

PRAYER ITINERARY FOR HONDURAS MISSION TEAM

Kathy & Rob Rothen

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Marlena Guerra and Cassie Guerra

John Parsons

Linnell Sloan-Brewton

Pastor Jennifer Gold

The Farley Family: Bill & Michelle, Kaitlyn, Hannah

Grace Spell, WIM Missionary Leader

Saturday, June 6

Depart San Antonio fly to San Pedro Sula, Honduras

“I go up to the heavens, you are there... if I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.” Psalm 139: 8-10

- Protection and safe travel
- Health and rest
- Group bonding through the week

Sunday, June 7

Travel by van to Yamaranguilla, Honduras, attend two national church services, get settled and acclimated

“I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith.” Romans 1:11-12

- Open hearts as the team experiences a different culture in worship
- A bonding through the Holy Spirit between church members and team that both would be encouraged and edified by each other.

Monday- June 8

The team will gather for group devotions each morning with the orphan girls, then will travel to the nearby village of Yasi to conduct an outreach to the village schools and build relationships with the local children. During this time they will also be observing how people live, catching God’s heart for the people, and praying His blessing over the village.

“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’” Isaiah 52:6-8

- Anointing on all ministry
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develop between Americans and Hondurans

- God’s plans and purposes to be worked in the lives of all team members and nationals
- God’s love will be demonstrated to all who comes in contact with the team.

Tuesday – Wednesday

June 9-10:

The team will spend part of the day helping out in service and construction projects for the orphanage and farm and part of the day teaching the girls in the orphanage a trade to enable them to support themselves when they are old enough to leave.

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"After this the Lord appointed...others and sent them... ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" Luke 10:1-2

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Thursday – June 11

There will be group devotions in the morning and participation in a local feeding program in the afternoon.

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." Isaiah 61:1-2

- Godly compassion without paralyzing pity
- Desire to be a co-laborer with Jesus
- Courage to speak out and make connections

Friday – June 12

Rest and relaxation day – going sightseeing and doing some souvenir shopping. Afterward we will have debriefing – processing through all that God has done in and through us during this time of ministry.

"I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness." Isaiah 61:10

- Ability to process and glean all that God has revealed during the week
- Growth and depth of relationship with the Lord
- Successful debriefing to make the group's experiences more valuable in the future.

Saturday – June 13

Drive back to San Pedro Sula and fly back to San Antonio, Texas

"And the ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them and sorrow and sighing will flee away." Isaiah 35:10

- Smooth re-entry into the US
- Travel safety and rest
- That the Holy Spirit will seal in the team members what He has been working in and through them on this trip
- That God will spread the fire for the nations that has been birthed in the hearts of team members throughout the church



ZION DAY AT THE MISSIONS JUNE 14

Everyone at Zion is invited to the Missions game on Sunday, June 14, at 4:05pm at Nelson Wolff Stadium. We have a block of reserved seating tickets at \$5.50 each. Sign up on the kiosk by June 7 to pre-order tickets; you can pick up and pay for your tickets after worship on June 14.

Travis Baker, 688-3090 x206

[tbaker@zionhelotes.org] or

Karen Stein,

688-3090 x205 [kstein@zionhelotes.org]

ESTHER BIBLE STUDY:

IT'S TOUGH BEING A WOMAN

Beth Moore Series Repeats This Summer

An encore presentation of "Esther: It's Tough Being A Woman" is scheduled this summer. Whether you are new to the study series or want to make up sessions you missed, you'll explore the challenges of being a woman today and discover how God is with us, just as he was with Esther.

The series begins on Wednesday, June 3 and runs through August 19 (no meeting June 24 due to VBS). Classes begin at 7:00pm in Family Life Center Room 101. If you want to make up a specific lesson from the previous series, lesson numbers are listed on the church web calendar, beginning June 3 (click on the event for details, www.zionhelotes.org) or contact Kathee Forrest, below.

Study guides are available at Lifeway Christian Stores, or contact Kathee 697-0988 [kathee.forrest@sbcglobal.net]

FAMILY CAMP AT CAMP CHRYSALIS

*Join Pastor Jennifer and her family
August 2-6*

Parents and kids, grandparents and grandkids, the whole family - A family vacation has never been so easy! Head to Camp Chrysalis for a week of relaxation, rekindling family relationships, and sharing in God's creation.

