



August 2023

THE CHIMES

PASTOR'S POINT

"...Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve..."
Joshua 24:5

Our God is a God of freedom. A God who wants His creation to live and thrive and to be free. It's why we are able to freely accept Him, just like we are able to freely reject Him, if sadly that is what we choose to do. That freedom and ability to choose has been debated throughout history (think Calvinism vs. Arminianism for those who like reading about church history, although both views are often misunderstood). And in my studies, I've found within the debates surrounding such ideas, there is more in agreement between the two positions (predestination vs. free will) than there is disagreement.

But there is choice that all of God's children have—and it's what makes our relationship with God real. When Adam and Eve were in the garden, the only rule was to not eat from the one tree. That choice had to be there for their relationship with God to be real. Otherwise they would have just been obedient robots—not really living, and not really having a loving relationship with God. For love to be real, you have to be able to freely choose to not love. They had to have a choice.

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In the same way, when Joshua stood with the Israelites on the edge of the promised land, ready and waiting to receive the blessing of the covenant, he cautioned the Israelites. If they were serious about their covenant relationship with God, then they could proceed. But they needed to understand what that meant. They had to be all in, or not in at all. They had to make the choice freely. Because there was no lukewarm, middle of the fence position. "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve."

God has made us free and has given us minds that can think through and process the options which come before us. He does not force us into a relationship with Him (a forced-relationship is not a real relationship). But that invitation of a relationship with God, along with the gift of all of the blessings that comes with being in the family of God, is very real and available to all. But not everyone will choose to receive it. But the option is there. The choice is available to all.

As post-schedules start to be made and the dreaded "s" word quickly approaches...be intentional about the choice you have made. And make sure your actions match with the decisions you have made. Choose to serve the Lord. And then follow through and do it.



I'm proud to be serving Jesus alongside of you.

Pastor Adam

DEACON'S REPORT

Those in attendance: Pastor Adam Magill, Tim Ambrose, Susan Maguire, Jodi Volkens, Becky VonWeihe, and Val Harrill.

Opening Prayer – Susan Maguire

Review June Minutes

Old Business:

VBS went well, was well-attended and had great leadership and volunteers.

Treynor Days service went well. We had adequate help and St. Paul provided communion. Good comments and feedback on the message and music.

New Business:

July communion – Tim and Nate

August communion – Susan and Jane

Movie Night will be Friday, July 7th with Super Mario Bros. Concessions will be available. Planning to begin around 9:00. Help would be appreciated with tear down and clean up.

Adam will be out of town for two Sundays in July. Steve Irvin will speak on July 16 and Jared Ballenger from Destiny Rescue will speak on July 30. We planned for these two services and each deacon volunteered to cover a section of a service.

Update on Battle of the Bands. Depending on the date for Rally Sunday, September 17th in the afternoon and evening looks like a good date for Battle of the Bands.

There was some discussion regarding the church grounds. It was decided to have a work time on Saturday morning, July 8th, to do weeding, raking, bush trimming and bush removal.

General discussion regarding the Food Pantry.

Next meeting will be August 2 with a council meeting on July 16.

Pastoral Reports

Cards sent for healing, encouragement and sympathy

Closing Prayer by Susan Maguire

TRUSTEE REPORT

Those in attendance: Pastor Adam Magill, Anica Olson, Sara McVey, Teresa Ambrose, Aaron Andersen, Matt Bonnet, Jordan Campbell, Norm Collins

Opening in Prayer – Anica Olson

Old Business:

- Continue to discuss ideas for installing the sun shade over the playground
- Reviewing work list for items to be completed, removal of RE Building dividers, moving the dumpster fence, pressure washing north side of church.
- Moving forward with removal of ash trees by the highway as they are dying.
- Discussed Western Iowa Network Drop placement hasn't been decided so we will not be signing the document until informed.

New Business

- Deacons cleaned up the outside of the church for the ice cream social, we will schedule a fall cleanup day for the outside in August.

Next meeting is August 2nd at 4:30.

Closed in Prayer

DORCAS AID

Dorcas Aid met on July 13th with five members present. President Eunice Anderson opened the meeting with a prayer.

Sharon King gave the devotion on Mark 9:23, "Anything is possible if you have faith."

Minutes and roll call answered with a verse from Mark. Treasurer's report was given by Marlene Schnepel with a balance of \$574.34.

Pastor Magill was on vacation so President Eunice Anderson and Sharon King led the Bible study "Humility Before God" from Max Lucado's book "Life Lessons from Daniel and Esther."

Ice Cream Social will be held on July 16th.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be August 10th.

Eunice Anderson, Secretary

IMPACT SUMMER CARE

Impact Summer Care only has 3 1/2 weeks left. A lot of our staff have recently worked their last day as they prepare to head off to college. We have nine staff lined up to work this fall for our before and after school care. Some of the fun days we have remaining this summer include Taco Tuesday and our two day GameDay Challenges.

Last week we had our homemade pizza day. Kids were able to create their own personal pizza and eat that for lunch.



