

Welcome

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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.

<u>(Week 12)</u>	<u>YTD Goals</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<u>Revenue</u>	<u>\$ 503,627</u>	<u>\$ 530,294</u>	<u>\$ 26,667</u>
<u>Expense</u>	<u>\$ 503,627</u>	<u>\$ 388,953</u>	<u>\$ 114,674</u>
		<u>\$ 141,341</u>	<u>\$ 141,341</u>

2. Phase I Capital Campaign

Goal Amount Needed for Phase I*	1st Milestone Goal by June 2023	Progress towards 1st Milestone as of 3/20/2023
\$5,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$745,576.38

**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.



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ONLINEgiving

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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

RESURRECTION SERVICE
Ontario Town Square
7:00am & 10:00am

- Apr. 2 Palm Sunday
- Apr. 7 Good Friday @ 7:00pm
- Apr. 9 Resurrection Sunday @ 7:00am & 10:00am at Ontario Town Square
- Apr. 14 THEOLOGY in & for the CHURCH Fri. & Sat. @ 9:00 am – 4:30pm at
- Apr. 15 Gateway Seminary, 3210 E. Guasti Rd., Ontario, CA.
Pastor Kennedy will be on the panel.
- Apr. 22 Men's Ministry @ 8:00am/ Women's Ministry @ 10:30am
- Apr. 29 Couples Event



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: Welcomes back 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.



Building for Kingdom Impact prayer request #8: "Lord, keep the vision of what You are doing for our future deep in our hearts, and keep us faithful in our giving." God Bless.



Read Your Three!

Bank of America Introduces Community Affordable Loan Solution™ to Expand Homeownership Opportunities in Black/African American and Hispanic-Latino Communities For details go to:

<https://newsroom.bankofamerica.com/content/newsroom/press-releases/2022/08/bank-of-america-introduces-community-affordable-loan-solution--t.html>

VOLUNTEER



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

Michael Harris & Family (sister)

Raschi Quan & Family (niece)

Mahaley Mann & Family (granddaughter)

Arthur & Inez Nash, Vanessa, Pamela Nash & Family (daughter/sister)

Braya Alford & Family (mother)

Ray Dixon, Bertha Henderson & Family (brother/cousin)



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.

Jesus is Elevating Your Expectations

John 11 (NASB95)

Pastor Brian Kennedy

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

Take it home point: Jesus is elevating your expectations.

A. When You Expect One Thing, Jesus is Often Laying the Foundation to Elevate Your Expectations (vs.1-6).

1. Mary and Martha sent a message informing Jesus that Lazarus was sick with the expectation that Jesus would come and heal him (they expected one thing).
2. Jesus loved Mary, Martha, and Lazarus deeply, but He delayed two days and declared Lazarus' circumstances would bring glory to God (Jesus laid the foundation to elevate their expectations).

B. Your Expectations Can Divert Your Focus Away From What Jesus is Doing (vs. 7-15).

1. Jesus focused on the work, but the disciples focused on death threats (vs. 7-10).

Note: Perhaps they forgot Jesus demonstrated His power over the death threats, arrest warrants, and attempts to kill Him (John 5:15-18; 6:15; 7:30-32, 43-44; 8:20, 59; 10:31, 39, etc.).

2. Jesus delayed their journey to elevate their expectations, but they misunderstood the purpose for the delay (vs. 11-15).

Note: The disciples saw Jesus turn water into wine on the spot (2:1-11), and heal a royal official's son on the spot (2:4-53). Jesus healed the man who was sick 38 years (5:1-9), fed 5,000 plus people (6:1-14), and healed the man born blind, all on the spot (9:1-41). However, this time, Jesus delayed His response to a request for healing.

3. Jesus' delay did not mean denial, or death, but an opportunity to elevate believer's expectations (vs. 15-16).

C. Jesus Elevates Your Expectations to a New Normal (vs. 17-44).

1. Although Martha confessed her belief in Jesus as The Messiah, and in His healing power, she was disappointed Jesus did not prevent her brother's death. Hence, Jesus elevated Martha's expectation to a new normal by revealing Himself as the source for raising the dead, receiving eternal life, and preventing eternal death (vs. 17-28).
2. With a crowd accompanying her, Jesus used compassion to elevate Mary expectations beyond disappointment to a new normal (vs. 29-37).
3. Jesus, Who is the source for raising from people from the dead, raised Lazarus from the dead to elevate everyone's expectations to a new normal (vs. 38-46).

Personal Challenge: With Jesus always working in your life, embrace Jesus elevating your expectations to a new normal (stop doubting, complaining, quitting, holding grudges, being arrogant, making excuses, etc. and embrace Jesus elevating your expectations).

Personal Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for not leaving me in the limitations of my normal expectations. Your work in my life helps me understand when I expect one thing You can be laying the foundation to elevate my expectations. Your work in my life helps me understand how my focus can be diverted away from what You are doing. Your work in my life helps elevate my expectations to a new normal. Lord, work in me, through me, around me, and on my behalf so my expectations of You elevate to a new normal for Your glory. I live to love and serve You. Amen.