



# » NEWSLETTER «



## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church Family, Happy July to you all. And Happy 250th birthday to our nation.

Speaking of celebrations, on Sunday, August 16 Zion will be holding our 1st Annual Zion Ministry Teams Kick-Off following our 9:30 worship service. First, there will be a fellowship meal (if weather permits, outside). Then we will be back in fellowship hall where each member who turned in their Spiritual Gifts Inventory will receive a folder with their inventory and copy of the new committee format. They then can take their folders and sign up for the ministries they feel best fit their spiritual gifts and physical abilities. Those who have not completed the inventory are also invited to sign up for ministries. We plan to have dedicated care givers for the kids and games planned. We hope you will support this event. Your church council has been hard at work with the committee formations so that all people in the congregation have a chance to make their voices heard, their talents used for the ministry of the church, and to be a part of our outreach to all generations of families in our community. If anyone would like to be part of the planning for this event, please speak to a council member.

Thank you for being who you are and may God bless you all.

Pastor Karen

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Biblical Journaling**

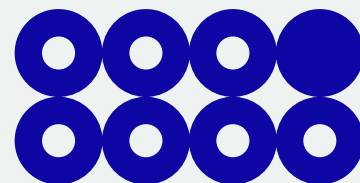
Saturday, July 11, 2026 from 9:00  
Come and go as you please.

- **Council Meeting**

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 6:00  
pm.

- **Clothed With Compassion**

Saturday, July 18, 2026 from  
9:00- to Noon





## SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.”

**Romans 8:1-2**

## BIBLE REFLECTION

Each Sunday in July we will be reading texts from the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans. The overall theme is our freedom from sin as a result of our faith in Christ. Both Jews and Gentiles struggled with the same problem: recognizing a high standard of thought and behavior but not being able to attain it. The law of sin and death leads to failure when people rely on their own efforts to be righteous in God’s eyes. Humans just can’t do it on our own. According to the Apostle Paul, we all fall short, whether we have Hebrew origins or not. That’s the bad news; the good news is that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ. We have been set free to grow and thrive in our faith in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit gives us new life by breaking the grip of sin and is actively at work within us. We have now been empowered by the Spirit. In 2 Corinthians 5:17, we also read, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come.”

Paul tells us to not give up hope. God is with us and is working within us. Constantly. Always. Forever. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New group meet up - In Stitches meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm at Geri Broyles home. Knitters and Crocheters- new and experienced, all are welcome!
- Save the Date for Zion’s 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ministry Teams Kick-off, August 16, 2026 after church. More details to come.
- Save the Date for Corndog Festival, it is September 12, 2026 this year. We will have a booth with games.
- Starting in September, we will have monthly updates from our new teams and learn what they are doing.

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

We want to highlight our dedicated volunteers. Each month we will feature one of our amazing teams. What a great way to learn more about all that we do. This month we are highlighting our wonderful VBS volunteers. They come together to pour love, and the gospel into the children that participate. Everyone has worked well together to create a fun, God centered environment for our next generation of fellow christians. This year we had 16 volunteers and they worked with 21 kids.



*May this month be filled with prayer, joy, and the peace that comes from walking with God.*





July 5 Maria Richards	July 25 Gavin Paalman
July 13 Sheila Root	Sue Davila
July 17 Randy Yohn	Tom Hill
July 19 Sawyer Stutsman	July 26 Juan Davila Jr.
July 20 Mary Ziegler	July 27 Katelynn Teall
Bradley Teall	

July 12 Tom and Nancy Teall  
 July 20 Gary and Janet Hershberger  
 Brent and Lisa Thalheimer  
 July 30 Chad and Sheila Root



**Scripture Readers**

July 5 Lynn Shelley, Lyn Hisey  
 July 12 Greg Siberry, Chris Otto  
 July 19 Gloria Davila, Maria Davila  
 July 26 Lisa Thalheimer, Steve Krallman  
 August 2 Aaron Crocker, Jim Kensinger

**Greeters/Ushers**

July 5 Phyllis Tubbs, Elaine Wolkins  
 July 12 Jim and Darlene Ashcraft  
 July 19 Elaine Wolkins, Mary Ziegler  
 July 26 Amber Teall, Phyllis Tubbs  
 August 2 Aaron and Jeannine Crocker

**Refreshments**

July 5 Ruth Ann Owen, Amber Teall  
 July 12 Lyn Hisey, Judy Sparr  
 July 19 Lana Stutsman, Sherry Sigsbee  
 July 26 Ruth Ann Owen, Judy Sparr  
 August 2 Darlene Ashcraft, Chris Otto