Camp activities are always a hit. Choose from canoeing, swimming, archery, hiking, the climbing tower, and arts and crafts. Families also have the option of exploring the Texas Hill Country with outings planned by the Camp Chrysalis staff where you can take your whole family or leave the kids with the staff. Bible studies are tailored to every age. Adult studies will be led by Pastor Jen.

Put August 2-6 on your calendars now, and watch for a signup/registration later.

- Adults and youth completed gr 6: \$150
- Youth completed gr K-5: \$125
- Preschoolers: free
- Family maximum: \$550

Find out more at [www.crosstrails.org]

Pastor Jennifer Gold 688-3090

[jgold@zionhelotes.org]

DIAMOND PLUS IN JULY

Fellowship & Lunch for age 75+

The Diamond Plus group meets twice a year for food and fellowship. The next lunch is on Tuesday, July 7 in the Fellowship Hall. Doors open at 10:00am to meet and greet. Wear your most patriotic outfit, and plan to meet the new music director Rob Mikulski. *Yvonne Moody 481-3530*
[yrmoody@aol.com]

ZION COOKBOOKS

Cookbooks can still be ordered \$15 each. The cookbook order notebook is on the table near the library.

WOW: WEEK OF WATER

On May 17, Zion Youth led worship based on the theme Water to Thrive. They have challenged the entire congregation to a Week of Water. The funds collected will help build a community water well in Ethiopia. A well costs approximately \$3,200.

For one week or more, set aside the money you usually spend on soda, juice, coffee, etc., and drink only water. WOW reminder cards are at the welcome center in the narthex. Use a WOW card to help you remember your pledge; stick it on your fridge, tuck it in your car visor, or place it in your wallet.

Blue water jugs are in the narthex for the next few weeks to collect the money you've saved for Water to Thrive [www.watertothrive.org]. Suggestion: ask friends and family to match *your* donation.

Current donations from youth Sunday School collections and from the May 17 worship total nearly \$1,000. We are one-third of the way to building a well



This girl carries a 5-gallon jug of river water several miles. She makes this trip 3-4 times each day. If her community had a well, she would spend her water-fetching time in school.

JOIN US AT THE DOCK

Vacation Bible School June 21-25 from 6:00 to 8:30pm.

- Each night begins and ends in the FAMILY LIFE CENTER. No meals available.
- Registration is available on-line at www.zionhelotes.org OR in person Sunday mornings in the narthex or in the office during the week.
- DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS JUNE 14. No late or walk-in registrations will be accepted.
- Crocodile T-shirts and music CDs are available for \$10 each. Buy shirts early to get the size you need.

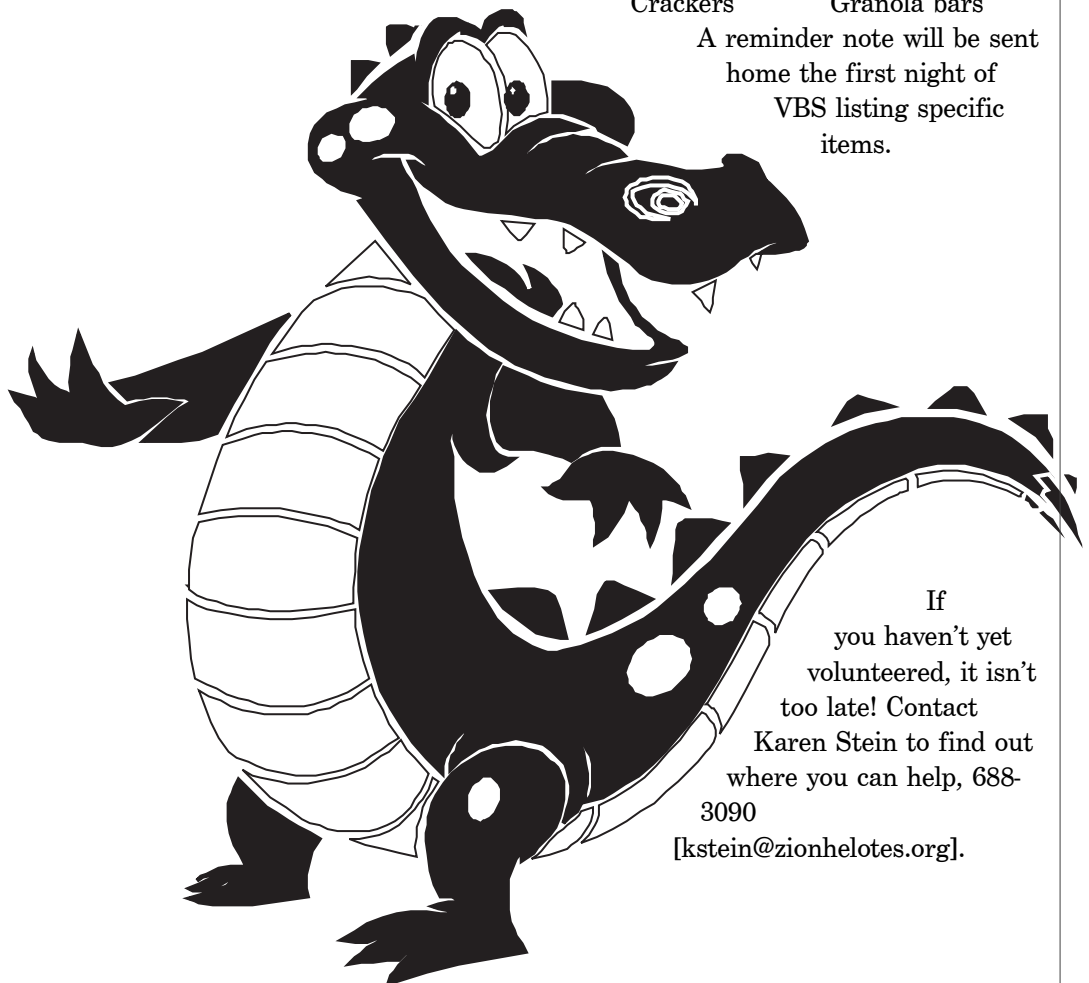
Dress your children in cool, comfortable clothing; activities will be both indoors, and outdoors in the summer heat. Children should be fed before VBS begins each evening. Activities include a snack, but no meal.

