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**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

### **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 (sort of) 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.

### **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!

### **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 to let us know you're coming.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **GOLDENAGER'S LUNCH | Wednesday, August 13, 11:30AM**  
Seniors, you're invited to lunch at Nick's Restaurant (1443 N Detroit St, Xenia 45385). Sign up in the Foyer.
- **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP | Thursday, August 14, 2PM-4PM**  
Join us this week for encouragement, discussion and prayer as we face the daily challenges of caring for our loved ones.
- **GRIEFSHARE | 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](http://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](http://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?**

Pastor Vance would love to talk with you about setting up a time for you to be baptized. Contact [pastorvance@mountzionchurch.org](mailto: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](http://mountzionchurch.org/prayerrequests)

#### **DOWNLOAD OUR CHURCH APP!**

Stay connected with our church community anytime, anywhere by downloading our church app. Search Mt. Zion Xenia in the Google Play Store (for Android devices) or the Apple App Store (for iOS devices).

Help identify your gifts and discover your place in ministry by completing a **SPIRITUAL GIFTS SURVEY** at [mountzionchurch.org/findmygifts](http://mountzionchurch.org/findmygifts)

## **SERMON NOTES**

### **COMMITTED: THE HONEYMOON IS OVER**

Exodus 32:1-6 | Pastor Vance Weeks

Exodus 32:1 - **Tired of Waiting**

Exodus 32:2-6 - **Aaron Complies**

#### **How We Make the Same Mistakes**

- We don't wait on God.
- We make God into something we are comfortable with.
- We manufacture our own answers.
- We allow other people to change our minds and influence us.
- We return to our old ways quickly.