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UPCOMING EVENTS

AWANA | Wednesdays, beginning September 10, 6:30PM

A fun, Scripture-based program for kids (PreK–5th grade) that builds Bible knowledge and lifelong faith through engaging lessons and games.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT | Friday, September 5, 5PM-9PM

School's back, routines are returning, you've been juggling backpacks, lunchboxes, and bedtime battles but you've survived the chaos of the first few days or weeks—now it's your turn to breathe. Drop the kids off at MTZ for dinner and a free evening of fun and games while you enjoy a well-deserved night out. Sign up in the Foyer.

TAILGATE SUNDAY | September 7 - Invite cards available in the Foyer

Fall is near, and football is back! Wear your team gear to worship as we kick off our fall ministry season and launch a new sermon series, "The Bible Doesn't Say That." Stay after for a tailgate lunch — faith, food, and football fun!

KIDZONE REIMAGINED: SOMETHING NEW, SAME MISSION – Begins September 7

We are committed to helping the whole family grow in Christ—together! Starting next Sunday, KidZone will offer new opportunities for kids and parents. **9AM:** Sunday School for kids + a new class for parents. **10AM:** K-5th worship with music, games, crafts, and a Bible lesson (Nursery and Pre-K available both hours).

- **2025-2026 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY RELEASE FORM**

If your child DID NOT attend Vacation Bible School in June, we do not have the required release form on file for them to participate in other children's ministry events, i.e., Awana, KidZone, Parents' Night Out, other special events. Please take a moment today to submit the Mt. Zion Child Release Form 2025-2026 at mountzionchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/824395 This form will expire on May 31, 2026, and must be completed by a parent or guardian.

- **2025-2026 YOUTH MINISTRY RELEASE FORM**

If your teen attends RENU Youth on Wednesdays or other special events, we require an updated release for our records. 2024-2025 forms expired on May 31, 2025. Please take a moment today to submit the RENU Youth General Release Form 2025-2026 at mountzionchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/972278 This form will expire on May 31, 2026, and must be completed by a parent or guardian.

ONE ANOTHER SMALL GROUPS | Groups begin the week of September 7

Join an 8-week One Another Group during Pastor Vance's series, "The Bible Doesn't Say That." Grow in community and dig deeper into each week's message as we uncover things people often believe the Bible says—but actually doesn't—as well as verses that are commonly misunderstood. Groups meet on different days and times — sign up in the Foyer to find the one that works best for you!

GRIEFSHARE | Wednesdays, beginning September 3; 6:30PM-8PM

A safe space for those grieving the loss of a loved one. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Join anytime for weekly sessions offering support, hope, and encouragement. **Register at griefshare.org/groups/272499**

CHURCH PICNIC | Sunday, September 14, 3PM (Dominick Lofino Park - 640 Grange Hall Rd., 45430)

Join us for food, fellowship, and fun.

RENU YOUTH (GRADES 6-12) KAYAK TRIP | Saturday, September 20 (3234 Washington Mill Rd., 45305)

Students come soak up the sun and hit the water for a fun-filled kayak trip down the scenic Little Miami River with Bellbrook Canoe Rental. Cost is \$20. Deadline to sign up is September 10.

RIVER BAPTISM | September 21, 12PM (Narrows Reserve along the Little Miami River)

Come celebrate baptism with us or take the step of baptism yourself! Email pastorvance@mountzionchurch.org if you'd like to be baptized.

TOGETHER RETREAT | October 17-19

Ladies, Mt. Zion's Women's Ministry invites you to a fun and relaxing weekend away in Sugarcreek, Ohio — the gateway to Amish Country! We'll be staying at the beautiful Carlisle Inn and enjoying the inspiring show "Road to Damascus" at the Ohio Star Theater. Space is very limited! To register, get more details, and make your deposit to reserve your spot, see Amanda Weeks. We accept check, debit/credit card, or Venmo — no cash, please.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB | Thursday, September 4, 6PM**
Our Book of the Month is *Aftermath* by Teri Blackstock.
- **CARING CARD MINISTRY | Monday, September 8, 10:00AM (76 S. Fairfield Road, 45440)**
Join us as we make handmade cards to encourage and bless others.
- **GOLDENAGER'S LUNCH | Wednesday, September 10, 11:30AM**
Seniors meet us for lunch at Marion's Piazza (1320 N. Fairfield Rd., 45432). Sign up in the Foyer.
- **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP | Thursday, September 11, 2PM-4PM**
If you are dealing with the daily challenges of caring for a loved one, please join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. Come for encouragement, support and prayer as we discuss various topics to help you in your journey.
- **"ALL IN" NEW MEMBER CLASS | Saturday, September 13, 9AM**
Ready to go "ALL IN" as a member of Mt. Zion? Join our brief, one-day New Member Class to learn about MTZ and how to get connected. Sign up in the Foyer.
- **SECOND SATURDAY SERVE | September 13, NOON-3PM**
Join us—rain 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.
- **NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | Wednesdays, beginning September 17, 6:30PM-8PM**
Join us as we deepen our understanding of prayer by studying the book of Psalms. 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.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: ACTS | Thursdays, 10AM**
Join us September 4 as we resume our journey through the Book of Acts
- **RENU YOUTH (6th-12th GRADE) | Wednesdays, 6PM-8PM, doors open at 6PM**
Middle school & high school students have fun and learn more about Jesus.

SERMON NOTES

COMMITTED: FROM REBELLION TO REPENTANCE

(Exodus 32:15-25)

How to move from rebellion to repentance

- Recognize the celebration of sin in your life (Exodus 32:15-18)
- Confront sin (Exodus 32:19-20)
- Get rid of the source of sin (Exodus 32:19-20)
- Accept responsibility (Exodus 32:21-24)
- Be honest with yourself (Exodus 32:21-24)
- Choose a side (Exodus 32:25-29)
- Someone must go in our place (Exodus 32:30-35)
- Accept consequences (Exodus 32:30-35)