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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](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 TODAY!** 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).

In September (date TBD), we are excited to announce that we will welcome the following **NEW MEMBERS** into our church family: Elizabeth Berman, Renny Jones, Steve & Brandy Ousley, and Aaron & Rachel Riley.

**HOPE RISING PREGNANCY CENTER (XENIA)** - Thank you to those who donated items to the center. Your donations will be delivered this week to help Hope Rising meet the needs of clients as they discover a safe place of hope and help. [hoperising.org/xenia](http://hoperising.org/xenia)

**MTZ YOUNG ADULT LUNCH** - College students and 20-somethings are invited for lunch in the Café immediately following worship today.

**CHURCH PICNIC | TODAY at Dominick Lofino Park (640 Grange Hall Rd. Beavercreek, 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**

Kids might be back in school, but it's still summer and we want the summer vibe to last a little longer, so we're throwing an epic Back to School Bash. Come enjoy Pizza, Bubble Soccer, Extreme Cornhole, a massive 75-ft Obstacle Course. For those under 65lbs, Power Wheels Bumper Cars are waiting for you!

What does it mean to be blessed? Starting Sept. 8, Pastor Vance will preach a series about Jesus' answer to that question. During the weeks of Sept. 15-Oct. 20, we will offer **ONE ANOTHER SMALL GROUPS** where we will be challenged together about what God's blessing looks like in our lives. Groups are held on different days of the week, times, and locations, so sign up today at the Welcome Center for the group that works best for you.

**OPEN GYM BASKETBALL | Tuesday, September 3, 6PM-8PM at Mt. Zion**

The Gym will be open to everyone age 12 and up to come play some hoops together.

**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](http://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-5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

**GOLDENAGER'S LUNCH | Wednesday, September 11, 11:30AM**

Seniors, you're invited to lunch at Applebee's in Kettering (1795 Delco Park Drive 45420 - near Kroger). Please sign up at the Welcome Center to let us know you're coming so we can reserve your spot.

**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.

**SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY: "WHY I BELIEVE" | Mondays, Sept. 16-Oct. 28, 6:30PM-8:30PM**

Scripture calls Christians to "be prepared" to give answers to anyone who asks about their faith. Are you prepared? Or do you feel ill-equipped? The facts of the resurrection, the reliability of the Bible, and the evidence for creation – all have solid proofs that you, your children, your grandchildren, and your friends can understand and share with anyone seeking hope. Equipping you and giving you confidence is why pastor and Bible teacher Chip Ingram created this Bible Study. Space is limited, so sign up at the Welcome Center today!

**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 2 spots remaining**, so see Amanda Weeks to register today! **Full payment is due by September 15.**

## SERMON NOTES

### THE STORIES OF JESUS: OPPORTUNITIES AND EXCUSES

August 25, 2024 | Pastor Vance Weeks | Matthew 25:14-30

**Who are the servants? (25:14-18)**

**What is a talent? (25:14-18)**

**Why does each servant receive what the master gives them? (25:14-18)**

**What does a faithful servant look like? (25:19-23)**

**What has the master given us to be faithful with? (25:19-23)**

**What makes the servant wicked and lazy? (25:24-30)**

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