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Share Jesus. Grow Disciples. Serve Others.

**WELCOME TO MT. ZION!** We are so glad that you're here and that you chose to worship with us today. If it is your first time with us, please pick up a gift bag at the Welcome Center. No strings attached; we just want to say thanks for coming.

**FIND US ONLINE** | website: [mountzionchurch.org](http://mountzionchurch.org), Facebook @MTZChurch

**THE DETAILS** | Contact the **Church Office:** M-TH; 8:30AM-5PM **Phone:** 937.426.0814

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**GIVING** | Offering plates are available at the entrances and exit of the Gym. If you would like to give online, please visit [mountzionchurch.org/giving](http://mountzionchurch.org/giving).

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GETTING BAPTIZED?** If you have recently made a decision to begin a relationship with Jesus or you have never made this public profession of your faith and desire to now, Pastor Vance would love to talk with you about setting up a time for you to be baptized. You can email him at [pastorvance@mountzionchurch.org](mailto:pastorvance@mountzionchurch.org) or call the Church Office if you are interested.

**NEED PRAYER?** Members of our Prayer Team are available to pray with you following the service across the Foyer in the Chapel or submit a request to our Prayer Chain at [mountzionchurch.org](http://mountzionchurch.org).

**A CONGREGATIONAL VOTE FOR THE PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET AND CHURCH LEADERSHIP** will take place today immediately following the worship service. Members will vote to accept or reject the 2024 budget and vote for nominees for church leadership. Two Elders are needed. The nominees are Tom Kornbau & Mike Priaux. One Deacon is needed. The nominee is Jeff Eldridge. Two Deaconesses are needed. The nominees are Sarah Blosser, Carolyn Fear, and Carol Ober.

**MTZ YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY | Sunday, December 10**

College students and 20-somethings are invited to our Young Adult Christmas Party. We will meet in the Foyer following the worship service.

**CHRISTMAS HYMN SING | Sunday, December 10, 5PM at Mt. Zion**

Join us as we lift our voices together in singing some of the most familiar and beloved Christmas songs to remind us of all that Christ's coming means for us and our lives. Childcare provided for children 5 & under.

**GOLDENAGER'S CATERED CHRISTMAS LUNCH | Wednesday, December 13, 11:45AM at Mt. Zion**

Seniors, come celebrate Christmas with some great food, fellowship and the music of Silver Strings, a local harp and flute duet. Lunch is free! To reserve your spot, please sign up in the Foyer today.

**AWANA (Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup>) & RENU YOUTH (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) CHRISTMAS PARTIES | Wednesday, December 13**

**GRIEFSHARE | Wednesdays thru December 13, 6:30PM-8PM at Mt. Zion**

GriefShare is a free Christ-centered grief and loss support group. We want to offer a safe place for you to find help and encouragement as you navigate your grief journey following the loss of someone you love. We know it hurts, and we want to help. These weekly sessions are self-contained and open, meaning you can join the group at any point. **A new 13-week cycle will begin on January 10 at the same time and place.**

**GINGERBREAD BASH | Sunday, December 17, 4PM at Mt. Zion**

We are hosting a Christmas celebration that you and your family will NOT want to miss! It's called "Gingerbread Bash." "What's a Gingerbread Bash?" you ask. It's a gingerbread nativity building party designed for the whole family. In addition to building and decorating your own gingerbread nativity, you'll get to play games, sing songs, hear the Christmas story from the Bible, and discover the good news of Jesus. It's a truly sweet way for your family to celebrate the birth of our Savior! You are absolutely not going to want to miss out on the fun. We can't wait to "bash" with you!

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING | Wednesday, December 20, 6PM-8PM**

Teams of Christmas carolers, of all ages, will head out to spread some Christmas cheer to some of the elder members of our church family. If you plan to join us, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS | Thursday, December 21, 6PM-8PM in the Chapel**

Our Blue Christmas service offers a time of reflection for those who are grieving, sad, or lonely during the holiday season. We gather on the longest night of the year, in the midst of suffering, to remember God is good. God is strong. God is near. We are not alone, and we have every reason to hold on to hope.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE AT MT. ZION | Sunday, December 24, in the Gym**

Invite your friends and family as we celebrate the birth of King Jesus together in worship:

- **Worship Service at 10AM** - KidZone for infants thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade. No Sunday School.
- **Candlelight Worship Service at 4PM** - Childcare provided for children 3 and under  
(This year's special **Christmas Eve Love Offering** will be equally divided between Oaks of Righteousness (an orphanage in Honduras and a ministry of Mission on the Move) and to help support local families by paying off school lunch debt for students in a local elementary school.
- Invite cards are available in the Foyer.

## **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB | Thursday, January 4, 6PM in the Church Library**

Ladies, read our Book of the Month *Shower in Seasons* by Beverly LaHaye & Terri Blackstock and join us to discuss.

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL | 9AM-9:50AM in the Chapel**

Current study: 1 Thessalonians

# **SERMON NOTES**

## **When God Shows Up: Say Yes**

December 10, 2023 | Luke 1:26-38 | Pastor Vance Weeks

Luke 1:26-38

Luke 1:26-29 | God shows up to Mary

Luke 1:30-33 | Mary finds favor with God

Luke 1:34 | Mary's question

Luke 1:35-37 | God answers with impossibility

Luke 1:38 | Mary says yes