An offering for Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM) will be collected. Items need are:

- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Fruit cups
- Pudding cups

- Gummy snacks
- Crackers
- Raisins
- Granola bars

A reminder note will be sent home the first night of VBS listing specific items.



If you haven't yet volunteered, it isn't too late! Contact Karen Stein to find out where you can help, 688-3090 [kstein@zionhelotes.org].

SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Weekly Sunday school is on break, but there are still educational opportunities for all ages this summer

Family Class - ROME

The entire family can journey to "Rome" on Sunday mornings in July, 9:15 to 10:45. Explore what it was like for Paul and the early Christians who lived in this great city. "Rome" is a 4-week intergenerational program, but you may attend one or all the classes - there's something new every week. Registration begins June 21; watch for the display in the narthex.

Adult Classes

- June - Amy & David Walter lead a study series on "Paul the Apostle" written by David Nasser. Americans live in a culture that places high emphasis on entertainment, achievement and self. Has anything really changed in the 2000 years since Paul walked the earth? It is increasingly difficult for the truth of the scriptures to get into our minds and hearts. This study will compare our times with the early church, and examine problems facing us today.
- July - Mission Experiences Visit with members of the Laredo and Honduras mission trips. See their pictures and hear their stories.
- August - Current Events for Lutherans. Travis Baker uses articles from "The Lutheran" our denominational magazine. Explore current theological issues such as "God's plan for our lives"



ZION ZIPPERS

Adults age 50+ are invited for fellowship and sharing a potluck supper on the 2nd Monday of each month, in the Fellowship Hall.

Events begin at 6:30pm.

The June 8 hosts are Peggy Dame, LaVonne & Norm Pederson, Evelyn Shaw, Marion & Marilyn Toepperwein, and Algine Perry. After supper, we'll play Bunco!

YOUTH STUFF

Travis Baker, Youth Director 688-3090
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National Gathering BBQ June 19

National Gathering (New Orleans) participants should make plans to attend the barbecue and orientation meeting on Friday, June 19. Parents may come if interested. Bring chips or a dessert to share, and RSVP now on the Youth Board.

2009 Confirmation Class

Picture Needed

A group picture of the 2009 Confirmation class is needed for the church records. If you have a group picture from Confirmation Sunday, we would appreciate a copy. Please bring them by the office or e-mail them to Travis.

WOMEN OF ZION

- June 18 Women's Bible Study on the *Parables of Jesus*. This group meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:30am. Come to Family Life Center Room 101.
- August 7-9 Southwest Texas Synod Women's Convention at the beautiful wooded Camp Allen Retreat Center in Navasota, northwest of Houston. The weekend convention fee is \$215; partial scholarships are available. Registration deadline is June 30. Contact one of these people for details:
Barb Galland 695-8497
LaVonne Pederson 509-3873
Karen Stein 688-3090

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NEW: VOLUNTEER STAFF

by Chris Jones, Volunteer Coordinator
Zion is a happening place! There is so much going on, so many people involved in ministry here, that more staff is needed to provide support and direction.

