

Welcome
AUGUST 3 & 4, 2024

Every GOOD
and PERFECT gift
is from above.
JAMES 1:17

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REMOTE & LIVE SERVICES

CHECK WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.

Saturday Services

10:00 am **Evangelism Team Outing**
 3:00 pm **New Member Orientation**
 3:00 pm **Discipleship Training**
 4:00 pm **Saturday Bible Study**
 5:00 pm **R.I.S.E. Saturday Service**

Sunday Services

8:00 am **Worship Service**
 9:30 am **New Member Orientation**
 9:30 am **Discipleship Training**
 9:30 am **Sunday Bible Study**
 10:45 am **Worship Service**

STEWARDSHIP

1. Operating Budget

Our Operating Budget is funded through Tithes & Offerings. Mt. Zion Financial Statements are available upon request.

**Total Revenue less Designated Funds is reflected because Designated Funds cannot be used for daily operations.*

***Reporting of Expenses will resume when the accounting department is fully transitioned.*

| <u>(Week 31)</u> | <u>YTD Goals</u> | <u>YTD Actuals</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Revenue</u> | \$ 1,197,047 | \$ 1,322,799* | \$ 125,752 |
| <u>Expense</u> | ** | ** | ** |

2. Phase I Capital Campaign

| Goal Amount Needed for Phase I* | 2nd Milestone Goal | Progress towards 2nd Milestone as of 7/29/2024 |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| \$5,000,000 | \$2,000,000 | \$ 1,186,214 |

**Phase I includes building the Education Building, the Mt. Zion Center and infrastructure. GOD CAN DO IT!*

The original loan amount was \$2,400,000.00 Paid in Full 3/12/2021.


The Capital Campaign team is contacting everyone who pledged to past campaigns to update their pledge to the Phase I Capital Campaign.

I ask that you help us accelerate this process by stopping by the Capital Campaign table or call Church Office at 909-983-2411.

Sincerely, Pastor Brian E. Kennedy.

Capital Campaign Fund Monies cannot be used for Operating Cost.



 **Cash App**
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 **venmo**
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Shelby Online Giving
<https://www.shelbygiving.com/mzo>



Shelby Text Giving
909-219-9637
(Ex: \$100 tithes)

If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Church Administrator at 909-983-2411 ext. 108.



For detailed information on upcoming events, please view the calendar on the Mt. Zion website.

JOIN OUR TEAM

<https://www.mtzionontario.com/services-5>

- Aug 4 HSG Mid-Year immediately following 10:45am worship service
FOCAS Fellowship @ 1:30pm
- Aug 17 Mental Health: LEAP (Listen-Empathize-Agree-Partner) @ 9:30am - 1:30pm
- Aug 24 Church Picnic with ORCM at Creekside Park @ 10:00am
- Aug 31 Couple's One Day conference @ 8:00am-2:00pm. *Register today!*
- Sept 2 School of Theology Fall Semester Begins: Theology Class - Ptr. K. Aikens
- Sept 7 UC Information Fair @ 9:00am **SAVE THE DATE**



Capital Campaign prayer request # 33: Lord, guide our team as we visit another church to learn best practices to incorporate into our building plans.
God Bless

READ YOUR THREE



| DATE | OT | NT |
|-------|-----------|----------|
| Aug 3 | Job 8-9 | 1 Ptr. 3 |
| Aug 4 | Job 10-11 | 1 Ptr. 4 |
| Aug 5 | Job 12-13 | 1 Ptr. 5 |
| Aug 6 | Job 14-15 | 2 Ptr. 1 |
| Aug 7 | Job 16-17 | 2 Ptr. 2 |
| Aug 8 | Job 18-19 | 2 Ptr. 3 |
| Aug 9 | Job 20-21 | 1 John 1 |

*In Christ Do More in 2024
II Corinthians 5:17-21*

HOLY SPIRIT GUIDANCE ANCILLARY MEETING

August 4, 2024

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 10:45AM SERVICE

JOIN US VIA ZOOM OR IN PERSON AT OUR MAIN CAMPUS.

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Helping Hands Ministry: Community: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays (9:30am–12:00pm); Food Giveaway for Members: Wednesdays (9:30am –12:00pm); Fridays (9:30am–12:00pm). If you need assistance, please call 909-460-0984.

