

September 1, 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](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).

The **CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED** on Monday, September 2 for the Labor Day holiday.

We are excited to announce that this month we will welcome the following **NEW MEMBERS** into our church family: Elizabeth Berman, Renny Jones, Steve & Brandy Ousley, and Aaron & Rachel Riley.

What does it mean to be blessed? Starting next Sunday, Pastor Vance will preach a series about Jesus' answer to that question (invite cards are available in the Foyer). 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.

#### **BE A PART OF OUR WORSHIP TEAM**

Calling all music lovers and technology enthusiasts (or those willing to learn to be tech enthusiasts)! We are looking for musicians and audio/visual volunteers to serve as part of our Worship Team. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you're interested, and our Director of Worship Ministries, Blake Becker, will be in touch.

#### **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.** Students are also invited to our upcoming **RENU YOUTH COOKOUT** on Saturday, September 14 at Mt. Zion.

#### **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.**

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

All women are welcome for prayer, fellowship, and a study of the Gospel of Luke.

**MEN'S SMALL GROUP | Thursdays, 6PM (76 S. Fairfield Rd. 45440)**

Join us for a time of fellowship, snacks, topical Bible study, and prayer.

## SERMON NOTES

THE STORIES OF JESUS: WHAT WE FAIL TO DO  
September 1, 2024 | Pastor Vance Weeks | Luke 16:19-31

**Meet the two main characters (16:19-21)**

- The rich man
- The poor man

**Role Reversal (16:22-24)**

**Abraham's Answer (16:25-26)**

**One Last Request (16:27-31)**

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