

## MINISTRY STAFF

**Steve Chupp, Senior Pastor**, grew up in Elkhart and worked in his father's business. He began serving God during his high school years. He is a graduate of Bethel College and has significant cross-cultural experience. Steve, on the ZC staff since 1979, provides vision and leadership for the local church. He also carries oversight and ministry responsibilities to the broader church as a leader in LifeLinks. He and his wife Ronda have three adult daughters and five grandchildren.

**Jim Dreier, Associate Pastor**, grew up on a farm in Kansas. He moved to Goshen with his wife, Joyce, and family and worked for several years at Goshen College of which he is a graduate. Joining the Zion staff in 2005, he is concentrating on church family life, assimilation, and helping persons discover their giftings. He and Joyce are the parents of five sons and one daughter.

**Tim Morningstar, Director of Administration**, joined the Zion staff in 2003. He has extensive background in business ownership and computer information systems with giftings in management and organization. Along with developing systems and strategies for the church's overall operations, Tim is the director of the mission's ministry. He is a graduate of Goshen College and long-time member of Zion Chapel. He and his wife, Joan, have two adult sons.

**Dan Diener, Visitation Pastor**, serves Zion Chapel using his spiritual gifting of encouragement to build up people in their spiritual and personal lives. He leads and coordinates a volunteer visitation team in a part time staff position. Dan is also a teacher in the West Noble School system. He is a graduate of Goshen College and has completed two years at the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. He and his wife, Chris, have one son and two daughters.



## WELCOME TO ZION CHAPEL

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*Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – Adult Community Groups*

*Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service*

*Sunday evening - Youth & Small Groups*

*Monthly - Men's and Women's Events*

*Wednesday evening - School of Equipping;  
spring, fall, and winter Sessions*



## THE LOCAL CHURCH

This brief summary is meant to serve as a helpful point of contact with some of the basic issues we address as a congregation. As this is quite limited, feel free to ask about any topic of interest to you. We seek to be a New Testament Church with a vision for ministry according to the plan described in the Scriptures. We believe God is looking for a people who will believe His promises and act on what He says. Our vision is to cooperate with Him as He restores his church to His original plan. While we are not part of any particular denomination, we believe in the unity of all believers and in having close ties with area churches and a national fellowship of congregations.

### ZION CHAPEL MEMBERSHIP

A member of Zion Chapel is one who believes in and follows Jesus as Savior and Lord, attends Zion's church services regularly and commits to Zion as his/her home church. Zion Chapel members are taught and encouraged to pursue the following biblical practices to stay connected to God's family and involved in God's Kingdom—grow in relationship with Jesus as Savior and Lord, live in obedience to the Bible and the Holy Spirit, serve others through God-given gifts and abilities, relate in vital Christian community, reach out to others with the Good News, contribute financially (tithe) to the church and support and pray for the church's leadership. The process of becoming a member is to discuss membership with an elder or pastor, resolve any remaining issues from a previous church, commit to Zion Chapel as his/her home church and be introduced as a new member Sunday morning during a worship service.

### ZION CHAPEL ROOTS

We were birthed out of the '60s Charismatic Renewal/Jesus People Movement. In 1967 God poured out His Spirit on a group of college students, resulting in many becoming Christians and being filled with the Holy Spirit. In 1971 the group recognized that God was planting a new local church in Goshen and Zion Chapel was begun.

### THE ROLE OF EACH BELIEVER

We believe that each believer has the privilege and responsibility to seek God for themselves and that Jesus is the only mediator between God and mankind. Each of us will give an account to Him for our lives. In addition, each believer has been gifted of the Lord to minister to others as God provides opportunities. The role of local church leadership is to equip and encourage each one to better fulfill their ministry. In this way, the church comes to spiritual maturity and the work of the Kingdom of God is accomplished.

### LOCAL CHURCH GOVERNMENT

Our primary leadership consists of a group of elders. These men function as shepherds, caring for the needs of the local church and providing leadership and vision. All major decisions are made on the basis of unanimous agreement of the elders with input from the church. Our major concern is to seek to reflect Christ's leadership in the church by submitting to His will, demonstrating His character, and being examples of God's people. The elders counsel, encourage, and teach without assuming the responsibilities for the believer's personal decisions. Additionally many others fulfill leadership roles and responsibilities in the local church.

### THE FAMILY

We believe the family is the basic unit of society, being the first of all human institutions created by God. We strongly support the father's role in the home as spiritual leader and servant of all. While we provide classes and ministries for children and youth, we believe the responsibility for instruction rests on the home. The church serves to compliment the home and provide significant adult relationships for youth as they prepare for adult life. We also seek to assist single parent families by involving other mature adults as role models.

## MISSIONS

**WE BELIEVE** that God wants relationship with His creation (worshippers and disciples) and has elected the church as His agent.

**WE BELIEVE** that God calls individuals to specific ministries and He calls the local church to specific focuses. He has different tasks for different persons/local churches. (I Cor. 3:4-10)

**WE BELIEVE** that all followers of Christ are responsible for missions including giving and praying.

**WE BELIEVE** that basic discipleship includes the development of a balanced commitment to worldwide and local missions and evangelism. (Acts 1:8)

**WE BELIEVE** that God loves the poor, oppressed, and the persecuted; and that He calls his followers to minister to the whole person, body, soul, and spirit.

