

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ZION!

Each Sunday	9:30 am 10:40 am	Sunday School Worship Service
Each Wednesday	7:00 pm	Family Ministries

September 7		Office closed for Labor Day
September 8	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting Church Board
September 9	6:00 pm	Family Ministries Kick-off—Dinner begins at 6:00
September 12		Canoe Trip for men and boys
September 13	after church	Missions Trip Informational Meeting
September 14	7:00 pm	Town Hall meeting in the Fellowship Hall
September 15	7:00 pm	Town Hall meeting in the Fellowship Hall
September 19	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast
September 22	9:00 am	Sewing Circle at Katy Zook's house
September 22	7:00 pm	Town Hall meeting in the Fellowship Hall
September 24	7:00 pm	Town Hall meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Please remember to contact the Church Office by the 20th of each month about any dates or articles that you would like included in the next newsletter. It is appreciated.

# Zion BIC

## NEWSLETTER

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## Family Ministries begin!

Wednesday, September 9th

We are excited to start another year of family ministries. We will begin all together at Family Jam with dinner and program as we kick off this next year. Beginning the 16th, the kids will have their program downstairs, youth will meet upstairs for fun and encouragement and the adults will be studying "The Truth Project" which will examine many aspects of life through a Christian worldview in the Fellowship Hall.

We anticipate a great year as we learn and grow together. Remember, there is something for everyone, so invite your neighbors!



## From Pastor Bob:

I love to learn new facts about life. It doesn't really matter to me what it is, it's fun to learn. Sometimes what we learn is simply interesting and novel, but other times what we learn changes completely how we live our lives. Take for instance when you learned to drive. It opened up all new possibilities. It allowed you a new independence and needed skill, as well as relieves mom and dad's tax service. Remember what it was like to learn to swim. To experience being under water with open eyes and feel for a moment what it is like to be a fish. Or remember what it was like to learn how to solve your first equation that had two variables? Ok, maybe not the best example, but I'm sure there is some reason we had to learn to solve those things.

I believe that which I have come to most enjoy learning are the truths of God and how my real everyday life is impacted by the reality of God. I don't say that because it sounds really spiritual or anything like that—I say that because I've come to find out that when I really understand who God is, what his love and grace and justice are all about, it changes the way I live. When I have come to understand God as he has described and revealed himself, I'm freed to live in accordance with how I was created to live. That is a really fun adventure. It's not that I have learned it all or have it all down, but just the little glimpses of reality that I'm able to discover changes everything.

Let me give you an example. I am still in process of learning about the grace of God and the fact that there is nothing that I can do to earn his grace and love. That is a truth that if you have been around the church environment for very long, you have heard and you probably know. But I am a slow learner. The path of information from my head and my heart is a long and agonizing trip many times. So, as this truth has made its way to my heart I am beginning to learn that trying to live a life of performance so that God will notice me and in some way I can earn his attention and love is ridiculous. There is nothing that I can do to make God love me more. He has settled that once and for all. He loves you and me! No questions asked, no strings attached, no performance needed. WOW! That little truth has changed my life...when I am loved like that, I'm freed to love just because God can be loved. Until I began to realize that, I always struggled to really live a life dedicated to God because I was always looking over my shoulder wondering if I had done anything that might disqualify me from his love. Have you ever experienced anything like that?

This leads to the cause of my excitement for our upcoming sermon series beginning September 13 where we will be looking at the 10 Commandments. As we inspect the laws God gave to Moses on Mt. Sinai we learn so much about the character of God and the relationship that he desires with his creation. So, as we

## Men's Canoe Trip Saturday, September 12th



Come enjoy a day on the river in God's beautiful creation! We will be leaving the church at 10:00 am to canoe in a river near Manhattan. The canoe trip itself will take about four hours, so we'll be gone most of the day. We'll stop for lunch during the trip. Bring your own sack lunch. Some adult life jackets will be provided, but if you already have one please bring it. You will also need to bring child size life jackets if needed. Boys are welcome. If you have questions about appropriate ages, or about the trip, please see Estol Bathurst or Myron Lady. The sign-up sheet is on the table near the office.

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## Look What's Coming

Beginning in September (14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>) we will be holding four meetings to discuss the expansion of services times here at Zion. As the Leadership Board has been discussing what we can and need to do to maximize our building space, the idea of expanding service times has become a very real option.

As we have looked at the past attendance of Zion there has been a continued pattern of attendance that moves between 120 and 150 people. Each time in the past when that number approaches the 150 mark there is then a dip that takes the number back down between 120-130 people. The reason this happens, and not just at Zion but at churches in general, is because when seating capacity reaches 80% full the sanctuary is effectually full. There are still seats, and more people could get in, but for those determining whether or not there is room for them, they feel that it is already full.

The desire of the board is to eliminate any hurdle that we can in order to help people experience the love and grace of Christ. We feel that by expanding service times we can eliminate one barrier to helping people feel that there is a place for them at Zion BIC Church.

We are very excited about this possibility and the future. We want to invite each of you to come to one of these meetings where we will discuss the details of this transition, give you time to ask questions and voice concerns and to look at the exciting possibilities this opens up for us. There will be sign-up sheets going around in the service so we know how many to plan for each meeting. Hope to see you there!

# Get to know the Waugh Family

Susan Jane Hahn was born on October 26, 1946 in Auburn, NE, the older daughter of the late Willis and Midge Hahn. She had one sister, Debbie, of Wichita, KS. When she was 5 years old, the family moved to Haysville (a Wichita suburb) in pursuit of an aviation job.



