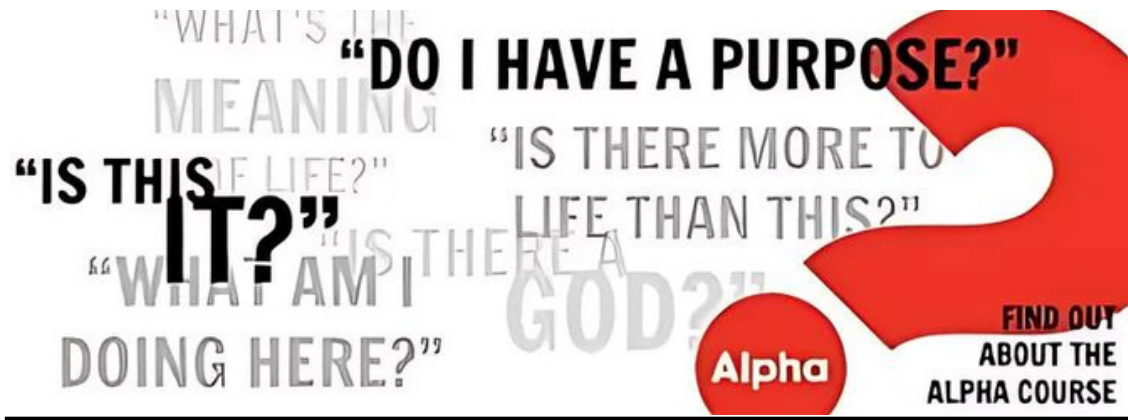


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Friends!

Early morning and afternoon school buses! Changing leaves! Pumpkin spice everything! It's a special time of year that brings seasonal changes and experiences.

This year for our Wednesday night Adult group meeting, we're going to return to a study we've done a couple of times before—Alpha. You can see a promo video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=fViYK_Xb3Wg. Each week we'll see a creative engaging teaching—about 20 minutes in length—and then process it together. I've seen it really open up and deepen the faith of people and take them further than they've been before.

I want to do this again because it's sooooo good. It really is. It's a basic introduction to the Christian faith that's extremely well done and will create some good discussion among us. It's also something you could actually use as a tool to share the faith with someone else. Every single video we'll see is available on YouTube. So let's say you actually get to a place where you were sharing your faith with a friend, and you wanted to help them grow deeper. This is a tool you could use. You could watch the video together and process it together. You wouldn't have to study and equip yourself to do something that you find intimidating—this video series would do the heavy lifting! It's really good. And joining us on Wednesdays would give you the confidence to use Alpha personally with others.

I wish everyone would come. To those who have come to Wednesday nights in the past, I hope you join us again in this fall season. I also would love for anyone in our church family who hasn't experienced the Alpha teaching before to join us. Additionally, some of the people who attend The Journey Church at the café are going to attend. Dan's been promoting this for weeks. Our hope is that, eventually, some of the Journey Church individuals would migrate back to Zion's and this Alpha experience is an effort to get some cross pollination of faith experiences involving more seasoned Christians with some young adults who are relatively new to their faith journey. I believe the dynamic among us will be invigorating and unifying. I'm really excited.

For those who have been regular Wednesday night participants, if you have seen Alpha before, and you'd rather do a new teaching, we'll connect with each other on that first Wednesday night. If it's your preference, we can set up an alternative teaching. Whatever is best for you...join us...Wednesday night, September 11 at 6:30 in the church library for a new adventure in our faith journey!

And as has been true for the past bunch of years, we have something for everyone. Rock Us is happening for teenagers (6-12 grade) at the Journey Café and Planet Shakers is happening for elementary age children in the fellowship hall. Something for everyone! Join us!

In Jesus' love,

Randy

Featured articles

Special Music

Anyone interested in providing special music, instrumental or vocal, at the 8:15 AM service on Sunday mornings should contact Sharon Stump at 610-756-3476 or sls2horses@gmail.com.

Grief Share

-Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
-Starting September 11

There's no "right way" to grieve. Feeling angry or full of regret? Are you depressed and wondering how to heal? Do you walk around in a mental fog? All this is normal. And while your grief journey is unique, you'll find many grieving people are facing the same struggles. And others who've gone before you can help.