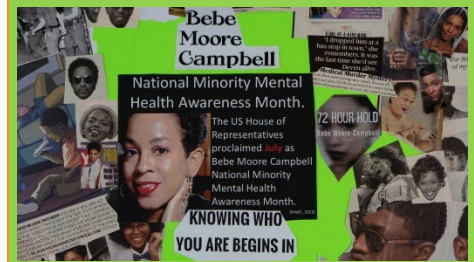
Fitness Ministry: Gospel Line Dancing on every Tues. @ 6:00pm in the cafe, with the exception of holidays or any other church closures.

Karate: Every Tuesday and Thursday in Room 11 of the Education Building at 7:00pm– 8:30pm.

ESL Classes: (English as a second language) every Wednesday (7:00pm-8:30pm) in Room 11. Closed for Summer and resumes in September 2024.

Mental Health Ministry: <https://www.mtzionontario.com/general-3>.

National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month



The following families have recently lost a loved one. Please keep them in prayer during their time of bereavement:



Family of Gwen Pugh
Patricia Triplett-Williams & Family (husband)

Family of Robert Harris
Family of Min. Ralph Beatty

Min. Larry Patrick & Family (brother)
Family of Larry Hamilton



Please continue to pray for Mt. Zion, its leaders, members, and our community.

If you have a family member who is hospitalized or have lost a loved one, please call the church office or email info@mtzionontario.com. Your requests will be given to the Monday Night Prayer Team.



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Push-Back to Push Jesus Up

Acts 4:1-22 (NASB95)

Pastor Brian E. Kennedy

TEXT QUESTIONS TO PASTOR AS HE IS PREACHING TO: (909) 906-0272

A. Push Back is Designed to Stop You from Pushing Jesus Up (Acts 4:1-7).

1. People who reject Jesus, push back when you push Jesus up (vs. 1-3).
2. Despite push-back, pushing Jesus up with a compassionate and relevant message will produce God-Sized outcomes (v. 4).
3. Influential groups persist in pushing back God's work to preserve their mundane, ordinary, miracle-free, practices (vs. 5-6).
4. Influential people will attempt to intimidate and push you back with uncomfortable setups and unfriendly scrutiny (v. 7).

Take it Home Point: Push-back against push-back to push Jesus up.

B. Push Back against Push Back to Push Jesus Up (Acts 4:8-22).

1. The Holy Spirit will supernaturally empower you with a push Jesus up message (v. 8).
 - a. Holy Spirit empowered messages give Jesus, credit for miracles (vs. 9-10).
 - b. Holy Spirit empowered messages lead people to Jesus (vs. 10-12 & 3:17-21).
2. The Holy Spirit will magnify your boldness for Jesus, versus your credentials (v. 13).
3. The Holy Spirit will magnify Jesus operating in your life (v. 13).
4. The Holy Spirit will confound push-back people (v. 14).
5. The Holy Spirit will protect your heart from threatening push-back plots (vs. 15-18).
 - a. The Holy Spirit protects your heart from secret push-back plots (v. 18).
 - b. The Holy Spirit helps you push back against push back with a bold commitment to push Jesus up (vs. 19-20).
 - c. Intensified threats will not stop God from getting the glory as you push back against push back to push Jesus up (vs. 21-22).

Reflection: In this narrative, we learn that in private many push-back people acknowledge miracles and the liberating power of Jesus, but they still reject Jesus to preserve their mundane, ordinary, miracle-free practices. The primary goal for push back plots is to stop you from spreading the message about the liberating power of Jesus (v. 18). Despite secret push-back plots, the Holy Spirit will stop fear from entering your heart and breaking you down to retreating and going along to get along. The Holy Spirit will supernaturally empower you with a bold push Jesus up message, and you witness the miracle of people coming to Jesus and experiencing an eternal love relationship with God (Acts 4:4).

Personal Challenge: As you are doing ministry and someone pushes back, **trust the Holy Spirit to supernaturally empower you to push back with a "push Jesus up" message.** This is how you stay out of the way of the Holy Spirit convicting people's hearts of sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:7-11). This is also how you consistently give Jesus, credit for working miracles (Acts 3:16, 4:10), and for you to witness God sized outcomes (Acts 4:4). **Push back with a push Jesus up message.**

Personal Prayer: Lord, when I am doing ministry, I know at any time people can push-back, and even threaten me to stop spreading the message about Jesus. Lord, when this happens protect my heart from fear, so I do not retreat, or go along to get along. Lord, give me supernatural empowerment so I push back with a message that pushes Jesus, up. I live to love and serve you. In the name of Jesus I pray, amen.