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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.

- **SUMMER SEMINAR SERIES – SESSION 3: DEFENDING YOUR FAITH | August 2, 9AM-NOON**

Mark your calendars for the third installment of our Summer Seminar Series and come ready to learn and grow! This seminar, titled “Defending Your Faith: How to Answer Tough Questions When Sharing the Gospel,” will equip you with biblical and logical responses to common challenges to the Christian faith.

We'll explore:

What evidence is there that God exists? How do we know that Jesus rose from the dead?

What about other religions? How do I show that Christianity is true to them?

Whether you're a seasoned believer or just beginning to share your faith, this session will help you speak with confidence, clarity, and compassion. Please sign up in the Foyer if you plan to attend.

- **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.

- **RENU YOUTH LAKE DAY CAMPOUT | August 8-9**

Students (grades 6-12) are invited to our annual campout and day at the lake. Sign up in the Foyer and get more details at RENU Youth on Wednesdays or email pastorshawn@mountzionchurch.org

- **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 at the Welcome Center to 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.

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **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!

- **CHURCH PICNIC – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 3PM:** Join us for food, fellowship, and fun at our annual Church Picnic at Dominick Lofino Park (640 Grange Hall Rd., Beaver Creek 45430)

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: DESIRE PASSIONATELY

Exodus 20:17 | Pastor Vance Weeks

What is the commandment? (Exodus 20:17)

What does this teach us about who God is?

What does this mean for me?

How does this point me to Jesus? (Luke 12:15, Matthew 19:16-30)