Grief cannot be rushed.

You may wish you could bypass the difficult emotions or push down the pain. Or maybe others are pressuring you to "get up and move on." But healing from grief and loss requires you to go through your grief. We have resources that can help you find relief and stability.

Finding support is crucial.

Grief is a journey that shouldn't be traveled alone. You may feel like no one understands and be tempted to isolate, but as counselor David Bueno Martin says, "Healing happens in the context of finding others who can help you." A GriefShare group is a safe place to find support.

Prime Timers

Council Meeting
September 13, 2024

Monthly Meetings are the 2nd Friday each month at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Friendship Circle Breakfast
September 7, 2024

Join us the 1st Saturday of each month at 9 AM at Perry Restaurant. Reservations to Linda Schappell @ 610-698-8790 or sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Everyone is welcome!

Game Day Fridays
September 20, 2024

See you every 3rd Friday at 10:00am at the Journey Cafe (3rd & Pine St., Hamburg). Light refreshments will be served. Come join us!

The Lunch Bunch
September 28, 2024

Lunch will be at Fiore's in Shoey on Sept. 28, 2024 at 12:00 PM. All ages welcome.

Prime Timers Bingo
September 9, 2024

A light meal will be served and then we'll play Bingo. Please bring 2 small prizes. We'll do this monthly on the 2nd Monday at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Oldies Dance
September 28, 2024

Whether you like to dance or just sit back and listen, come enjoy the oldies with Danny & the Dreamers.

Tickets are \$8 at the door at The Journey Cafe. Time is 6-9pm.

Featured articles

Kayaking & Cookout

Sunday, September 22

Location TBA, but plan to bring the family and enjoy a cookout with us. Check out inspiredsisters.org for all the details.

Three Strands 5K

Kaercher Creek 5K Walk/Run & Family Festival, hosted by and benefiting Three Strands Community Center, Saturday, September 7th, 9:00am

Online registration deadline is August 29th, but 8:00am is open registration for race day. More info at:

https://www.pretzelcitysports.com/calendar_event/kaercher-creek-5k-run-walk-family-festival/

The Chosen

The Chosen Watch Series, Season 4, Sunday, September 29

Season 4 has finally arrived on the The Chosen App, so join us at the Journey Cafe for 6:30pm starting on Sunday, September 29th. We'll meet to watch each episode from Season 4 with snacks and discussion continuing for 8 weeks. Check inspiredsisters.org for all the details.



Consistory Corner

The Consistory meets every month on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Congregants are always welcome to come and observe. If you're interested in the business matters of the church but can't make the meeting, there are other ways to get "in the know." You can find the minutes from each meeting filed in a binder under the bulletin board across from the bathrooms. There is at least 2 years' worth of minutes at any given time.

Here are some highlights from the August meeting:

- Becky Schroeder, church secretary, is retiring. She will be sorely missed. Emily Adams, administrative assistant, will take on Becky's duties.

- Property Committee is reviewing backlogged maintenance issues.

- 2022 & 2023 audits have been completed.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class begins Monday, September 9 at 6:30 pm at The Journey Cafe. Any child in 8th grade or older can participate in this life-changing experience. Not only will you become an official member of Zion's Church by the end of class (June 2025), but you will learn so much more about the faith, church history, and yourself! This will be Pastor Randy's LAST confirmation class before his retirement. So if you were ever thinking about getting confirmed, now's the time. Join him for great discussion in a casual atmosphere and bring meaning to your Monday nights.

Women

Zions Car Show

Sunday, September 8th

Even if you're not into cars, stop by the "**She-Shack**" to hang with the ladies, snag some snacks, and maybe even some swag too!

LC Medical Banquet

LC Medical & Support Services Annual Fundraising Banquet

Thursday, September 19th

Registration is closed, but in the case that extra seats become available, let us know if you're interested at

admin@inspiredsisters.org.

Moms and Muffins

Unfortunately, the weekly moms group planned to start in September has been **cancelled**. BUT, you can check out "Moms of the Vine," another Zions-based moms group, on Facebook for events geared towards moms and kids. See the article below for news about their 1st event!