**If you are unable to be present for your assigned day, please contact another volunteer to trade days.**

**Worship Assistant**

July 5 Dave Teall  
 July 12 Sue Davila  
 July 19 Steve Krallman  
 July 26 Chris Harrison  
 August 2 Dave Teall

**Technology Team**

July 5 Dave VanZile  
 July 12 Dan Teall  
 July 19 Marv Middleton  
 July 26 Juan Davila Jr.  
 August 2 Dave VanZile

**Offering Counters**

July 5 Steve Krallman, Dave VanZile  
 July 12 Chris Harrison, Jerri Hisey  
 July 19 Lois Bostian, Dave Ziegler  
 July 26 Dave Teall, Larry Benjamin  
 August 2 Steve Krallman, Dave VanZile

**Altar Care**

July 5 Lana Stutsman  
 July 12 Jeannine Crocker  
 July 19 Lois Bostian  
 July 26 Darlene Ashcraft  
 August 2 Lana Stutsman



### Church Calendar

Wednesdays - 9:00 am Quilting  
Thursdays - 9:00 am Men’s Group

1st Tuesday of the month - 5:00pm  
In Stitches

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month - 8:30 - 10:30 am  
Cafe Compassion

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month - 9:00 -  
Noon Clothed With Compassion at the old  
church.

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month - 9:30 am Biblical  
Journaling (come and go as you please)

Last Monday of the month - 11:30 am  
Young at Heart @ Perkins

### The Hub

The month of July, our church will be  
collecting donations of laundry detergent,  
and chicken noodle soup. Please drop off  
supplies on the table designated for The Hub.



Service	Attendance
6/7/2026	52
6/14/2026	52
6/21/2026	45
6/28/2026	64
<b>Average</b>	53



### Hearing & Listening

As we traveled in a mountainous area of Central Tennessee this year, our GPS responded strangely. Marv would give an audible order to find a certain location. The screen would indicate, in print, exactly what he had said and ask if he wanted to be given directions to that location. However, after answering “Yes” the radio (which been off) turned on and began to play classical music or a business station. This did not happen just once, but multiple times. Although we often use the words hearing and listening interchangeably, “hearing is the passive intake of sound, while listening is the act of intentionally working to comprehend the sounds you hear.”\* As humans we may be capable of hearing but not necessarily focused on listening. There may be a variety of distractions that keep us from following through on what we heard. We may shake our head to indicate we heard but do that only to stop the ‘noise’ or maybe to give the appearance of compliance. There is also the possibility that what we’ve heard, we find challenging to put into action. When what is heard affects us as followers of Christ, we must call upon faith and trust to follow through. “These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to live a life on. But if you just use my words in Bible Studies and don’t work them into your life, you are like a stupid carpenter who built his house on a sandy beach.” (Matthew 7:24 & 26) Miles later the GPS returned to its usual mode of displaying the printed version of the audible request, asking for confirmation and then displaying a route that it suggested we take. Jesus said to his disciples, “I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.” (John 13:15 & 17) May our lives reflect the examples of Jesus.

submitted by Sally Middleton

For further information, see also: Proverbs 16:20; Matthew 7:24-29; Luke 6:46-49 & 11:28; John 13:12-17; Galatians 6:7-10; Philippians 4:8-9 and James 1:22-25.

\*Very Well Mind for definition



**PRAYER/HEALTH CONCERNS:**

**Trudi and Ed McNulty**, both have some health issues they are dealing with currently. Prayers appreciated.

**Phyllis VanZile**, 92, has been experiencing pain and is on different meds to help control her discomfort. Please lift her up, comfort and peace. Phyllis is Dave's mother.

**Blaine VanZile**, 43, is experiencing some challenges in his life. Please lift him up to help him make good choices.

**Ed Frutig family**, the family is going through some challenges right now, especially with their son Brandon. Please lift up the family as they work through their family issues. Their friend Lynn Williams asked for our prayers.

**Alex Eickhoff and Gavin Van Pelt**, are deployed to the Middle East. Please lift them up comfort, peace, safety, good military decisions. Please lift up their families as well. They are children of friends of Lauren, Pastor Karen's daughter.

**Don Lundquist**, who is in his 80's, is still in the rehab facility in Virginia. He is so so per his wife Joanne, good days and not so good days. After his heart ablation, he couldn't walk and they are addressing that issue in rehab. Please lift up Don comfort, strength, continued appropriate rehab and improved mobility as well as prayers for Joanne. It was suggested sending cards would be helpful and his address is in the directory.

**Aaron Crocker**, Aaron is scheduled July 1 at Northwestern Hospital for his ablation procedure on his neck vertebrae to relieve his migraines. Please lift up Aaron comfort, strength, successful procedure, and healing as well as prayers for Jeannine.

