# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Today, MTZ is excited to welcome Steve Alex as the **NEWEST MEMBER** of our church family.

# RENU YOUTH (6th-12th) TRIP TO KINGS ISLAND | Saturday, October 11

From world-class roller coasters to exciting rides and games this is a night students won't want to miss. It's the perfect chance to hang out with friends, make new memories, and enjoy one of the best amusement parks around. We'll meet at Mt. Zion at 4:30 PM and return later that night. The deadline's today, sign up in the Foyer. Cost is \$30.

## LADIES' MUG & MUFFIN | Saturday, October 11, 9:30AM-11AM

Women of all ages are invited to bring a friend and their favorite mug for a fun morning of fellowship and homemade muffins. Sign up in the Foyer today!

#### SECOND SATURDAY SERVE | October 11, 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.

#### **UPCOMING YOUNG ADULT EVENTS**

MTZ Young Adults is a place for college students and 20-somethings looking for community and belonging:

- BONFIRE I Saturday, October 11, 6PM
  Bring your friends for some great food, fun games, and a relaxing night around the fire at Mike & Jody
  Priaulx's house (part of our MTZ Young Adults leadership team, address available at the Welcome Center).
- LUNCH & HIKE | Sunday, October 12, 11:30AM
  Join us for lunch at the historic Clifton Mill, then hit the trails for a scenic hike through Clifton Gorge.

EMPTY BOWL DINNER I Thursday, October 16, 5PM-8PM, (Schindler Banquet Center, 1183 Tyndale Dr. in Xenia) Family Promise of Greene County invites you to their annual Empty Bowl Dinner, as they celebrate three decades of supporting families experiencing homelessness in our community. You'll enjoy soups in handcrafted bowls, a silent auction, and stories of hope and transformation. Every bowl supports families striving for stability—because every child deserves a home and every family a second chance. RSVP: familypromisegreeneco.org/events/empty-bowl

### CANDYPALOOZA | October 26, 10AM

Kids, wear your favorite costume and join us in KidZone for a morning packed with candy, games, and tons of fun! Invite your friends — you won't want to miss this sweet celebration!

## MARANATHA POWER MINISTRIES MISSION BANQUET | Thursday, October 30, 6:30PM

Join us at Asian Buffet (6999 Miller Lane, Dayton 45414) to celebrate with Bishop Francis Afotey Odai as he marks 29 years of faithful ministry in Africa, the U.S., and beyond. Dinner is provided at no charge; your contributions to support the ministry are appreciated. **Please RSVP by Monday, October 20: leave a message at 937.848.2516**.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- CARING CARD MINISTRY I Monday, October 6, 10:00AM (76 S. Fairfield Road, 45440)
   Help make handmade cards to encourage and bless others.
- GOLDENAGER'S LUNCH | Wednesday, October 8, 11:30AM
  Seniors, you're invited to lunch at Applebee's in Kettering (1795 Delco Park Drive 45420 near Kroger).
  Please sign up at the Welcome Center to let us know you're coming.
- CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP | Thursday, October 9, 2PM-4PM
  Join us this week for encouragement, discussion, and prayer as we face the daily challenges of caring for our loved ones together.
- WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB | Thursday, October 9, 6PM
   Ladies, join us to discuss our Book of the Month, Pearl in the Sand by Tessa Afshar. This month, we'll meet at Terrie Smith's house (address available at the Welcome Center).

- PARENTS' CLASS | Sundays, 9AM
  Join Pastor Vance as we explore and discuss the same Bible passages your kids are learning in KidZone.
  Grow in Christ as a family and continue the conversation at home.
- SUNDAYS IN KIDZONE
  9AM\* Sunday School for all kids I 10AM\* KidZone worship for K-5<sup>th</sup> w/ music, games, crafts & Bible lesson
  \*(Nursery/Pre-K available both hours)
- ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: THE BOOK OF JOB | 9AM (Chapel)
  In the book of Job, God asserts His preeminence and displays His power. In this series we are exploring the overriding truth that we exist not for ourselves but to glorify the God who deserves all worship and praise.
- 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 about what Men's Alliance is all about at mensalliancetribe.com/tribes/shepherd
- RENU YOUTH (6th-12th) | Wednesdays, 6PM-8PM, doors open at 6PM Middle school & high school students have fun and learn more about Jesus.
- **GRIEFSHARE | Wednesdays, 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**
- WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: PSALMS | Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8PM Join us as we deepen our understanding of prayer by studying the book of Psalms.
- AWANA (Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup>) I Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8PM, doors open at 6PM
  A fun program that builds Bible knowledge and lifelong faith through engaging lessons and games.
- WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: ACTS | Thursdays, 10AM
  A time for women to gather for study, prayer, and fellowship as we explore the Book of Acts together.

## **SERMON NOTES**

The Bible Doesn't Say That: Two or More

(Matthew 18:15-20)

The Two Misuses of this Passage (Matthew 18:19-20)

- 1. The Prayer of Agreement (1 John 5:14-15)
- 2. The promise of Jesus' Presence

What the passage really teaches

Why what it says matters