Moms of the Vine

Moms of the Vine is hosting **Bubble Bash!**

Join us on Sept. 22 (Rain date: Sept. 29) for our very first Moms of the Vine meet up! We will be meeting at Zions at 11am back in the bottom parking lot of the church. We will have stations set up for huge bubble making fun 🌬️ and of course we will be talking about Jesus!

All ages welcome... from kiddo to mommy. Light snacks and drinks will be provided.

Women's Sunday School

New Study Starting September 1st Room 111 at 9:40 am

We are excited to invite all the women of our church to join us for a deep and enriching study of the Book of Jonah, guided by the insightful teachings of David Platt. This powerful journey will not only take us through the well-known story of Jonah and the great fish but will also challenge us to reflect on our own lives, our responses to God's calling, and our understanding of His mercy and compassion.

What to Expect:

- Engaging Teaching: David Platt brings the text of Jonah to life with his dynamic and passionate teaching style. Each session will help us dive into the historical context, the theological significance, and the practical applications of Jonah's story.

- In-Depth Discussion: After watching the video sessions, we'll gather to discuss and share our thoughts, questions, and insights. This is a great opportunity to grow in community as we learn from one another.

- Transformative Applications: The study will challenge us to consider how we respond to God's calling in our lives, how we view others—especially those different from us—and how we can better align our hearts with God's heart of compassion and mercy.

This study is open to all women, whether you're new to the Bible or have been studying it for years. Whether you can attend every session or just a few, we encourage you to come as often as you can. Let's embark on this spiritual journey together as we explore Jonah's story and discover how it relates to our own walk with God. We look forward to seeing you there!

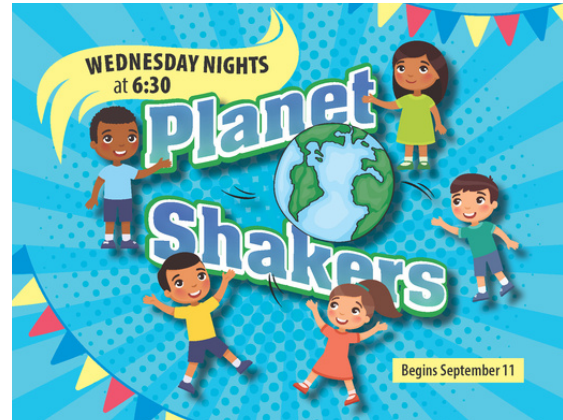
Kids

Z-World

A big thank you to all of you who helped with Z-World—from setting up/tearing down, volunteering during the weekend, baking desserts, donating water, inviting friends, and praying for the event—it could not have happened without you. Many seeds were planted and here are a few highlights of what God did through Z-World:

- Real connections and relationships were made with the families. We visited with every person there.
- Some of the kids and their parents were in a church for the first time in their lives.
- Randy led one parent to Christ.
- Several parents expressed a desire to talk with Randy more in the future about spiritual questions they have.
- I spoke with several adults who went to a church or VBS program as a child and, while at Z-World, felt like they should get connected to a church. They made plans to come back again to Zion's on a typical Sunday.
- We were able to provide sign language interpretation during the program for a family with a child who is deaf. They were extremely blessed by this. On Sunday, one of our regular attenders who is deaf connected with this child in a meaningful way that blessed both her and the boy.
- Several families I talked to who also came last year or to other family events said they watch the service online regularly.
- A couple of families who did not previously attend on a Sunday were in church in the weeks following Z-World.

Praise God for what He is doing in the lives of those who attended!



Planet Shakers

Planet Shakers is our midweek program for Kindergarten – 5th grade students that meets on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00pm. Planet Shakers is a time of engaging games and activities, upbeat music, silly skits, and learning with friends. If you loved Z-World, you'll enjoy Planet Shakers.

We'll kick off our first night on September 11th with a meal for the whole family at 5:45—rsvp at zionschurch.org/register. The kids' program will begin at 6:30 with rides on the Alpine Slide. Drop off and pick up is in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there!

ROCK US

Faith & Fun collide on Wednesday nights at the Journey Cafe. Kids in grades 6-12 are invited to ROCK US, a mid-week program that runs from 5:45 pm - 8:30 pm.

Pizza, Games, Music, Friends and more!
Good times learning about our Good God!