

WELCOME TO MT. ZION



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SHARE JESUS. GROW DISCIPLES. SERVE OTHERS.

Welcome! We are so glad that you are here and that you chose to worship with us today. If it's 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](https://www.facebook.com/MTZChurch)

THE DETAILS | Contact the **Church Office**, M-TH; 8:30AM-5PM, **Phone** (937.426.0814)
Email (info@mountzionchurch.org), **Address** (428 Shepherd Road, Xenia OH 45385; Joel's Place - 76 South Fairfield Road, Beaver Creek OH 45440)

We are excited to announce that we will welcome our **NEWEST MEMBERS**, Blake & Susan Becker, Daniel & Brenda Donahue, David & Laura Humphrey, and Amanda Weeks, during worship next Sunday, March 19.

Would you like to be baptized? Pastor Vance is planning an upcoming **BAPTISMAL SERVICE**. If you or your child are interested in being baptized, please reach out to Pastor Vance to find out how you can be included.

"A JOURNEY TO CALVARY" LENTEN SERVICES | Wednesdays, 6:30PM in the Chapel

Join us throughout Lent for this series of prayer and praise services. Refreshments and fellowship to follow. AWANA & RENU Youth will take place at their regularly scheduled times.

NEEDSFIRST CHARITY DRIVE

Vincent Baker, a Xenia high school student, has established a NeedsFirst charity and has placed containers in the Foyer to collect items to be donated to Bridges of Hope. We are concentrating on collecting the following items: **Toiletry/hygiene products** (soap, shampoo, deodorant, disposable razors), **Coffee and coffee supplies** (sugar, creamer, Splenda) **Breakfast foods** (sugar coated cereals, breakfast bars). **The last day to bring items in is Sunday, March 19.**

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP | July 29-August 5

If you are interested in serving as part of our team going on a short-term mission trip to Honduras this summer, please see Phil or Becky Filson at the Mission Kiosk following the worship service. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, March 15.

MTZ YOUNG ADULTS | Sunday, March 12

College students and 20-somethings are invited for pizza and games following worship. Meet in the Foyer after service.

WILMA'S PIECEMAKERS | Wednesday, March 15, 9AM-NOON @ Joel's Place

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST | Saturday, March 25, 8:00AM at Mt. Zion

Men of all ages are invited to join us for food and fellowship at our next Men's Breakfast. Breakfast is free. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY MUG-N-MUFFIN | Saturday, April 1, 9:30AM-11:00AM in the Foyer

Ladies, bring your favorite mug and join us for fellowship and an inspiring message from Carol Clark, a missionary in Brazil since 1987. She has been involved in church planting, seminary training, missionary care, and serves as the coordinator of the Brazil Team language school. Carol will share her incredible faith story and experiences on the mission field. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. Invite cards will be available next Sunday, so be sure to bring a friend!

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

Ladies, read our Book of the Month, *Echoes Among the Stones* by Jaime Jo Wright, and join us for lively discussion on the first Thursday of the month.

"ONE ANOTHER" GROUPS | 6-week studies begin the week of April 17

Everyone is invited to join one of multiple groups that will be offered based on Pastor Vance's upcoming sermon series "One Another" - a study of the "one another" verses found in the New Testament. See the handout you received this morning for group day/time options to be prepared to sign up at the Elder's table in the Foyer beginning next Sunday.

YOUTH & COLLEGE SMALL GROUP (6TH GRADE-COLLEGE) | Sundays, 9AM in the Library

A place for students to grow in their journey with Jesus. For more info, contact our Intern Youth Director Daniel Wellington at mtzstudents@mountzionchurch.org.

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.

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.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Women's Group | Thursdays, 10AM at Mt. Zion

Come fellowship as we journey through a study of the Gospel of Luke together.

Men's Group | Thursdays, 6PM at Joel's Place (76 S. Fairfield Rd. 45440)

Come as you are able and join us for a time of fellowship, snacks, topical Bible study, and prayer.

NEED PRAYER? Members of Mt. Zion's Prayer Team are available to pray with you after the service across the Foyer in the Chapel.

SERMON NOTES

EMBRACING THE PROMISE: SAFE SPACE

March 12, 2023 | Pastor Vance Weeks | Joshua 20:1-9

Background on Joshua 20:1-9

Cities of Refuge offered

1. An Opportunity for Justice (Psalm 31:20)
2. A Hiding Place (Psalm 27:5)
3. A Refreshed Spirit (Isaiah 32:2)
4. A Renewed Hope for New Life