But how can we grow the church staff when financial times are uncertain, we're working to pay off the Family Life Center debt, and office space is at a premium? Professional church planners and advisors tell us that successful churches need a staff of **volunteers** to develop, coordinate, and run a variety of programs in our churches today. I've seen this idea work in other churches and, as the "volunteer Volunteer Coordinator," I'm convinced we can use this idea to support our staff, strengthen our programs, and to extend our reach into the community.

Zion is already blessed with a large and dedicated cadre of volunteers. Our next challenge is to identify key leadership positions, and find the people with talents God has already placed in our congregation, and take Zion to the next level of ministry.

I will be speaking to you, writing to you, and calling on you in the next few weeks about the positions we need to fill. In the meantime, please begin to pray about where God would have you step up to leadership at Zion. If you have questions, if you want to talk about a position you think should be developed, or if you want to talk about where you feel God is leading you, drop me an e-mail or give me a call— I'm excited about what God is doing at Zion and I hope you are, too!

Chris Jones

210-695-9384 [chris0146@gmail.com]

CARDS, LETTERS & E-MAILS

Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards and concern during my recent illness with pneumonia. Also, thanks to Pastor Dave for the visits during my stay in the hospital, and to Pastor Jen for the call.

Calvin Galm

MEMBER MILESTONES FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Our Christian Sympathy To

- ✘ Clayton Pullin upon the death of his father.
- ✘ Judy Rossy upon the death of her father, Theo Hohenberger
- ✘ Kathy Rothen upon the death of her father.

Baptized This Month

April 26 Brooke Patricia Baker,
April 26 Riley Emerson Schneider
May 3 Carter John Smith

Hospitalized Members

Margie Hutchings
Jannette Smith
Kathy Ott
Bob Preston

New Baby

Theodore Elial Stavenger, born April 27 to Mollie & Tim Stavenger.

FRIENDS 'N FAITH

There's much more to Zion than Sunday mornings. Friends 'N Faith groups provide a set of ready-to-meet friends with interests similar to yours.

Date Night with a Book 1st Saturday

for dinner at a restaurant and then to a hosts's home for a study based on the movie "Fireproof" and the Love Dare Challenge that accompanies it.

Jana or Rick Marthis 999-5653

[jmarthis001@satx.rr.com]

Ladies Dinner & Movie 1st Monday at

6:30pm at Red Robin at the Rim, then a movie at the Palladium Theater.

Jo Ann Meinert 688-6282

[jomeinert@earthlink.net]

Young Married Couples Get together

on the 3rd Friday of each month for Bible study, food and fellowship. Couples take turns hosting evenings in their homes.

Mollie Stavenger 896-1562

[mkstavenger@gmail.com]

Dinner Out On Saturday, June 20

Dinner Out is adults who enjoy dining out at local restaurants. Try a place you've never been before, new food, new culture. Meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Restaurant suggestions appreciated!

Karen or Bill Cool 520-7910

[kcool@sbc.rr.net]

Sandy or Jim Chillstrom 771-7573

[chillstrom@sbcglobal.net]

Amiable Assemblers Put together

bulletins every Friday at 1:00pm, and newsletters once a month.

Dorothy Rode 681-5997

[dorothyrode@sbcglobal.net]

Sonja Shimkus 277-0413

[shimkuss1956@satx.rr.com]

Mah Jongg Learn and play this Asian

tile game. Meets in members' homes.

Pat Bangart 695-6100

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets on the 1st

Monday afternoon at 1:00pm in the Baby Nursery.

Dorothy Rode 681-5997

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Game Groups Card & domino games,

1st Monday afternoon at 1:00, 4th Monday evening with early supper at 3:30pm at the Golden Corral.

Algine Perry 695-4422.

Campers Head to the woods several

times a year, usually over school holidays.

Brett Kraemer 496-6806

[Kraemerb@kci1.com]

Ted Moody 481-3530

[ted.moody@hcahealthcare.com]

ZPOP: Zion Parents withOUT Partners

Events planned with the kids and for adults.

Katja Ierome 771-7866

[katja_amani@yahoo.com]

PAPER RECYCLING

The paper collection dumpster is in the parking lot next to Church 2. We have recently discovered that this bin is for paper only, *no cardboard or corrugated board* of any kind. Office and school papers, newspaper, magazines and acceptable. Specific items are posted on the yellow & green Abitibi bin.

