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WELCOME TO MT. ZION! If this is your first time with us, please stop by the Welcome Center for a gift. We're so glad you're here today!

- **PRAYER CHALLENGE — MISSIONS EMPHASIS MONTH**

Each week in November you'll receive a Prayer Challenge card with a daily prayer, Bible verse, and missions focus. Pick up a new card each Sunday, or find the full month's challenge on our website or in the MTZ app.

- **SPIRITUAL GIFTS SURVEY**

Discover your God-given gifts and how He may be calling you to serve. Take a Spiritual Gifts Survey on the nine Team Gifts at mountzionchurch.org/findmygifts

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY | Sunday, December 7, 6PM

Pull out your ugliest (and most festive!) Christmas sweater and join us here at the church for a merry evening of delicious food and great company! The meat will be provided—please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share. After dinner, stay for a holly-jolly game night packed with laughter and a little friendly competition!

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT: CHRISTMAS EDITION | Friday, December 19, 5PM-9PM at Mt. Zion

Parents, need a *silent night*? Drop your kids off for an evening of fun while you enjoy a little peace on earth! Kids will enjoy games, crafts, movies — and we'll handle dinner, so you don't have to — while you finish last-minute shopping, wrapping, or simply take a well-deserved break. The event is free, and you can drop the kids off anytime between 5PM and 9PM. Sign up in the Foyer.

BLUE CHRISTMAS | Sunday, December 21, 6PM in the Chapel

Our Blue Christmas service offers a time of reflection for anyone carrying grief, sadness, or loneliness during the holiday season. On the longest night of the year, we gather to be reminded that God is good, God is strong, and God is near. We are not alone—and even in the darkness, we have every reason to hold on to hope.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH NIGHT LOCK-IN AT SCENE75 | January 16-17

Middle and high school students—don't miss this multi-youth group night of worship, food, and nonstop fun! We'll worship from 8PM–11PM at Crestview Baptist Church, then head to Scene75 from 11:30PM–6AM for go-karts, laser tag, indoor roller coaster, drop tower, and arcade action. Cost is \$20 (**due TODAY**). See Pastor Shawn to sign up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CHURCH CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK | November 24-29**

Thank you for allowing our staff to spend this time with their families. Happy Thanksgiving!

- **KIDZONE WILL BE OPEN FOR NURSERY AND PRE-K ONLY ON NOVEMBER 30**, starting at 9:45AM.

Children in K–5 will join their parents in the Worship Center for the main service.

- **CONGREGATIONAL VOTE – Sunday, December 14 (immediately following the worship service)**

MTZ members will vote on the proposed 2026 budget and nominees for church leadership. Two Elders are needed; nominees are John Coulter, Lee Monroe, and Daryl Smith. Two Deacons are needed; nominees are Andy Betts and Phil Blosser. One Deaconess is needed; the nominee is Cathy Scholz. For unopposed candidates, members will vote to approve or disapprove the candidate. More information was mailed out on Friday. Absentee ballots will be available at the Welcome Center on December 7.

- **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB | Thursday, December 4, 6PM**
Ladies, join us as we discuss *Waiting for Christmas* by Lynn Austin.
- **MTZ YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY | Sunday, December 7, 11:30AM**
College students and 20-somethings join us for food, fellowship, and Christmas fun!
- **GOLDENAGER'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH | Wednesday, December 10, 11:45AM at Mt. Zion**
Seniors, come celebrate Christmas with a delicious catered meal, warm fellowship, and live music. Lunch is free! Please sign up in the Foyer.
- **SECOND SATURDAY SERVE | December 13, NOON-3PM**
Join us—rain (snow) or shine—on the second Saturday of each month as we serve together to accomplish various projects and tasks that will make a tangible difference in supporting the ministry of the church. There's something for everyone—no matter your age or ability. Just bring a willing heart and ready hands! Sign up in the Foyer.
- **MEN'S ALLIANCE | Mondays, 6:30PM (MTZ Parking Lot)**
A weekly 30-minute outdoor workout + a 30-minute fireside devotional for men of all fitness levels. Learn more at mensalliancetribe.com/tribes/shepherd

SERMON NOTES

THE JOURNEY: TRUST EVERYTHING

Mark 12:38-44

Fake ID: False Discipleship (Mark 12:38-40)

- What impressed people about the scribes?
- What Jesus exposes

True Discipleship (Mark 12:41-44)

- What impressed Jesus about this widow
- The widow's marker of discipleship