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UPCOMING EVENTS

MTZ YOUNG ADULTS LUNCH & HIKE | Today following worship

Join us for lunch at the historic Clifton Mill, then hit the trails for a scenic hike through Clifton Gorge.

EMPTY BOWL DINNER | Thursday, October 16, 5PM-8PM, (Schindler Banquet Center, 1183 Tyndale Dr. in Xenia)

Family Promise of Greene County invites you to their annual Empty Bowl Dinner, as they celebrate three decades of supporting families experiencing homelessness in our community. You'll enjoy soups in handcrafted bowls, a silent auction, and stories of hope and transformation. Every bowl supports families striving for stability—because every child deserves a home and every family a second chance. **RSVP: familypromisegreeneco.org/events/empty-bowl**

CANDYPALOOZA | October 26, 10AM

Kids, wear your favorite costume and join us in KidZone for a morning packed with candy, games, and tons of fun! Invite your friends — you won't want to miss this sweet celebration!

MARANATHA POWER MINISTRIES MISSION BANQUET | Thursday, October 30, 6:30PM

Join us at Asian Buffet (6999 Miller Lane, Dayton 45414) to celebrate with Bishop Francis Afotey Odai as he marks 29 years of faithful ministry in Africa, the U.S., and beyond. Dinner is provided at no charge; your contributions to support the ministry are appreciated. **Please RSVP by Monday, October 20: leave a message at 937.848.2516.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP | Thursday, October 23, 2PM-4PM**

Caring for a loved one can be challenging—join us for encouragement, support, and prayer as we share our experiences and explore meaningful topics to strengthen and uplift each other on our caregiving journey.

- **CARING CARD MINISTRY | Monday, November 3, 10:00AM (76 S. Fairfield Road, 45440)**

Help make handmade cards to encourage and bless others.

- **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB | Thursday, November 6, 6PM**

Ladies, join us to discuss our Book of the Month, *Wedded to War* by Jocelyn Green.

- **LADIES' GAME NIGHT | Friday, November 14, 6:30PM (76 S. Fairfield Road, 45440)**

Game on! Invite a friend, bring a snack to share, and enjoy a relaxing evening of games, fun, and laughter.

- **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL | Sundays at 9AM**

The Book of Job - In this series we are exploring the overriding truth that we exist not for ourselves but to glorify the God who deserves all worship and praise.

Parents' Class - Join Pastor Vance as we explore and discuss the same Bible passages your kids are learning in KidZone, so you can grow in Christ as a family and continue the conversation at home.

- **SUNDAYS IN KIDZONE**

9AM* Sunday School for all kids | **10AM* KidZone worship** for K-5th w/ music, games, crafts & Bible lesson
*(Nursery/Pre-K available both hours)

- **MEN'S ALLIANCE | Mondays, 6:30PM (MTZ Parking Lot)**

A weekly 30-minute outdoor workout + a 30-minute fireside devotional for men of all fitness levels. Learn more about what Men's Alliance is all about at mensalliancetribe.com/tribes/shepherd

- **RENU YOUTH (6th-12th) | Wednesdays, 6PM-8PM, doors open at 6PM**
Middle school & high school students have fun and learn more about Jesus.
- **GRIEFSHARE | Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8PM**
A safe space for those grieving the loss of a loved one. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Join anytime for weekly sessions offering support, hope, and encouragement. **Register at griefshare.org/groups/272499**
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: PSALMS | Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8PM**
Join us as we deepen our understanding of prayer by studying the book of Psalms.
- **AWANA (Pre-K-5th) | Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8PM, doors open at 6PM**
A fun program that builds Bible knowledge and lifelong faith through engaging lessons and games.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: ACTS | Thursdays, 10AM**
A time for women to gather for study, prayer, and fellowship as we explore the Book of Acts together.

SERMON NOTES

The Bible Doesn't Say That: This Too Shall Pass

The truth in "This too shall pass"

- Seasons of life are temporary. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)
- Trials are often temporary. (2 Corinthians 4:17)
- God's mercies renew each morning (Lamentations 3:18-23)

What is NOT true in "This too shall pass"

- Not every struggle resolves in this life (Hebrews 11:13)
- Sin will NOT pass away on its own. (Romans 6:23, Numbers 32:23)
- Eternity does NOT Pass, it lasts.

The better Biblical hope: "This Too Shall Be REDEEMED" (Revelation 21:4-5)

Why does this matter?

- God has comfort for your hardship. (2 Corinthians 1:3)
- Do something about your sin.
- Our hope is in what never changes. (Hebrews 13:8, Malachi 3:6, Isaiah 40:8, 1 Peter 1:25, Matthew 24:35)
- We don't escape trials, we endure through them. (Romans 5:3-5, Hebrews 10:36)