**Carolyn Ziegler**, 80, after some imaging, it has been determined Carolyn has numerous blood clots and an abdominal aneurysm. The surgeon is not sure she would survive the amputation. Carolyn has been bedridden for many months and has been dealing with dementia for several years. The dr said blood thinner treatment is a possibility but there are risks with that. Denny is considering Hospice. Please lift up Carolyn comfort and peace and Denny as he and the doctors considered what is best for Carolyn.

**Sherry Sigsbee**, got a call from her doctor's nurse regarding the pathology from her surgery on her earlobe. She had Merkel Cell Carcinoma. The doctor thinks he got it all and the lymph node was negative. She will follow up with radiation. Please continue to lift up Sherry comfort, strength, and healing.

**Kellie**, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She starts chemo this week. Please lift up Kellie comfort, strength, chemo goes well and total remission as well as prayers for her family. Kellie is a colleague of Ashley Teall.

**Prayers for our servicemen and women both at home and abroad.**

**Those unable to worship with us: Mike Griggs and Maria Richards**

**Prayers for all unspoken requests both emotional and physical.**

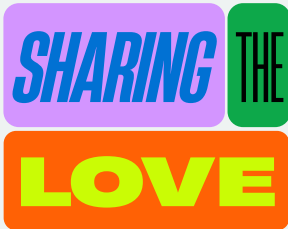


This is the first newsletter using the new layout and design. We want to share some of our vision for the future of the newsletter. You will see new headings like Scripture of the Month, Bible Reflection, and Community Spotlight. These are just a few of the things we wanted to add as we start focusing our newsletter on the multigenerational outreach to our community. If there is anything you would like to see added to the content of the newsletter, please let us know in the office. We value your opinion as we move forward in making this a newsletter that will highlight who we are as a community of faith.



Things that would help us expand the newsletter to better serve the community:

- Pictures or selfies from the events you participate in.
- Share stories of what you are learning, great books you are reading, places you are visiting.



Tell us about events or places you would like to attend but don't have anyone to go with. We can share information and maybe get a group together to attend.

Tell us about members or visitors that you feel should be highlighted and why?

There is so much going on in the world, it is nice to see the people we are close to getting involved and sharing with each other.

Lets make the newsletter a true testament of the love and committment here at Zion!



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## Council Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2026

Present: Juan Davila, Larry Benjamin, Pastor Karen, Marv Middleton, Chad Root, Amber Teall, Jerry Hisey, Chris Harrison

Devotion: Juan Davila The people have forgotten who they are in God. "Remember who you are," but even more important is to remember whose you are.

Secretary's Report: Amber Teall Motion Accepted by: Chad Root Seconded by: Chris Harrison

Treasurer's Report: Jerri Hisey Motion Accepted by: Marv Middleton Seconded by: Larry Benjamin

Pastor's Report: Spiritual gifts questionnaires are coming back. A total of 15 has been returned. Finding the best way to let people know they have value. Baptized Maloy Thalheimer in May. She & Lesley have worked on the new format for the bulletin and newsletter. She and Chris attended the Indiana Kentucky Synod virtually. The theme was Living in Harmony. The Synod wants to bring together all the churches so that we can be in conversation with each other. The Synod will be in South Bend in October.

### Ministry Areas (Liaison Reports)

Social Ministry (Marv)-Bashor Home for Children

Property (Marv)-Roof repair completed, need to schedule drywall repair, water fountain repaired. Shrubs removed thanks to Tom & Steve, spring pruning to be done by VBS. Contract has been signed and sent. The exterior cross has been re-installed. The office lights will slowly be converted to LED lights.

Finance & Audit (Marv) Marv is working with Larry as he will be taking over the finance committee and will be cross trained.

Christian Education (Amber) VBS starts this Sunday-Thursday

Technology-Lesley needs access to our Facebook page

Nothing to report from Long Range, Nominating, Evangelism, Fellowship, Stewardship

### Old Business

Still in Search of new council member for Fellowship and Care

Job Descriptions-Amber will meet with Lesley to review her job description and responsibilities

### New Business

Financial secretary: Sally is asking if she should send out a 6 month statement of giving via email.

Consolidation of committee presentation-Lesley will send a copy to the council

Any other business for the good of the church?

There is room in the newsletter for a small blurb about each committee.

Announce on Sunday that if someone has been handling a responsibility and it falls under a committee, that they touch base with them so they have a team to help them.

Next meeting date: July 14, 2026 at 6pm Devotions: Chad Root



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### Zion's Mission

We are a family of Christians who choose to worship, to learn, to witness, and care by reaching out and sharing ourselves through the Good News of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



Jesus said,  
"I am the way, the truth, and the life.  
No one can come to the Father  
except through me."  
John 14:6

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