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WELCOME TO MOUNT ZION

We're glad you're here today and thankful to worship together! If you're joining us for the first time, text **WELCOME** to **937.377.5616** to connect, and stop by the Welcome Center for a gift before you leave.

BAPTISM

If you've recently decided to begin a relationship with Jesus, or you've never publicly professed your faith through baptism and desire to, we would love to celebrate that step with you during an upcoming worship service later this summer. If you would like to be baptized or have questions, email pastorvance@mountzionchurch.org

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- Please continue praying for our **Virginia Mission Team** as they wrap up their week serving in Chesapeake and travel home today. Join us during worship on **Sunday, July 19**, as we hear how God is at work through our partnership with Rosemont Christian Church.
- Mount Zion supports the mission of **Bridges of Hope** as they minister to adults experiencing homelessness in Greene County. If you would like to serve, email pastorvance@mountzionchurch.org
- Be part of **Second Saturday Serve** on **Saturday, July 11, from 12PM–3PM**, as we support our Summer Block Party team. Sign up in the Foyer.
- **Serve our community this summer** as we partner with local ministries to provide food, games, and inflatables for our neighbors at Creekside Townhomes. Save the date: **THURSDAY, July 30, 12PM–4PM**. Sign-ups begin next Sunday. For more information, contact Pastor Shawn.

CHURCH APP & RESOURCES

Download the Mt. Zion app, by searching Mt. Zion Xenia in the Google Play Store or Apple App Store. The app includes live services, sermon recordings, upcoming events, and helpful resources like these:

- **One-Year Bible Reading Plan** - Follow the daily readings in the app by tapping **Bible** and then **Plan**, or pick up a paper copy at the kiosk in the Foyer.
- **Spiritual Gifts Survey** - Discover the gifts God has given you and how they can be used in the life of the church. Take the survey and watch Pastor Vance's videos about each of the nine Team Gifts at mountzionchurch.org/findmygifts
- **Prayer Requests** - Submit a request anytime through the app to share with our Prayer Chain. *If you need prayer today, Prayer Team members are available after the service under the front screens.*

SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, July 11, 12PM-3PM

Beat the July heat and bring the whole family to Mount Zion for an afternoon of summer fun as we welcome our neighbors and VBS friends to enjoy:

- An inflatable water slide
- A giant foam party
- Carnival games
- A food truck
- Cotton candy and more!



GUYS' NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

Join us at Day Air Ballpark on Saturday, July 25 at 7:05PM for a fun summer night out as the Dayton Dragons take on the Cedar Rapids Kernels. Tickets are \$15 at the Welcome Center. Only 10 tickets remaining, so get yours today!

WEEKLY & MONTHLY

KIDZONE | Sundays, at 10AM (Check-in opens at 9:30AM)

KidZone helps children know and follow Jesus through worship, Bible teaching, and age-appropriate activities. We partner with parents to encourage faith that grows both at church and at home. Nursery care and Pre-K options are available for younger children.

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

Learn more at mensalliancetribe.com/tribes/shepherd

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | Thursdays, 10AM-12PM

A time for women to fellowship, pray and study as we spend the summer watching *The American Heritage Collection* with Christian historian David Barton. We'll return to Thessalonians in the fall.

HIKING FELLOWSHIP GROUP | Wednesday, July 1, 10AM

Join us at Sugarcreek Metro Park on the first Wednesday of each month as we experience God's beautiful creation together. Open to men and women, young and old.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB | Thursday, July 2, 6PM

Book of the Month, *The Queen's Cook* by Tessa Afshar.

SERMON NOTES

FAITH THAT WORKS: PURE JOY

Pastor Vance Weeks | James 1:2-12

Consider it pure joy... (v. 2)

Why can we count trials as pure joy?

- Trials are an opportunity for growth (vv. 3-4)
- Trials are an opportunity for wisdom (vv. 5-8)
- Trials are an opportunity for perspective (vv. 9-11)
- Trials are an opportunity for blessing (v. 12)