

# Welcome

MAY 26, 2024

I HAVE LOVED YOU

*with an everlasting love;*

THEREFORE I HAVE CONTINUED

*my faithfulness to you.*

~Jeremiah 31:3 ESV



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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 21)</u>	<u>YTD Goals</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<u>Revenue</u>	<b>\$ 810,677</b>	<b>\$ 916,207*</b>	<b>\$ 105,530</b>
<u>Expense</u>	**	**	**

## 2. Phase I Capital Campaign


<b>Goal Amount Needed for Phase I*</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Milestone Goal</b>	<b>Progress towards 1<sup>st</sup> Milestone as of 5/19/2024</b>
<b>\$5,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,145,451</b>

*\*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**  
 \$mtzionontario

**ONLINE**giving

 **venmo**  
 @mtzionontario

**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.

Mark Your Calendars  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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



Capital Campaign prayer request # 32: Lord, guide our team as they meet with the Architect regarding the programming for all buildings and open spaces on the 18 acres. God Bless

**SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION**  
**START MAKING PAYMENTS VIA SHELBYNEXT TODAY**

- May 27 Memorial Day *The office will be closed.*
- June 1 Mental Health First Aid Training @ 9:00am-5:00pm *Register today!*
- June 3 Summer Day Camp/ Creative Workshop begins.
- June 9 Graduation @ 2:00pm
- June 15 Father's Day Celebration w/ Car Show @ 10:00am-2:00pm

Vacation Bible School

**VBS FAMILY REUNION**

**JUNE 24-27 2024**

HOSTED BY: ONTARIO RANCH  
 LOCATION: MT ZION CHURCH OF ONTARIO, W CALIFORNIA ST. ONTARIO CA, 91752

CLASSES FROM PRESCHOOL TO ADULT  
 MON-THURS FROM 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
 (DINNER WILL BE FROM 6:00 PM UNTIL 6:45 PM)

SCAN ME!

VBS is a community outreach for all ages: The event is FREE

**READ YOUR THREE**

DATE	OT	NT
May 25	1 Kings 13-14	2 Cor. 3
May 26	1 Kings 15-16	2 Cor. 4
May 27	1 Kings 17-18	2 Cor. 5
May 28	1 Kings 19-20	2 Cor. 6
May 29	1 Kings 21-22	2 Cor. 7
May 30	2 Kings 1-2	2 Cor. 8
May 31	2 Kings 3-4	2 Cor. 9

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

**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>.

**MTZO SUMMER DAY CAMP**

FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH

ON YOUR MARK! GET READY!

REGISTRATION OPEN

SCAN ME!

Scan to Register

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



Family of Min. Clarence Johnson  
 Stephen Cavaretta & Family (father)  
 Clifford King & Family (son)  
 Gloria Casey & Family (granddaughter)

Min. Virgil Hundley & Family (brother)  
 The Lovett, Payton Family (brother, uncle)  
 Patsy McKissick & Family (son)  
 Mildred Jones & Family (great-niece)

Odessa Downing & Family (aunt)  
 Jeff Cooper & Family (mother)  
 Family of Dorothy Williams



**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](mailto:info@mtzionontario.com). Your requests will be given to the Monday Night Prayer Team.



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# History Informs Our Present Realities

Acts 2 (NASB95)

*Pastor Brian Kennedy*

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

**Take it Home Point:** The beginning of the Church informs our present ministry realities.

**A. Pentecost Informs the Church of Our Jewish Roots (Lev. 23, Acts 2:1).**

1. In the church, Passover is connected to the death of Jesus (Lev. 23:4-8; Matt. 26:17-30; I Cor. 5:6-8).
2. In the church, First Fruits is connected to the resurrection of Jesus (Lev. 23:9-14; I Cor. 15:20).
3. In the church, Pentecost is connected to the ongoing harvest of new followers of Jesus (Lev. 23:15-22; Acts 2).
4. The Holy Spirit coming after Judas was replaced to make 12 Apostles (Acts 1:15-26) can point us to the 12 tribes of Israel and remind us of God's promise to use Israel (Abraham's seed) to bless the nations (Gen. 12:3-4; Gal. 3:28-29).

**Note:** The church is distinct from Israel. Although the nation of Israel initially rejected Jesus, they will eventually accept Jesus as the Christ, and God will save, and protect them (Matt. 23:37-39, Rom. 10:1-10, Rev. 7:1-9, 12:13-17). God promised to bless all the nations through the seed of Abraham (referring to Israel) and that was fulfilled in Christ (Gal. 3:28-29). Now, Israel and everyone else must come through Jesus to have an eternal love relationship with God, the Father (John 14:6, cf. John 1:10-13).

5. The church was born in Jerusalem with thousands of Jews putting their faith in Jesus and the early church had significant Jewish leadership (Acts 2:1-41).

**B. The Beginning of the Church Informs Our Present Ministry Realities (Acts 2:1-47).**

1. In the beginning, the church was together and functioned in unity (Acts 2:1).
  - a. We are still intricately connected to one another (Rom. 12:4-5).
  - b. Our unity still drives us to look out for each other (Eph. 2:1-4).
  - c. Our fellowships still produce communities of encouragement (Heb. 10:23-25).
2. All Christians have access to the Holy Spirit's power (Acts 2:2-4; cf. Eph. 1:13-14, Rom. 8:9).
3. The Holy Spirit still gives Christians unique abilities to serve others (Acts 2:4; cf. I Cor. 12:4-11; Rom. 12:4-8; Eph. 4:11-16; I Pet. 4:10).
4. The Holy Spirit still equips the church for global effectiveness (vs. 5-12).
  - a. The Holy Spirit uses miracles to get people's attention (vs. 5-6).
  - b. The Holy Spirit equips us to minister to all people groups (vs. 7-11).
  - c. The Holy Spirit gives the church a God-Centered message (v. 11).
5. The Holy Spirit still equips the church to respond to opposition (vs. 12-15).
6. The Holy Spirit still works in people's hearts when the gospel is preached (vs. 16-41; cf. John 16:7-11).
7. The Holy Spirit still guides the church for effective practices and growth (vs. 42-47).

**Personal Challenge:** Trust the Holy Spirit to use you to help the church be effective and grow.

**Personal Prayer:** Lord, thank You for making me a part of the church. Thank You for the Holy Spirit, Who lives inside of me and empowers me to live for You and serve You as I serve others. Lord, help me to submit to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and do my part in helping the church be effective and grow. I live to love and serve You. In the name of Jesus I pray, amen.