

August 18, 2024



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

INTERESTED IN BEING BAPTIZED? If you've recently decided to begin a relationship with Jesus or you've never made this public profession of your faith and desire to, Pastor Vance would love to talk with you about setting up a time for you to be 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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MTZ IS THE AUGUST CHURCH OF THE MONTH FOR HOPE RISING PREGNANCY CENTER (XENIA)

This is an opportunity for us to share the love of Jesus with the women, children, families, and volunteers at Hope Rising all month long. One way we can help is by collecting the following items for the center:

NEW clothing for boys and girls (sizes 4T-5T) | Baby Food | Baby Wash | Baby Lotion | NEW Baby Blankets

Place your items in the Pack 'n Play by the Mission Kiosk in the Foyer by next Sunday, August 25.

COJOURNER EVANGELISM SEMINAR | Saturday, August 24, 9AM at Mt. Zion

Everyone in the world is on a spiritual journey whether they know it or not. As faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to join people on their journey to Jesus and to help them along the way. Join us as Dr. Mark Covell leads us through the Cojourner training from Cru Ministries. Cojourner will help you gain confidence and skills in spiritual conversations, teach you how to ask the right questions, lead you to become an explorer in understanding what keeps people from faith in Jesus, and even give you some practical tools to help with these conversations. Please sign up at the Welcome Center today to join us for this exciting opportunity.

MTZ YOUNG ADULT LUNCH | Sunday, August 25 at Mt. Zion

College students and 20-somethings are invited for lunch in the Café immediately following worship.

CHURCH PICNIC | Sunday, August 25 at Dominick Lofino Park (640 Grange Hall Rd. Beaver Creek, 45430)

Join us for some good food, fellowship, and fun for all. Hot dogs, buns, plates/utensils, and condiments provided. Please bring a salad OR side dish OR dessert to share, drinks, and your own lawn seating. Arrive any time after 2PM. There will be games for the kids, and we will eat at 4PM.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH | Wednesday, August 28, 6PM-8PM at Mt. Zion

Save the date for this evening of fun as we celebrate students and families as they kick off the new school year.

MIDWEEK AT MT. ZION | Wednesdays, beginning September 4, 6:30PM

- **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY CLASS** - Together we will learn how to pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. Register online at <https://www.fpu.com/D63581>
- **GRIEFSHARE**, a free Christ-centered grief and loss support group, offers 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. If you plan to attend, please sign up at the Welcome Center on Sundays, or register online at griefshare.org/groups/243492
- **AWANA** offers a fun, proven approach that uses Scripture-based programs and exciting games to promote Bible literacy and help kids, PreK-5th grade, develop a lifelong faith in Christ. If you registered your child for Vacation Bible School, your child is already registered for AWANA. If your child did not attend VBS, register online for AWANA at mountzionchurch.org/mtzkids
- **RENU YOUTH** is a place where students (grades 6-12) can come as they are to have fun and learn more about Jesus. **We meet year-round on Wednesdays from 6PM-8PM.**

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP | Thursdays, beginning September 5, 4PM-6PM at Mt. Zion

Caregiving is hard and comes with a host of challenges and emotions. If you are a caregiver for someone, join us in examining the spiritual gift of caregiving in a safe place where we can all pray, cry, and console one another. These sessions will include guest speakers on various topics that every caregiver needs to be aware of. Questions? Contact info for group leaders is available when you sign up at the Welcome Center.

BOOK CLUB | Thursday, September 5, 6PM at Mt. Zion

Ladies, read our Book of the Month *Danzig Passage* by Bodie and Brock Thoene and join us to discuss.

LADIES' GAME NIGHT | Friday, September 6, 6:30PM-9PM at Mt. Zion

Invite a friend, bring a snack to share, and join us for fun and games.

RUTH: RESCUED BY THE REDEEMER | Wednesdays, beginning September 11, 6PM-8PM (meets offsite)

This 6-week women's small group study takes a comprehensive look at the book of Ruth, starting in the book of Judges and ending in the book of Matthew. It not only looks at Ruth herself but also focuses on other important characters in the drama. The study ends before the Together Women's Retreat where we'll enjoy an original Sight & Sound Theatres production of *Ruth* at the Ohio Star Theater in Sugarcreek, OH. If you plan to attend this study, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

TOGETHER RETREAT | October 18-20

Ladies, Mt. Zion's Women's Ministry invites you to a fun and relaxing weekend away during our Together Retreat in Sugarcreek, Ohio. Sugarcreek (considered the 'gateway to Amish country') is located about three hours from Mt. Zion. Complete details, including cost, are available at the Welcome Center. **There are only 3 spots remaining**, so see Amanda Weeks to register today! **Full payment is due by September 15.**

SERMON NOTES

THE STORIES OF JESUS: BE READY

August 18, 2024 | Pastor Vance Weeks | Matthew 24-25

Jesus prophecies (Matthew 24:1-3)

Be Ready All the Time (Matthew 24:42-44)

Be Ready by Being Responsible (Matthew 24:45-51)

Be Ready by Being Prepared (Matthew 25:1-13)

How can I be ready?

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