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WELCOME TO MT. ZION! If it's your first time here, please stop by the Welcome Center for a gift. Thanks for choosing to worship with us today.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RENU YOUTH LAKE DAY CAMPOUT | AUGUST 8-9

Students (grades 6-12) are invited to our annual campout and day at the lake. We will leave MTZ at 5PM on Friday and return to the church on Saturday at 3PM. Meals are provided. The deadline is today, so be sure to stop by the table in the Foyer to sign up before you leave.

TAILGATE SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 7

Fall is just around the corner and football season will be back! We're celebrating with Tailgate Sunday - a fun-filled day to gather as a church family. Wear your team's gear to worship as we launch into our fall ministry season and kick off our new sermon series, *"The Bible Doesn't Say That."* After the service, head outside for a tailgate lunch. It's the perfect way to welcome the season—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! That's why starting the first Sunday in September we're launching new opportunities during KidZone for both kids and parents. Sunday School for all children kicks off at 9:00AM, including a brand-new class for the parents of our KidZone kids. During the 10:00AM service, K–5th graders will have their own fun & faith-filled worship time with music, games, crafts, and a message that reinforces what they learned in Sunday School. Nursery (birth-1 year) and Pre-K will be available both hours. It's all about helping families grow in faith, getting kids ready for RENU Youth, and preparing them for the future as they join with the entire church family in worship. We can't wait to see what God will do during this time!

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

Join us for food, fellowship, and fun at our annual Church Picnic.

RENU YOUTH KAYAK TRIP | September 20, Time TBA

Students (grades 6-12) are invited to come soak up the sun and hit the water with us for a fun-filled kayak trip down the scenic Little Miami River with Bellbrook Canoe Rental (3234 Washington Mill Rd., 45305). Cost is \$20. Sign up in the Foyer today, or on Wednesdays at RENU Youth to let us know you're coming.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CARING CARD MINISTRY | Monday, August 4, 10:30AM (76 S. Fairfield Road, 45440)**
 Interested in being crafty with a purpose? Be a part of our Caring Card Ministry that makes handmade cards to encourage and bless others.
- MEN'S ALLIANCE | Mondays, beginning August 4, 6:30PM (MTZ Parking Lot)**
 All men are invited to join a weekly 30-minute outdoor workout followed by a 30-minute fireside devotional. It's a chance to build community, grow in faith, and be challenged to become the husbands, fathers, and leaders God designed us to be. This is for *all* fitness levels—even if you haven't exercised in a while, this is a great place to start your journey with the encouragement of other men. If you have any questions, see Bill Ketterman or Jeff Eldridge following the service.
- WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB | Thursday, August 7, 6PM**
 Ladies, read our Book of the Month *The Divine Proverb of Streusel* by Sara Brunsvold and join us to discuss.
- SECOND SATURDAY SERVE | August 9, 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!
- GOLDENAGER'S LUNCH | Wednesday, August 13, 11:30AM**
 Seniors, you're invited to lunch at Nick's Restaurant (1443 N Detroit St, Xenia 45385). Please sign up in the Foyer let us know you're coming so we can reserve your spot.

- **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP | Next meeting - Thursday, August 14, 2PM-4PM**
Being a Caregiver is hard. It's physically, mentally and spiritually exhausting. Those who are dealing with the daily challenges of caregiving for a loved one are welcome to come and join others who are experiencing them too. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month and cover various caregiving topics, have discussions about God's involvement, and prayer.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: LUKE IN THE LAND | Thursdays, 10AM**
This 7-session study takes us through key locations in Israel as we study snapshots from the Gospel of Luke. Along the way, we'll see how Jesus, the Messiah, brought His kingdom to earth for everybody.
- **RENU YOUTH (6th-12th GRADE) | Wednesdays, 6PM-8PM, doors open at 6PM**
A place for middle school & high school students to come have fun and learn more about Jesus.

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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SPIRITUAL GIFTS SURVEY

At Mt. Zion, we want to do everything we can to help you find God's purpose for your life and lead you closer to where God is calling you to be. That is why we encourage you to complete a Spiritual Gifts Survey to help identify your gifts and discover your place in ministry. To complete a survey covering the nine Team Gifts and for helpful videos from Pastor Vance about each gift please visit mountzionchurch.org/findmygifts

SERMON NOTES

COMMITTED: PRESENCE

Exodus 24:16-25:8 | Pastor Vance Weeks

What is the command?

What is a tabernacle?

What does it teach us about who God is?

How God makes His presence known

- God's presence is seen in the Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 25:10-22)
- God's presence is seen in the Table for Bread (Exodus 25:23-30)
- God's presence is seen in the golden lamp stand (Exodus 25:31-40)
- God's presence is seen in the structure of the tabernacle (Exodus 26:1-37)
- God's presence is seen in the bronze altar (Exodus 27:1-8)
- God's presence is seen in the court of the tabernacle (Exodus 27:9-19)
- God's presence is seen in the oil for the lamp (Exodus 27:20-21)

What does this mean for me?

How does this point us to Jesus?

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