COUNCIL MEETING RECAP

July 16, 2023

Call to Order by Jeri Schnepel

Opening Prayer by Jordan Campbell

Reading of the Minutes from April Council Meeting

Minutes approved by Eunice Anderson; 2nd by Vicki Dowling

Reports from Boards and Committees

Sunday School - Jodi Volkens reported Sunday School is on summer break. It will start again in September with Rally Sunday. Teachers are planning to use the curriculum 1 AM.

VBS - Jodi Volkens reported CSI was June 5-9. Close to 100 kids were in attendance with 35 volunteer helpers. Sunday, June 11 had 60 kids attending the service.

ZCCY & Impact - Jordan Campbell states he enjoyed the year with the Wednesday night youth, 7 seniors graduated so he is a little concerned about attendance this fall.

Impact has 33 kids for the summer with 7 supervisors and 8 assistants. He will lose 6 staff this fall for college. Staff received a \$2000 bonus for each person in 2023 eligible. They added mulch to the outside area, watered the wiffleball area and would like to fence that in eventually.

Food Pantry - Jnelle Keysor reported they helped 8 people last month. Food donations are down but that is typical for the summer months. There was a large donation of ground beef. She will be putting a list in the bulletin and Chimes as to the food needs for the pantry. They are working with the church to purchase a large commercial fridge/freezer to be used by all church groups and organizations.

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Deacons - Susan Maguire submitted a report. See attachment.

Trustees - Annika Olson submitted a report. See attachment.

Missions - Carol Smith states that no date was found for the Golden Age Dinner. They plan to grill lunch for Treynor High School Homecoming in September.

Dorcas Aid - Eunice Anderson reported they are a small group who are meeting when they can, include a bible study with the meetings, Father's Day recognition

Priscilla Circle - Vicki Dowling states they started a towel drive, Mother's Day recognition, they will start meeting again in August

Memorial - Truman Hill reported no change

Cemetery - Robin Volkens stated mowing has slowed down with the dry weather, working on a digital backup for the cemetery book

Financial - Gail Hartigan reported in the Chimes for all to see

Treasurer - Anica Olson submitted a report. See attachment

Minister - Pastor Adam submitted a report in his absence. See attachment

Jodi and Jeri are going over the Constitution and will make any needed updates or changes

Next Council Meeting - October 15, 2023

Closing Prayer by Jordan Campbell



PRAYERS FROM HISTORY

**Thomas à Kempis
(1380–1471)**

Grant me, O Lord, to know what is worth knowing,
to love what is worth loving,
to praise what delights you most,
to value what is precious to you,
and to reject whatever is evil in your eyes.

Give me true discernment,
so that I may judge rightly between things that differ.
Above all, may I search out and do
what is pleasing to you;
through Jesus Christ my Lord.

Amen.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL RECAP

Zion's annual ice cream social was held on Sunday, July 16th. It was another successful night. Tami King, Staci Robinson, and Katie Campbell have this annual event organized to run smooth each year and this year was no different.

Some numbers from this year's ice cream social:

Number that attended: 218

Money donations: \$3,062

\$ donated in lieu of hamburger: \$555

\$ raised by purchasing leftovers: \$257

Pounds of hamburger cooked by Jnelle Keysor: 70

Gallons of ice cream made: 26

Amount of ice cream leftover: NONE

Number of Zion volunteer workers: 64



FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

MEATS

Canned Chicken

FRUIT

Mandarin Oranges

Applesauce Cups

VEGETABLES

Pork and Beans

POTATOES, BOXED

Mashed

Scalloped

Au Gratin

MISCELLANEOUS

Hamburger Helper

Ketchup

Mustard

Brownie Mix/Frosting

Muffin Mixes

Pasta Sauce

Saltines

Ranch Dressing

Shampoo

Deodorant

SOUP

Chunky Soups

The Food Pantry is open on the last Thursday and Friday of the month.

Need food assistance from the pantry?
Call 833-515-3289



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

<u>Date of Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
July 2nd	97
July 9th	95
July 16th	79
July 23rd	70

WEEKLY OFFERING

July 2nd	\$2,147
July 9th	\$3,403
July 16th	\$2,941
July 23rd	\$2,724
July 30th	\$2,050

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PRAYER LIST

- **BERNARD BRYANT**
- **JEANA WILHITE (COPD AND RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS)**
- **NIXON QUICK (CANCER)**
- **DOUG KLAHN**
- **GREG LANG**
- **FAMILY OF RICK HORTON**
- **MICHELLE GRAHAM (CANCER)**
- **ELI SHEPHARD**
- **ZACH DICKERSON**
- **KENDAL TRIPP**
- **ANN CARSE VORTHMANN FROM OAKLAND- CANCER**
- **ALL ARMED FORCES & LAW ENFORCEMENT**

ABOUT US

SUNDAY WORSHIP:
10AM CHURCH SERVICE

SENIOR PASTOR:

DR. ADAM MAGILL

PASTOR OF YOUTH AND IMPACT DIRECTOR:
JORDAN CAMPBELL

PIANISTS/ORGANISTS:

**JILL DAVIS, GWEN HENKE,
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