

ZIONS NEWZFLASH

SEPTEMBER 2025

Letter From Our Pastor

Greetings Zion's Church!

Samantha and I are thrilled to share some exciting news with all of you. If you look very closely at this picture, you'll notice that Ivah had a fun time popping the "#1" balloon that she's holding, but you might also notice that God has blessed us with a #3! God's Spirit is the worker of new life, and this is a token of new-life promises to come. Praise God!

There are times in our lives and ministries when the Holy Spirit comes crashing through our routines and plans to bring about something higher and better than we had hoped for. I'm praying for this congregation that we will be a people of prayer who seek God and ask him to bring about the change and even "disruption" that is best for his church. I'm thinking of Moses, who failed in his ministry and ran away to live in the wilderness. While he was there, he simply sought to survive, and that became his routine. At least from what we read in Scripture, Moses wasn't seeking God or seeking God's vision and plan, yet one day the Spirit crashed into Moses' world with a disruption that would forever change the direction and impact of Moses' life and the lives of God's people—on that strange day, God spoke to Moses through a burning bush! This miraculous disruption brought about supernatural change, both for Moses and for the children of Israel. It didn't bring about merely a moment of change but an entire lifecycle of events that changed the culture and lifestyle of the Israelites forever: starting with ten plagues, then a Passover angel, then the Red Sea divided, then ten commandments written by God, then manna from heaven and water from a rock, then a cloud by day and fire by night, then the Shekinah Glory (God's presence) over the tabernacle! I'm praying for you, and my prayer is that we will embrace the move of God.

Although I don't know what God is planning, I can tell you a little about Wednesday evenings, starting on September 10th. We'll start the night with worship at 6:30 PM, then we'll pray together, and then we'll have a time of "discipleship" to focus on the foundations of our faith—learning to know God and share him. Together, we can become disciples who make disciples! You won't want to miss it.

God bless you dear brothers and sisters,
Pastor Roy



MEN, WOMEN & YOUNG ADULTS

Men

9:40 am Sunday School

How to Find Jesus in the Old Testament

6:30 pm Tuesday Knights

We are continuing to better understand our Identity, Purpose and Assignments.

Knights program starting date has changed from Sept. 23 to Sept. 30.

Men's Retreat

October 10-12th

Camp Orchard Hill

Contact Matt or Nate

Young Adults

A GOURDgeous Gathering

Friday, September 19th

Journey Cafe | 6-9pm

Young adults are invited to attend and bring a friend to an indoor evening of fall fun! With autumn-y activities, cozy snacks and fall vibes, we're really getting into pumpkin-spice season! Get ready to carve a pumpkin, drink some cider and play a few games! Dress code: wear a sweater.

Women

✨ September 7 – SheShack

@ Zion's Car Show

Swing by the SheShack during Zion's Car Show (lower parking lot, 1-5 pm)! Grab a snack, snap some fun photos at the booth, and hang out with the ladies.

🌊 September 21 – Family Lake Day

@ Leaser Lake

Pack up the family and join us at the lake from 3:30-sundown. Dinner is provided—just bring along a snack or dessert to share. Want to try kayaking or paddle boarding? Now's your chance! No experience needed. Feel free to bring your own gear or borrow ours. Open to everyone.

📖 Ladies of Zion's – You're Invited!

Join us for the Women's Sunday School class each week at 9:40 am in Room 111.

Together we talk through current topics, grow in God's Word, and encourage one another in faith. All women are welcome!

Questions? Reach out to Katie Keck – 610-406-7441.

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Nursery

Does the thought of playing with babies and toddlers make you smile? If so, opportunities are available for adults to serve in the **nursery ministry** on **Sunday** mornings. Nursery volunteers play a vital role in helping parents worship and listen to the sermon with their undivided attention and grow spiritually while their little ones play and are cared for. This is a once-a-month commitment. For more information or to sign up to serve contact Jenn Scott at 610-562-2300, option 6 or Jennifer.Scott@zionschurch.org.

Babysitting

Do you like babies and toddlers? Opportunities are available to serve in our **childcare ministry** on **Wednesday** evenings during Zion's Family Night. Childcare volunteers provide an immense blessing to parents of little ones by helping them attend the Acts 2 adult Bible study and grow their faith while their children are cared for. This is a once-a-month commitment during the school year. For more information or to sign up to serve contact Jenn Scott at 610-562-2300, option 6 or Jennifer.Scott@zionschurch.org.

Moms of the Vine

The Moms of the Vine will be hosting a **"Make Your Own Play Doh"** event on Monday, Sept. 22 from 10-12 in the fellowship hall. Light refreshments to be provided. We hope to see you there!

The Chosen

Coming in October –
The Chosen Watch Group
Stay tuned for details as we gather to watch The Chosen Season 5 starting sometime in October. Open to everyone. Questions?
Admin@inspiredsisters.org

Consistory Corner

New Member Class

Pastor Roy will hold a New Member Class after 3rd service on Sept. 14 in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza will be served. Sign up on the bulletin board.

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Bell Tower Repair

Perfect timing for much-needed repairs on the **north tower**—addressing areas where large holes had formed. The repairs should be complete by the middle/end of September. Once the towers are finished, attention will turn to repairing the plaster above the door in the foyer.

Prime Timers

Friendship Breakfast:

Saturday, Sept. 6 @ 9 am at Perry Restaurant

Game Day:

Friday, Sept. 19 @ 10 am at The Journey Cafe

Save The Date

All-church Hayride

Saturday, October 18th at 7pm

More details to follow in the October newsletter!

