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WELCOME TO MOUNT ZION

We're glad you're here today and thankful to worship together! If you're joining us for the first time, text **WELCOME** to **937.377.5616** to connect, and stop by the Welcome Center for a gift before you leave.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONGREGATIONAL VOTE SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

Members will remain in the Worship Center following worship on Sunday, August 30 to vote on proposed changes to the MTZ Constitution. You should have received a mailing in July that outlined the changes. Extra copies of the summary of the proposed changes you will be voting to accept or reject on August 30 are available at the Welcome Center. The Elder Board and Pastor Vance will be available immediately following worship on Sunday, August 23 to answer any questions you may have. Absentee ballots will be available that same day at the Welcome Center.

LADIES' GAME NIGHT | Friday, August 28, 6:30PM (76 S. Fairfield Road, 45440)

Invite a friend, bring a snack to share and join us for a fun night together.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH | Wednesday, September 2, 6PM-8PM

We're keeping the summer vibe alive with an epic Back-to-School Bash! Kids, teens, and their families are invited for a night of pizza, archery tag, jousting, an obstacle course, games, and more as we send summer out with a bang!

TAILGATE SUNDAY | September 13

Wear your favorite team gear, join us for worship at 10AM, then stay for a cookout and an afternoon of fun. Enjoy a giant inflatable obstacle course, an 18-foot inflatable dartboard, a Field Goal Kick Challenge, QB Blitz, a play zone for younger kids, and more. Bring your family and friends and join us as we celebrate the fall season together!

SUPPORT GROUPS

- **GRIEFSHARE | Wednesdays, beginning September 2; 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/301109**
- **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP | Thursday, September 10, 2PM-4PM**
Find support and encouragement alongside others who are caring for a loved one.

WEEKLY & MONTHLY

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE | August 23, 9AM

Join Pastor Vance for part two of our two-week discussion on what artificial intelligence is, how we use it, and how Christians can approach it with wisdom and discernment as it becomes an increasing part of everyday life.

HIKING FELLOWSHIP GROUP | Wednesday, September 2, 10AM

Join us at Sugarcreek Metro Park on the first Wednesday of each month as we experience God's beautiful creation together. Open to men and women, young and old.

SECOND SATURDAY SERVE | September 12, 12:00PM-3:00PM

Sign up in the Foyer.

MEN'S ALLIANCE | Mondays, 6:30PM (Parking Lot)

Learn more at mensalliancetribe.com/tribes/shepherd

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | Thursdays, 10AM-12PM

A time for women to fellowship, pray and study as we spend the summer watching *The American Heritage Collection* with Christian historian David Barton. We'll return to Thessalonians in the fall.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

MTZ KIDS helps children know and follow Jesus, grow in their faith, and learn what it means to reflect Him wherever they go. Through worship, Bible teaching, age-appropriate activities, and resources that help families continue the conversation at home, we're helping kids build a faith that reaches beyond Sunday and into everyday life.

- **MTZ KIDS WORSHIP (K-5th grade) | Sundays, 10AM in KidZone** (Check-in opens at 9:30AM)
Nursery care and a preschool group are available for younger children.
- **MTZ KIDS MIDWEEK (PreK-5th grade) | Wednesdays, beginning September 9, 6:30PM-8PM in KidZone**

RENU YOUTH | Wednesdays, 6PM-8PM

A weekly gathering for middle & high school students.

CHURCH APP & RESOURCES

Download the Mt. Zion app, by searching Mt. Zion Xenia in the Google Play Store or Apple App Store. The app includes live services, sermon recordings, upcoming events, and helpful resources like these:

- **One-Year Bible Reading Plan** - Follow the daily readings in the app by tapping **Bible** and then **Plan** or pick up a paper copy at the kiosk in the Foyer.
- **Spiritual Gifts Survey** - Discover the gifts God has given you and how they can be used in the life of the church. Take the survey and watch Pastor Vance's videos about each of the nine Team Gifts at mountzionchurch.org/findmygifts
- **Prayer Requests** - Submit a request anytime through the app to share with our Prayer Chain. *If you need prayer today, Prayer Team members are available after the service under the front screens.*

SERMON NOTES

FAITH THAT WORKS: WISDOM FROM ABOVE

Pastor Vance Weeks | James 3:13-18

Wisdom from above (James 3:13)

Wisdom from below (James 3:14-16)

How can we be sure the wisdom guiding our lives really comes from above? (James 3:17-18)



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