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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.

- **PRAYER CHALLENGE:** November is Missions Emphasis Month! On your way in, you should have received a Prayer Challenge card for this week. Each card includes a daily prayer, bible verse, and a missions focus. Pick up a new card each Sunday, or find the full month's challenge on our website or in the MTZ app.
- At Mt. Zion, we want to help you discover God's purpose for your life and grow into where He's calling you. That's why we encourage everyone to take a **SPIRITUAL GIFTS SURVEY** to identify their gifts and find their place in ministry. To take the survey on the nine Team Gifts, visit mountzionchurch.org/findmygifts

UPCOMING EVENTS

GRIEFSHARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS | Sunday, November 16, 2PM-4PM

Bittersweet memories. Changed traditions. An empty seat at the table. The holidays can be especially difficult after losing a loved one. That's why we're offering this two-hour seminar with practical tools, biblical encouragement, and support for those facing grief this season. You're not alone—through God's help and the support of others, you can find strength and hope. Register at find.griefshare.org/events/280196

DAYTON WOMEN IN THE WORD OPEN BIBLE NIGHT | Tuesday, November 18, 7PM-9PM, in the Worship Center

From Everlasting: Tracing Christ in the Old Testament is for any woman—whether new to the Bible or more seasoned—who wants to see how the Old and New Testaments connect through Christ. Our prayer is that as the Old Testament points to Christ, our hearts burn within us, and our eyes see Scripture in a renewed way. There's a place prepared for you, sister—we're eager to open the Bible together and discover Jesus throughout the cohesive, connected story of Scripture. Register at subscribepage.com/2025tracingjesus

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY | Sunday, December 7, 6PM

Pull out your ugliest (and most festive!) Christmas sweater and join us here at the church for a merry evening of delicious food and great company! The meat will be provided—please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share. After dinner, stay for a holly-jolly game night packed with laughter and a little friendly competition!

CHRISTIAN YOUTH NIGHT LOCK-IN AT SCENE75 | January 16-17

Middle and high school students—don't miss this multi-youth group night of worship, food, and nonstop fun! We'll worship from 8PM–11PM at Crestview Baptist Church, then head to Scene75 from 11:30PM–6AM, where you can race your friends on the go-kart track, battle it out in laser tag, ride the indoor roller coaster, brave the drop tower, and enjoy some all-out arcade action. It'll be an unforgettable night to hang out with friends, make new ones, and grow in your faith. Cost is \$20; due by Sunday, November 23. See Pastor Shawn to sign up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **THANKSGIVING BASKET COLLECTION**

Mt. Zion is partnering with two local elementary schools to provide Thanksgiving meals for families who could use a little extra help this holiday season. Pick up a Thanksgiving shopping list in the Foyer to see the specific items we are collecting. Please return your donations to the display table in the Foyer and take any Aldi or Walmart gift cards to the Welcome Center.

• **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX COLLECTION | November 9-23**

Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, shares God's love through gift-filled shoeboxes for children in need around the world. Help spread Good News and great joy by picking up a box and packing guide in the Foyer, and returning your filled shoebox by Sunday, November 23.

• **ADOPT A LOCAL FAMILY THIS CHRISTMAS** by providing gifts for them this holiday season. See Pastor Vance if you're interested.

• **MTZ YOUNG ADULTS LUNCH | Sunday, November 9, 11:30AM**

College students and 20-somethings are invited to lunch after the service at the home of the Eldridges, who serve on our Young Adult Leadership Team. Address available at the Welcome Center.

- **GOLDENAGER'S LUNCH | Wednesday, November 12, 11:30AM**
Seniors, you're invited to lunch at Olive Garden (2865 Centre Dr. Fairborn 45324 – near The Mall at Fairfield Commons). Please sign up in the Foyer to let us know you're coming.
- **LADIES' GAME NIGHT | Friday, November 14, 6:30PM (76 S. Fairfield Road, 45440)**
Game on! Invite a friend, bring a snack to share, and enjoy a relaxing evening of games, fun, and laughter.
- **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP | Thursday, November 20, 2PM-4PM**
If you're caring for a loved one, you don't have to walk the journey alone. Join us for encouragement, support, prayer, and helpful discussions.
- **CARING CARD MINISTRY | Monday, December 1, 10:00AM (76 S. Fairfield Road, 45440)**
Help make handmade cards to encourage and bless others.
- **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB | Thursday, December 4, 6PM**
Ladies, join us to discuss our Book of the Month *Waiting for Christmas* by Lynn Austin.
- **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
- **MIDWEEK AT MTZ | Every Wednesday night**
 - **RENU Youth (6th-12th) | 6PM-8PM (doors open at 6PM)**
Middle school & high school students have fun and learn more about Jesus.
 - **GriefShare | 6:30PM-8PM**
A safe place for those grieving a loss. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Join anytime for weekly support and encouragement. Register at griefshare.org/groups/272499
 - **Women's Bible Study: Psalms | 6:30PM-8PM**
Join us as we deepen our understanding of prayer by studying the book of Psalms.
 - **AWANA (Pre-K-5th) | 6:30PM-8PM (doors open at 6PM)**
A fun and engaging way for kids to build Bible knowledge and lifelong faith.
- **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 JOURNEY: FEAR OR FAITH

Mark 4:35-41, 5:1-20

Fear of the unknown (Mark 4:35-37)

Fear of silence (Mark 4:38)

Fear from lack of faith (Mark 4:39-41)

Faith over fear (Mark 5:1-20)