



Share Jesus. Grow Disciples. Serve Others.

WELCOME TO MT. ZION! We are so glad that you're here and that you chose to worship with us today. If it is your first time with us, please pick up a gift bag at the Welcome Center. No strings attached; we just want to say thanks for coming.

FIND US ONLINE | website: mountzionchurch.org, Facebook @MTZChurch, Instagram @mtz_church

THE DETAILS | Contact the **Church Office:** M-TH; 8:30AM-5PM **Phone:** 937.426.0814

Email: info@mountzionchurch.org **Address:** 428 Shepherd Road, Beavercreek Township OH 45385

GIVING | Offering plates are available at the entrances and exit of the Gym. If you would like to give online, please visit mountzionchurch.org/giving.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GETTING BAPTIZED? If you have recently made a decision to begin a relationship with Jesus or you have never made this public profession of your faith and desire to now, Pastor Vance would love to talk with you about setting up a time for you to be baptized. You can email him at pastorvance@mountzionchurch.org or call the Church Office if you are interested.

NEED PRAYER? Members of our Prayer Team are available to pray with you following the service across the Foyer in the Chapel or submit a request to our Prayer Chain at mountzionchurch.org.

The **CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED** on Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

DOWNLOAD OUR CHURCH APP TODAY!

Stay connected with our church community anytime, anywhere by downloading our church app that can be found in most major app stores. While our app will continue to grow as we add features to help our church community stay connected to one another, right now you can watch our weekly livestream and past sermons, take sermon notes, find upcoming events, take part in our one-year daily Bible reading plan, submit prayer requests to our Prayer Chain, and find links for online giving.

- To download the app, visit the Google Play Store for Android devices or the Apple App Store for iOS devices and search the words **Mt. Zion Xenia**.
- Once you've downloaded and opened the app, tap on the "Bible" tab at the bottom of your screen, then tap the word "plan with the calendar icon" to take part in our one-year Bible reading plan.

WILMA'S PIECEMAKERS | Wednesday, January 17, 9AM-NOON (76 S. Fairfield Rd. 45440)

Our quilting and sewing group meets on the third Wednesday of the month for fellowship as we work on various service projects.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP WRIGHT STATE BASKETBALL GAME | Saturday, January 20, 7PM

Men, come cheer on the Wright State Raiders men's basketball team as they take on the Milwaukee Panthers. There is no cost for the tickets, but we ask that you sign up at the Welcome Center to reserve your spot. We will meet at the Nutter Center (3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy, Fairborn, 45324) on game day. Tickets are available for you to pick up at the Welcome Center. Please contact Jeff Mullins (jmullins2063@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN SMALL GROUP | Mondays, January 22-March 18, 6:30PM-8PM at Mt. Zion

This 9-week study will dive into the last 7 chapters of the Gospel of John. Come experience the heart of God and His offer of hope and restoration. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. For more information, please contact Elder Lee Monroe (monroelj@live.com).

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP | Wednesdays, beginning January 24, 6PM-8PM

As the Israelites are about to enter the Promised Land, Moses delivers three impassioned speeches collected in the Book of Deuteronomy. Why is it important for Christians to understand the old covenant Deuteronomy summarizes? Join us for this 13-week study and discover how ideas relating to God's promises, man's nature, and more are reflected in the New Testament. This group meets offsite at a group member's home. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

LADIES' GAME NIGHT | Friday, January 26, 6:30PM-9PM at Mt. Zion

Invite a friend and join us for some Friday night fun. Bring a snack to share and, if you want, bring your favorite card or board game.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB | Thursday, February 1, 6PM in the Church Library

Ladies, read our Book of the Month *Season of Blessings* by Beverly LaHaye & Terri Blackstock and join us to discuss.

CARING CARD MINISTRY | Monday, February 5, 10:30AM-11:30AM (76 S. Fairfield Rd. 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.

IF:2024 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE | February 23 (6PM-10PM) & 24 (9AM-4:30PM) at Mt. Zion

Mt. Zion is excited to be one of the local hosts streaming IF:Gathering 2024 live from Fort Worth, Texas, so join us and hundreds of thousands of women worldwide for this two-day event. IF:2024 is a chance to gather. A reason to celebrate. A moment to refocus on our mission to go make disciples because we know our time on earth is short. And if Jesus were to come back in our lifetime, wouldn't we want to have done everything in our power to reach every person on earth? We will hear from great speakers like Jennie Allen, Christine Caine, Lauren Chandler, Jamie Ivey, Sadie Robertson Huff, David Platt and many more! Be sure to save the dates, more details and registration info coming soon.

MIDWEEK AT MT. ZION

- **RENU YOUTH (GRADES 6-12) | Wednesdays, 6PM-8PM at Mt. Zion**

A place where students can come as they are, have fun, and learn more about Jesus.

Upcoming RENU Youth event: Bowling at Beaver-Vu Bowl on Saturday, January 27.

- **AWANA (AGE 3-5TH GRADE) | Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8PM at Mt. Zion**

AWANA offers a fun-filled program to promote Bible literacy and help kids develop a lifelong faith in Christ. Register your child using the link found at mountzionchurch.org/mtzkids.

- **GRIEFSHARE | Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8PM at Mt. Zion**

GriefShare is a free Christ-centered grief and loss support group. We want to offer a safe place for you to find help and encouragement as you navigate your grief journey following the loss of someone you love. We know it hurts, and we want to help. These weekly sessions are self-contained and open, meaning you can join the group at any point. Sign up at the Welcome Center or register online at griefshare.org/groups/176439.

SERMON NOTES

MORE OF YOU: OBSTACLES TO MORE

January 14, 2024 | Matthew 8:18-27 | Pastor Vance Weeks

4 Obstacles to More

1. The Cost of Discipleship (Matthew 8:19-20)
2. Selfishness (Matthew 8:21-22)
3. Fear (Matthew 8:23-26)
4. Understanding (Matthew 8:27)