**WELCOME TO MT. ZION!** If it's your first time here, please stop by the Welcome Center for a gift. Thanks for choosing to worship with us today.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## MTZ YOUNG ADULTS LUNCH | Sunday, August 24 following worship

College students & 20-somethings are invited to lunch in the Čafé as we kick off another year of MTZ Young Adults!

#### IMMERSIVE PRAYER NIGHT | Sunday, August 24, 5PM

The church family will gather for a special night of prayer to slow down, seek God, and reflect as we move through a series of meaningful prayer stations.

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT | Friday, September 5, 5PM-9PM

School's back, routines are returning, you've been juggling backpacks, lunchboxes, and bedtime battles but you've survived the chaos of the first few days or weeks—now it's your turn to breathe. Drop the kids off at MTZ for dinner and a free evening of fun and games while you enjoy a well-deserved night out. Please sign up in the Foyer.

#### **TAILGATE SUNDAY | September 7**

Fall is just around the corner and football season will be back! We're celebrating with Tailgate Sunday - a fun-filled day to gather as a church family. Wear your team's gear to worship as we launch into our fall ministry season and kick off our new sermon series, "The Bible Doesn't Say That." After the service, head outside for a tailgate lunch. It's the perfect way to welcome the season—faith, food, and football fun! Invite cards available at the Welcome Center.

#### KIDZONE REIMAGINED: SOMETHING NEW, SAME MISSION – Begins September 7

We are committed to helping the whole family grow in Christ—together! That's why starting the first Sunday in September we're launching new opportunities during KidZone for both kids and parents. Sunday School for all children kicks off at 9:00AM, including a brand-new class for the parents of our KidZone kids. During the 10:00AM service, K–5th graders will have their own fun & faith-filled worship time with music, games, crafts, and a message that reinforces what they learned in Sunday School. Nursery (birth-1 year) and Pre-K will be available both hours. It's all about helping families grow in faith, getting kids ready for RENU Youth, and preparing them for the future as they join with the entire church family in worship. We can't wait to see what God will do during this time!

#### ONE ANOTHER SMALL GROUPS | Groups begin the week of September 7

Everyone is invited to join an 8-week One Another Group based on Pastor Vance's upcoming sermon series, "The Bible Doesn't Say That" (invite cards available at the Welcome Center). Together we'll uncover things people often believe the Bible says—but actually doesn't—as well as verses that are commonly misunderstood. These groups provide the opportunity to connect with one another while also digging deeper into Sunday's teaching and growing in understanding together. Groups meet on different days, times, and locations throughout the week—sign up in the Foyer after worship to find the one that works best for you!

CHURCH PICNIC | Sunday, September 14, 3PM (Dominick Lofino Park - 640 Grange Hall Rd., 45430) Join us for food, fellowship, and fun.

## RENU YOUTH KAYAK TRIP | Saturday, September 20, Time TBA

Students (grades 6-12) are invited to soak up the sun and hit the water with us for a fun-filled kayak trip down the scenic Little Miami River with Bellbrook Canoe Rental (3234 Washington Mill Rd., 45305). Cost is \$20. Sign up in the Foyer today, or on Wednesdays at RENU Youth.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

• CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP I Thursday, August 28, 2PM-4PM
If you are dealing with the daily challenges of caring for a loved one, please join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>
Thursdays of the month. You will find encouragement, support and prayer as we discuss various topics to help you in your journey.

- GRIEFSHARE I Wednesdays, beginning September 3; 6:30PM-8PM
  GriefShare offers a safe, Christ-centered 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 online at griefshare.org/groups/272499
- WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB | Thursday, September 4, 6PM Our Book of the Month is Aftermath by Teri Blackstock.
- CARING CARD MINISTRY | Monday, September 8, 10:00AM (76 S. Fairfield Road, 45440) Join us as we make handmade cards to encourage and bless others.
- AWANA | Wednesdays, beginning September 10, 6:30PM
   A fun, Scripture-based program for kids (PreK-5th grade) that builds Bible knowledge and lifelong faith through engaging lessons and games. If your child attended True North VBS in June, they're already registered! Otherwise, please register for AWANA by completing our General Release Form at mountzionchurch.org/mtzkids
- MEN'S ALLIANCE | Mondays, 6:30PM (MTZ Parking Lot)
   Men, of all fitness levels, are invited to join a weekly 30-minute outdoor workout followed by a 30-minute fireside devotional.
- WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: LUKE IN THE LAND | Thursdays, 10AM
  This study takes us through key locations in Israel as we study snapshots from the Gospel of Luke.
- RENU YOUTH (6th-12th GRADE) | Wednesdays, 6PM-8PM, doors open at 6PM Middle school & high school students have fun and learn more about Jesus.

#### **INTERESTED IN BEING BAPTIZED?**

Contact pastorvance@mountzionchurch.org or call the Church Office if you are interested.

#### **NEED PRAYER?**

Prayer Team members are available to pray with you under the front screens following the service or submit a request at mountzionchurch.org/prayerrequests

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# **SERMON NOTES**

COMMITTED: IS GOD ANGRY? Exodus 32:7-10 | Pastor Vance Weeks

How God describes what He sees in His people

How God responds to what He sees

God is responding to what He sees in His people

## Why is God angry?

- 1. They have corrupted themselves.
- 2. They have turned away from God's ways.
- 3. They turned away so quickly.
- 4. They made their own god.
- 5. They invented their own way of worship.
- 6. They gave their own answers credit for God's work.
- 7. They are stiff necked.

How do I know if I am stiff-necked?