CELL PHONE & EYEGLASS RECYCLING

Drop your recyclable donations in the basket near the library shelves
 Prescription eyeglasses are collected and refurbished by the Lions Club. Cell phones are refurbished and recycled through several programs.

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING

Your cans benefit programs at Zion. A collection drum is in the lower parking lot, next to the pump cage. Please bag your cans, and flatten them if possible.

INVESTMENT REPORT

• **General Fund**

Giving Goal for Apr 09 \$82,366
 Actual Contrib Apr 09 \$78,938
 Giving Goal Jan-Apr 09 \$306,442
 Actual Contrib Jan-Apr 09 .. \$282,314
 YTD Difference -\$24,128
2008 Apr Actual Contrib. \$67,257

• **Building Fund**

Apr 09 Income \$21,130
 BF cash on hand \$59,455
 FLC Loan Bal. 4/30/09 \$660,714

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Year to date average 2009* 838
YTD avg 2008 594

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Please include author/contact information on all submissions to Julie Rode-Hickey [jrodehickey@zionhelotes.org]

Sunday bulletin deadline is NOON the preceding Wednesday.

July CONNECTIONS deadline is NOON on Friday, June 19.

CHURCH STAFF *E-mail addresses for Staff & Council at www.zionhelotes.org*

Rev. David Schulte	Senior Pastor
Rev. Jennifer Gold	Associate Pastor
Suzie Wyatt	Administrator
Julie Rode-Hickey	Publications
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Elyse Hearn	Woodwinds
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Lindsay Ackels	Youth Choir
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Brent Leaming	Facilities & Grounds
Kat Stockert	Nursery Coordinator
Katie Cotcher	Nursery Attendant
Trisch Moy	Nursery Attendant

2009 CHURCH COUNCIL

Suzi Lockamy	President
Jim Chillstrom	Vice President
Karl Nentwich	Secretary
Sue Brandenburg	Treasurer
Chris Jones	
Brett Kraemer	
Carolyn Pfeiffer	

Council meetings are 3rd Tuesday of each month. Minutes are posted on kiosk in narthex.

COORDINATORS

Geri Dalum & Marilyn Toepperwein	Memorials
LaVonne Pederson & Barbara Galland	Women of Zion
Jo Ann Meinert	Outreach Ministry
Barbara Klein	Bereavement
Dale Stein	Sound Team
Mary Ann Schmitt	8:00 Ushers
Dave Brewton	9:30 Ushers
Sarah Nichols	11:00 Ushers
Susan Johns	Altar Guild
Kathee Forrest	Floral Guild
Gena Sanchez	Acolytes
Pat Bangart	Welcome Center
Amy & David Walter	Adult Education
Bev Rosel	<i>Zion Zippers (50+)</i>
Algine Perry	Game Group
Jimmy Weimer	Cemetery Board
Heather Lotts	Zion Action Pack (ZAP)
Chris Jones	Volunteers



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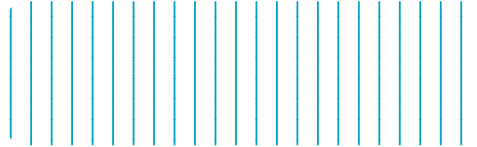


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QUICK JUNE CALENDAR

A complete printed calendar is available for pickup at the Welcome Center in the narthex, or www.zionhelotes.org

May

- 31 Last Sunday School
ZAP Family Picnic

June

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| 1 Afternoon Game Group
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Ladies Dinner & Movie | 14 VBS Registration Deadline
Missions Ball Game |
| 3 Crafty Bunch (every Wednesday)
Esther Bible Study Series begins | 15 Ruth Circle |
| 4 Mary Circle
Praise Team (every Thursday) | 18 Women's Bible Study |
| 6 Honduras Mission Leaves
Prayer Team (every Saturday)
Couples Date Night with a Book | 19 Young Married Couples |
| | 20 Dinner Out |
| 7 New Adult Class Series begins | 21 Vacation Bible School |
| 8 Zion Zippers (50+) | 22 Game Group
Vacation Bible School |
| 9 Dorcas Circle | 23 Vacation Bible School |
| | 24 Vacation Bible School |
| | 25 Vacation Bible School |
| | 27 VBS Volunteer Dinner |

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Zion's Mission: Energized by
grace, God's unconditional
love, we freely give our lives

Bringing to Christ

Growing in Christ

Serving for Christ