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WELCOME TO MOUNT ZION

We're glad you're here today and thankful to worship together! If you're joining us for the first time, text **WELCOME** to **937.377.5616** to connect, and stop by the Welcome Center for a gift before you leave.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES' GAME NIGHT | Friday, August 28, 6:30PM (76 S. Fairfield Road, 45440)

Invite a friend, bring a snack to share and join us for a fun night together.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH | Wednesday, September 2, 6PM-8PM

We're keeping the summer vibe alive with an epic Back-to-School Bash! Kids, teens, and their families are invited for a night of food, inflatables, archery tag, games, and more as we send summer out with a bang!

TAILGATE SUNDAY | September 13

Wear your favorite team gear, join us for worship at 10AM, then stay for a cookout and an afternoon of fun. Enjoy a giant inflatable obstacle course, an 18-foot inflatable dartboard, a Field Goal Kick Challenge, QB Blitz, a play zone for younger kids, and more. Bring your family and friends and join us as we celebrate the fall season together!

SUPPORT GROUPS

- GRIEFSHARE | Wednesdays, beginning September 2; 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/301109**
- CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP | Thursday, September 10, 2PM-4PM**
 Find support and encouragement alongside others who are caring for a loved one.

WEEKLY & MONTHLY

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE | August 16 & 23, 9AM

Join Pastor Vance for a two-week discussion on what artificial intelligence is, how we use it, and how Christians can approach it with wisdom and discernment as it becomes an increasing part of everyday life.

GOLDENAGERS LUNCH | Wednesday, August 12, 11:30AM

Senior adults, join us for lunch and time together at El Rancho Grande (4139 Wilmington Pike, 45440) in Kettering.

HIKING FELLOWSHIP GROUP | Wednesday, September 2, 10AM

Join us at Sugarcreek Metro Park on the first Wednesday of each month as we experience God's beautiful creation together. Open to men and women, young and old.

The next **SECOND SATURDAY SERVE** will be **September 12, 12:00PM-3:00PM**

MEN'S ALLIANCE | Mondays, 6:30PM (Parking Lot)

Learn more at mensalliancetribe.com/tribes/shepherd

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | Thursdays, 10AM-12PM

A time for women to fellowship, pray and study as we spend the summer watching *The American Heritage Collection* with Christian historian David Barton. We'll return to Thessalonians in the fall.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

- **KIDZONE | Sundays, 10AM (Check-in opens at 9:30AM)**

KidZone helps children know and follow Jesus through worship, Bible teaching, and age-appropriate activities while partnering with parents to build faith at church and at home. Nursery & Pre-K options available for younger children.

- **RENU YOUTH | Wednesdays, 6PM-8PM**

A weekly gathering for middle & high school students.

CHURCH APP & RESOURCES

Download the Mt. Zion app, by searching Mt. Zion Xenia in the Google Play Store or Apple App Store. The app includes live services, sermon recordings, upcoming events, and helpful resources like these:

- **One-Year Bible Reading Plan** - Follow the daily readings in the app by tapping **Bible** and then **Plan** or pick up a paper copy at the kiosk in the Foyer.
- **Spiritual Gifts Survey** - Discover the gifts God has given you and how they can be used in the life of the church. Take the survey and watch Pastor Vance's videos about each of the nine Team Gifts at mountzionchurch.org/findmygifts
- **Prayer Requests** - Submit a request anytime through the app to share with our Prayer Chain. *If you need prayer today, Prayer Team members are available after the service under the front screens.*

SERMON NOTES

FAITH THAT WORKS: CONTROLLING THE UNTAMABLE

Pastor Vance Weeks | James 3:1-12

What controlling an untamable tongue requires:

- Take seriously your responsibility for your words (3:1-2)
- Recognize their power to direct and destroy (3:3-6)
- Never assume you have made your tongue harmless (3:7-8)
- Examine the heart from which your words come (3:9-12)
- Continually submit your heart and tongue to God