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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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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.

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.

AUGUST 11 through AUGUST 25 we will be collecting the following 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 August 25. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in participating in various service opportunities for Hope Rising that will be announced throughout the month.

OPEN GYM BASKETBALL | Tuesdays, August 6, 6PM-8PM at Mt. Zion

The Gym will be open the first Tuesday of the month to everyone age 12+ to come play hoops together.

RENU YOUTH LAKE DAY CAMPOUT | August 9-10 – DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS AUGUST 7

Students (grades 6-12) are invited to our annual campout and day at the lake.

GOLDENAGER'S LUNCH | Wednesday, August 14, 11:30AM

Our seniors will meet for lunch at El Toro at The Greene (4402 Walnut St. Beavercreek, 45440 – formerly Mimi's Cafe). Please sign up at the Welcome Center to reserve your spot.

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

MEN'S BACKYARD HEROES' COMPETITION | Saturday, August 17, 5PM at Mt. Zion

Invite your friends for some food, fun, and a little friendly competition. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

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.

CHURCH PICNIC | Sunday, August 25 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

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.

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

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

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

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

SERMON NOTES

THE STORIES OF JESUS: BEING GENUINE

August 4, 2024 | Pastor Daniel Wellington | Matthew 21:23-46

Main Idea: Show your faith to be genuine through reflection, repentance, and reverence.

1. **Reflect** your beliefs
2. **Repent** frequently
3. **Revere** God alone

Questions for reflection/discussion:

1. Take a belief and action inventory. Are your actions direct results of your Christian beliefs?
2. How can you implement a rhythm of repentance into your life?
3. Who are some people that you may need to show more compassion to and less anger? What are some specific ways you can do that?
4. What are some things that you may give too much consideration to and that keep you from revering God alone?
5. Read and reflect on Galatians 1:10.

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