Susan married Richard Brooks, and they had 2 children, René and Christopher. While with Richard, they lived in several places, the last being Chapman, KS. Here is where their kids grew up and went to school before going to Kansas State University.

Susan lived in Chapman for over 20 years, spending most of that time with her second husband, the late Peter Schubert, who had two boys of his own, Dwight and David. Like Susan, Peter was of German descent, but was actually born in Germany before coming to America and joining the U.S. Army.

Christopher married his wife, Andrea (from Kansas City) on July 4, 2007 at a gorgeous setting in Redondo Beach, CA. They live in Hollywood Hills, CA. René married Brian Krow on September 27, 2008, the last time Susan felt good, at a breathtaking venue in Riverside, CA. They recently moved from Studio City, CA to Austn, TX.

While teens, René and Tony Bowell were high school sweethearts for over 2 years. And Christopher and Tony would “jam”, or play music together. Through Tony, Susan and Peter started attending Zion, pastored then by Tony’s father, Ron Bowell. Ironically, Ron was Susan’s pastor for about 8 years at Zion, and Gary’s pastor for about the same at CrossRoads church in Salina.

Gary was born and raised in Salina, attending Salina schools from pre-school through college except for his freshman year of college in Springfield, MO. Gary has plied many crafts over the years, even working on 3 or 4 jobs at one time. He enjoys working out, watching sports, and visiting with people. In years gone by, he enjoyed collecting autographed memorabilia and meeting professional athletes, traveling all over the U.S. to autograph collector shows. Being from the area, he has gotten to know a lot of people over the years. Now he gets his greatest pleasure out of seeing people come to know Jesus.

After dating for 8 months or more, Gary and Susan wed on November 18, 2006 at Zion Church. They were married for 2 years, 11 days. It was the first and only marriage for Gary. Susan is buried at Johnson cemetery in Johnson, NE, 10 miles west of Auburn. Gary’s body will be laid to rest next to Susan, the love of his life, when his time on this earth is over. But don’t weep for them, as they will not be in the ground. Their spirits have gone home to be with Jesus!

God bless you all! ~The Waugh’s

lead up to that time I want to invite you to get ready for this series in a couple of ways. First, I invite you to spend some time reading through Exodus 1-20 and familiarize yourself again with the whole story leading up to, and including, the giving of the 10 Commandments. Second, I’m looking for some good ideas of how to decorate the sanctuary for this series. If you enjoy being creative and have some ideas that would help to create a memorable environment, I would love to hear from you.

So, I’m looking forward to our time examining the 10 Commandments. I want to encourage you to bring friends and co-workers with you because I believe it will be a time for all of us to learn again, or maybe for the first time, the truth of who God is and his great love for his people.

-Pastor Bob

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## KYZ REPORT

Youth have been studying the book of Philippians in Sunday school this summer. We have been learning about how we must still praise and glorify God, even in desperate or trying situations. We will continue our study of the Bible during Sunday school as we transition to the book of John. Wednesday nights will start again September 9th where we will be building relationships and studying the life of Christ and His teachings. We are looking forward to an exciting fall!

-Tara Lindahl

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## Are you looking for a good book?



Pastor Bob is making his books available for you to read. Come by the office and browse his books and find one of interest to you.

Becoming a Contagious Christian by Bill Hybels and Mark Mittelbert

Fit Bodies, Fat Minds: What Evangelicals Don’t Think and What To Do About It by Os Guinness

Divided by Faith by Michael O. Emerson and Christian Smith

Five Views on Sanctification by Melvin E. Dieter, Anthony A. Hoekeman, Stanley M. Horton, J. Robertson McQuilkin, John F. Walvoord

Making Love Last Forever by Gary Smalley

## Missions Trip Informational Meeting

On September 13, we will be having a short information meeting about next summers trip to Mexico right after church. We will be giving out more details of the trip and answer questions.

If you have any interest in being a part of the team next summer, we encourage you to come because we will be choosing the best week for everyone who wants to go. No commitment is necessary until the end of October.

In preparation for the meeting, think about which week would work best for you. The options are: May 23—29, June 13—19, June 27—July 3 and August 8—14.

Remember that families are welcomed and children under 10 are free (except for their passports and food during the travel time). Also, no experience is necessary, so if you can swing a hammer or kick a soccer ball, you can come!

Questions? Talk to Karen in the church office.

If you are interested in the trip but can't make the meeting, please let Karen know.



# Kids' Zone

Marlys Rohrer, an avid KU fan, is also an avid preschool lover! This year, she will be helping our two- and three-year-olds make the adjustment from nursery into Sunday School. While it's challenging to help this age learn classroom etiquette, like sitting in a chair for more than five minutes or how to cooperate with other children, she says the rewards far outweigh these challenges. Marlys most loves preschoolers' enthusiasm and their eagerness to learn. They are always up for trying whatever activity she brings for the day!



Consequently, some of Marlys' favorite Bible stories are ones that the preschoolers love also: Joseph and the colorful coat, the birth of Christ, Daniel, Jonah and others. She says that she is amazed how many of the children come into class knowing songs and stories already, but if she has one piece of advice for parents, it would be, "Bring them to Sunday School every week!"

On a personal note, besides collecting Jayhawk paraphernalia, Marlys loves adding to her pig collection! Her favorite foods are "Mom's fried chicken" and black olive pizza. When she has a little bit of free time, Marlys enjoys drag racing (watching drag racing, that is) and being outside with her grandchildren.

Be sure to thank Marlys for her commitment to our children, and if you have the courage to venture downstairs, she would love to have you visit their classroom. Just be ready to receive one or two knee-high hugs while you're there!

~Heather Beaty