**WE COMMIT** to mobilize (impart vision, train, send) the local church to involvement in missions.

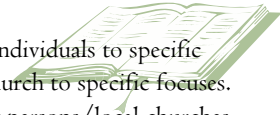
**WE COMMIT** to raise up healthy churches with indigenous leadership who are able to function independently of foreign missionaries.

**WE COMMIT** to support efforts of the church to serve the needs of the whole person through relief and development.

**WE COMMIT** to proclaim the Gospel through the traditions and symbols of each culture to the extent that such practices are not unhealthy or unbiblical.

**WE COMMIT** to discover where God is working and to be supportive of that work and the building of the church.

From the formation of Zion Chapel as a local church, foreign missions have been a core value. God has consistently emphasized the vision of raising, training, sending out, and supporting persons who will be involved in world missions. We are currently focused on ministries in Central America, Europe, Asia, and Africa where several persons and families from our congregation are serving as long term missionaries. We also commission and send several individuals and short term teams each year.



## CHILDREN & YOUTH

Our Children and Youth ministries are designed to assist parents in their God-given responsibilities to raise their children in the training and instruction of the Lord. Other adults can play a significant and vital role alongside parents and can serve as mentors to the children and youth.

We are concerned about the destructive forces working against the family today. In addressing these needs we are pursuing the biblical priority of strengthening the role of the husband and wife, father and mother. Through sermons, classes, and personal assistance we intend to fortify the family as the first line of defense for our children.

## WORSHIP SERVICE

Zion Chapel's worship services are dynamic and positive celebrations of God's love for us. Our music is contemporary, our focus is toward the Lord, and our praise is to honor Him and experience Him in authentic, life-changing encounters. We praise God through singing, clapping, shouting, and raising our hands – all biblical forms of worship similar to what we experience in other settings in our culture.

We believe that God speaks to people today. This takes on various forms. At times we hear His quiet voice impressing a message on our hearts as we worship Him. Other times someone will spontaneously address the congregation with a word of prophecy, encouragement, or in a God-given language with interpretation. Our ultimate source of hearing God is the Bible, whether read or explained through relevant and practical teachings which apply to our everyday life.



## LOCAL MINISTRY

Zion Chapel has been blessed with willing and capable lay leaders in various local church and local outreach ministries. These local ministries serve the local church and/or the community in addressing needs of family, discipleship, hospitality and services. Several special interest, age, and gender related ministry groups such as parenting, marriage ministry, children, youth, young adults, senior citizens, men's, women's, addiction recovery, freedom ministry, accountability groups, hospitality, multimedia, arts, prayer, prophetic, technology, music, retreats, meals, new mothers, and others are available for assistance and participation.

Local members are also involved in various local community service and ministry groups in cooperation with other local churches such as Crosscourt Youth Basketball, The Post Youth Center, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Good Samaritan Health Care, Hope In View Aids Ministry, and others.



## SMALL & MID-SIZE GROUPS

We recognize the benefit of informal gathering of believers in small groups. In these settings relationships are formed and shepherding care can be practically given. Each member also has the opportunity to learn to meet needs of others as spiritual gifts are developed and exercised.

Small groups are frequently being formed and new people are welcome in them. The emphasis of each group varies to age, interest, and needs of the members. Meetings take place in many locations in the area and meet at different times. Participation is encouraged in this significant aspect of our church life.

Mid-sized groups, formed around persons in similar stages of life, are also available to meet the needs of Bible study, connection to other persons in the church, and outreach. These groups are available for adults from post high school through empty nesters and meet on Sunday's before or after the morning celebration and worship service.

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

**WE BELIEVE** in one true God, who exists from all eternity to all eternity, who created man, male and female, in His image. Man, in disobedience to God, fell into sin.

**WE BELIEVE** that God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, who is also true God, into the world, born of the Virgin Mary as true man, to die on the cross to redeem mankind from sin and death. It is only in accepting what Jesus has done on the cross in shedding His blood that we have salvation.

**WE BELIEVE** that Jesus died, was buried and rose the third day, appeared to various groups of people and after forty days ascended to heaven according to the scriptures.

**WE BELIEVE** God has sent his Holy Spirit, who is one with the Father and the Son, to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment, to guide us all into truth, and to give us power.

**WE BELIEVE** that God is building His church which is made up of all born-again believers in Jesus Christ and that He will come again to receive us unto Himself and that we will spend eternity with Him.

**WE BELIEVE** that those who refuse to accept Jesus as Savior will spend eternity apart from God in hell-fire with the devil and his angels.

**WE BELIEVE** that God desires all believers to experience the Baptism in the Holy Spirit by which we are gifted to speak in tongues, prophesy, heal, work miracles and cast out demons, along with other gifts.

**WE BELIEVE** the Bible to be the Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and the final authority for the believer in regards to faith, teaching and conduct.

**WE BELIEVE** that as God's children, we are called to spread the gospel to the whole world, be "salt and light" in the world around us, and as always be eagerly looking forward to, and ready for, the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**WE BELIEVE** that the church, as God's children, is to be actively involved in spreading the gospel by initiating and maintaining foreign missions programs and by local mission programs, promoting local Christian evangelistic efforts, and meeting the needs of the community through counseling and benevolent outreaches.