September 20th at 9:00 AM.

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group meets at 10 AM every Tuesday morning in the Family Center. Begins again September 2.

Men's Thursday Morning Bible Study—6 AM at IHOP - Every other Thursday..see Mark Bendiksen for start-up date..

If you are interested in the latest updates on our Life Groups and other happenings around Zion, please visit our resource center in the narthex of the church or our home page at <http://www.Kurtenchurch.org>.

BIRTHDAYS:

- 02 Lisa Ketchum
- Laura Sargeant
- 03 Fred Miller
- 04 Rachel Norris
- Chase Brown
- 05 Larry West
- Mark Stasny
- 06 Joaquin Tausch
- 07 Butch Dittfurth
- Gunner Brown
- 09 Deborah Petty
- Kimberly (Whitwell)
- Pilat
- 11 Kerry Metzger
- 12 Lynn Kurten
- Carol Dunlap
- Paul Jenkins
- 13 Allen Hammack
- 14 Arby Wager
- 15 Debbie Mitchell
- 16 Rick Thompson
- 19 Marti Ewell
- Cliff Honnas
- 23 Jason Kurten
- Colt Dittfurth
- 24 Wilsey Ewell
- 26 Stacie Caffey
- 27 Kelsey O'Malley
- Amber (Josey) Dockins

ANNIVERSARIES:

- 03 Rick & Summer Dubec
- 07 Bobby & Judy Kurten
- 14 B.J. & Marti Ewell
- 21 David & Gwen Erlandson
- 22 Jimmie & Cora Younger
- 24 Willie & Jostie Milberger
- 27 Will & Betty Skopik

Condolences to:

- The Family of Charles Caffey
- The Family of Barbara Metzger Petty

- ◆ If you have a prayer request please contact:

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Please be in prayer for:

- Denise Burch
- Buddy Weatherly
- Dawn Bratton
- Marie Henderson
- Peggy Kindt
- Janie West
- Evelyn Payne
- Sherry Fikes
- Allison Ellis
- Bea Heartfield
- Amy Kurten
- Elizabeth Castillo
- Billie Toland
- Jolene Broach
- Louise Woodard
- Judy Irick Greer
- Ada Gustavus
- Nancy Murphy
- O.V. Christensen
- Everett Martin
- Hawley West
- Richard Tedder
- Doris Marek
- Jan Thompson
- Mike Welch
- Lynn Kurten
- Larry Gustavus
- Aaron Staab
- Mandy Hooks
- Fran Leifheit
- Kerri Stringfellow
- Claude Rosier
- Jim Bob Booker
- Regina McDonald's parents
- Mark Nardin
- Miranda Nichols
- James Stasny
- Elo Mertz
- Steven Estes
- Larry West
- Nancy Weiman
- ...And of course all of our Servicemen and women

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6 AM Elder Prayer 10 AM Bible Study	3 12:30 Dominoes 6 PM Awana Begins	4 7:30 Vocal Choir	5	6
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AWANA EVENTS

- Sept 3 - CARNIVAL Opening Night
- Sept 10 - Proud to Be An American
- Sept 17 - Wild Wacky Water Night
- Sept 24 - Color My World
- Want more details go to <http://www.kurtenchurch.org/> click on the Awana icon at the bottom of the home page and then 2015 Calendar