Contact Info

Need to contact Pastor Roy?

Pastor Roy can be contacted by email at roy.k@zionschurch.org or you can call the church at 610-562-2300 and select option 4. If you leave a message, he will get an email with your message and get back to you.

Faith Care

FaithCare invites you to the **Global Impact Conference and Annual Banquet**, October 24-25, 2025.

Join us to hear powerful stories of lives transformed through healthcare ministry, both locally in Berks County and globally.

The event includes inspiring speakers, updates from mission trips, and opportunities to get involved and support this vital work.

Learn more and RSVP at faithcare.net/faithcare-annual-banquet/ or call 860-904-2870 or email hope@faithcare.net

Women's Daytime Bible Study

The popular **Women's Daytime Bible Study**, an active Bible study in our church for over thirty years, will be starting it's Fall session on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025 and will continue until Thanksgiving. The group meets every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Room 201 here at Zion's Church.

If you are too busy to attend a weekly Bible study, you are always welcome to stop in to visit a Bible study session and enjoy a morning of Christian women's fellowship and to gain a few new insights into the Bible while you are there.

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS

Kamryn Smith

Hey church family!

As many of you know, I had the wonderful opportunity to go on a summer mission trip to Hampton Beach, NH! The trip lasted almost two months and so much spiritual growth, both in myself and those around me, was seen. All praise to God! While on the trip, myself and 27 other college students had a heavy focus on evangelism, simply sharing the gospel message with those around us. Cru, the organization that ran the trip, provided us with many tools to use during outreach that acted as fun games and conversation starters. My favorite is called perspective cards! These cards ask questions about things like the purpose of life, the nature of humanity, who Jesus is, and who God is, and then gives people an open forum to share their thoughts. After genuinely hearing them out we would then ask if we could share what we would've said for each category and 95% of the time they were willing to listen. Many times these conversations shifted from a simple game to deep spiritual conversations that lasted for hours. 3 people that my partner and I spoke with came to Christ through conversations like this! Two were a couple from Canada and the third was a girl who was going into senior year of high school. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their walk with the Lord!

On past missions, I had been able to plant seeds by sharing the gospel, but had never talked someone through accepting Christ as their Savior. Watching God soften the hearts of these 3 people during our conversation and then hearing them say "I want that in my life" was easily the most amazing thing I have ever experienced! Throughout other conversations on the beach and in work places 8 people accepted Christ, over 1,000 conversations were initiated, almost 400 of those conversations were about deep spiritual matters, and the gospel was shared over 300 times! Hampton Beach is still a dark place in need of Christ, but the transformation we saw in just a few weeks is evidence of God's miraculous power and love! I'll leave you with our trip's verse of encouragement: "Stand firm in one spirit, with one mind, striving side by side for the faith of the gospel" (Philippians 1:27 ESV). Thank you for your prayers and support!

In Christ,

Kamryn Smith



ZIONS BUSINESS

2024 Financial Review

A financial review was conducted for the fiscal year 2024 by a committee of four members from the congregation. The purpose of this review was to ensure transparency, accuracy, and accountability in the handling of church funds. The committee carefully examined a sampling of financial records, receipts, and reports to confirm that all transactions were properly documented and aligned with the approved budget.

- Two months of data were reviewed.
- All offering summaries matched deposits on the monthly checking account statements.
- All forms were completed accurately and signed.
- Payroll reports:
 - The following comments apply to the 2025 payroll records reviewed in error. The 2024 payroll records will be reviewed during the 2025 annual review.
 - There were questions about an employee with 15-minute increments on multiple days. This information was given to the business team and was in order.
 - Employee time sheets were completed; however, there was one entry with white out on the time sheet and there was a time sheet missing for an employee for the payroll period June 15th. (Bookkeeper stated that timesheet was turned in unsigned and had been returned to employee for a signature. Timesheet has been signed and returned to the payroll binder.)
- Liability premiums were paid, and the Declaration was in an insurance binder located in the office.
- Workers Compensation Insurance Premium was paid in November, and the declaration page was in an insurance binder located in the office.
- Investments:
 - The deposits for July and September were reconciled to the bank statements.
 - The memorial fund contributions were reviewed for three individuals who passed; and all documenting paperwork was in alignment for money received and reported to family members.
- Invoices were reviewed along with credit card statements and everything was in alignment.

Based on their review, the committee found the financial records to be accurate and in good order. The committee is confident that the church's finances were managed with integrity and accountability.

Submitted by the 2024 Financial Review Committee

CHILDREN & FAMILY HAPPENINGS

SEPTEMBER 2025



Planet Shakers

Where K-5th graders learn to shake up the world for Jesus

Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:00

Begins September 10th with family meal at 5:45

We'll kick off our first night with a meal for the whole family. The kids' program will begin at 6:30 and include rides on the Alpine Slide. Join us for games, music, and learning with friends.

RSVP for the meal at zionschurch.org/register

Fall Festival

October 4th

4:00 – 7:00 pm

Free family event

Hay wagon rides, pumpkin carving, Alpine slide rides, farm animals, walk-through maze, games, food, and more

sign up: zionschurch.org/register

Moms of the Vine

Where moms & kids share life together & grow in Christ

Playdoh Making Event

September 22nd

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

B.L.A.S.T. Kids

Being Light and Salt Together

Sundays at 9:40 am

3 years old – 5th Grade

September 7th

Bible gifting

All 3rd graders will receive a Bible of their own from the church



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