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

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? Members of our Prayer Team are available to pray with you under the screens in the front of the Gym following the service or submit a request to our Prayer Chain at mountzionchurch.org.

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).

THE MAIN BUILDING AND PARKING LOT WILL BE CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE on Monday, August 12 and Tuesday, August 13. All scheduled groups and meetings will meet as planned at our S. Fairfield Rd campus. We will reopen on Wednesday, August 14. Please plan accordingly.

SUMMER BLOCK PARTY | Saturday, July 20, 2024, 1PM-3PM at Mt. Zion

Bring the family and come beat the summer heat with some water fun at our FREE Summer Block Party! You and the kids will enjoy water inflatables, a giant foam party, Food Truck, and more!

"ALL IN" NEW MEMBER CLASS | Saturday, July 27, 9AM at Mt. Zion

Are you ready to go "ALL IN" to serve the Lord as a member of Mt. Zion? Then you're invited to attend this brief, one-day class where you'll learn more about MTZ and how you can get connected.

OPEN GYM BASKETBALL | Tuesdays, July 16, 23, 30, 6PM-8PM at Mt. Zion

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

NIGHT OF WORSHIP | Saturday, July 27, 6:30PM at Mt. Zion

Join us as our Worship Team hosts a special evening to come and worship the Lord together.

HOPE RISING CHURCH OF THE MONTH

For the month of August, Mt. Zion will be the Church of Month at the Hope Rising Pregnancy Center in Xenia. Being the Church of the Month is an opportunity for us to share the love of Jesus with the women, children, families, and volunteers at Hope Rising. We will have a number of different opportunities to serve them, from potentially making baked goods to going to the center and working on a needed project there. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in finding out more about the various service opportunities that will be available at Hope Rising in August.

BOOK CLUB | Thursday, August 1, 6PM at Mt. Zion

Ladies, read our Book of the Month *Forgiving Paris* by Karen Kingsbury and join us to discuss.

SMALL GROUP LEADER'S TRAINING | Saturday, August 17, 9AM at Mt. Zion

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 Covel 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.

RENU YOUTH | Wednesdays, 6PM-8PM at Mt. Zion

A place where students (grades 6-12) can come as they are, have fun, and learn more about Jesus.

RENU YOUTH LAKE DAY CAMPOUT | August 9-10

Students (grades 6-12) are invited to our annual campout and day at the lake. Sign up and find more details at RENU Youth on Wednesdays or email Pastor Daniel at mtzstudents@mountzionchurch.org.

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. Register with Amanda Weeks.

WOMEN'S GROUP | Thursdays, 10AM at Mt. Zion

All women are welcome for a time of prayer, fellowship, and study. Join us as we take a break from our study of Luke's Gospel and begin a new video series by Bruce Wilkinson called *Survey of the Bible*.

MEN'S GROUP | Thursdays, 6PM at 76 S. Fairfield Rd. 45440

Come as you are able and join us for a time of fellowship, snacks, topical Bible study, and prayer.

SERMON NOTES

THE STORIES OF JESUS: REVEALING THE SECRET

July 14, 2024 | Pastor Vance Weeks | Matthew 13:1-3, 10-17

What are parables and why did Jesus use them?

- The parables tell a secret
- The parables reveal
- The parable takes people deeper

What about those who could not understand Jesus' stories?

- It is voluntary
- They cannot be healed
- They resist truth
- There is opportunity for understanding

What Jesus telling parables means for us

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