

Welcome

MAY 19, 2024



With
God

All things are
Possible

Mark 10:27

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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 use for daily operations.

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

<u>(Week 20)</u>	<u>YTD Goals</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<u>Revenue</u>	<u>\$ 772,040</u>	<u>\$ 892,221*</u>	<u>\$ 120,181</u>
<u>Expense</u>	**	**	**

2. Phase I Capital Campaign

Goal Amount Needed for Phase I*	1 st Milestone Goal	Progress towards 1 st Milestone as of 5/12/2024
\$5,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$ 1,143,575

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



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

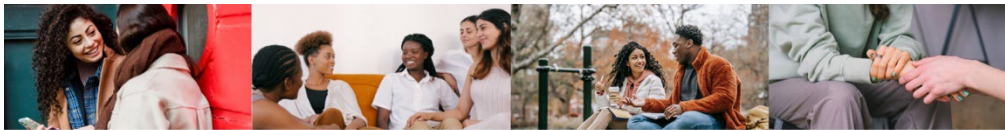
If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Church Administrator at 909-983-2411 ext. 108.



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

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION
START MAKING PAYMENTS VIA SHELBYNEXT TODAY

- May 18 NACA Homebuyer Workshop @ 9:00am
- May 19 Games & Gospel @ 3:00pm in café - *postponed*
- May 23 Senior Bible Study Open House @ 12:00pm
- 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



Identify. Understand. Respond.
 Just as CPR helps you assist an individual having a heart attack, Mental Health First Aid helps you assist someone experiencing a mental health or substance use-related crisis.

- Over the course of the training, participants will learn to...**
- Identify signs of depression, mood disorders, anxiety disorders, and substance use disorders
 - Assess for risk of suicide or harm
 - Listen nonjudgmentally
 - Implement appropriate interventions when those you know are experiencing panic attacks, suicidal thoughts or behaviors, acute psychosis, overdoses or withdrawal from substance use, and reaction to traumatic events.

- Who should attend:**
- Community/Public
 - County Staff
 - Contract Providers
 - Community Organizations
 - Faith-Based Organizations
 - School Personnel

Training is free, but pre-registration is required
 Date: June 1, 2024 Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Location: Mt. Zion Church, 224 W. California St., Ontario



Please scan the QR code or [click this link to register.](#)

For questions, please call the Community Education Program at (909) 386-8285 or email DBHCEPtraining@dbh.sbcounty.gov. If you require translation and/or interpretation language services, please contact us a minimum of five business before the date of the training.



Capital Campaign prayer request # 31. Lord, continue to guide our site development team as we work with the architect to update our rendering. God Bless

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DATE	OT	NT
May 18	2 Sam 23-24	1 Cor. 12
May 19	1 Kings 1-2	1 Cor. 13
May 20	1 Kings 3-4	1 Cor. 14
May 21	1 Kings 5-6	1 Cor. 15
May 22	1 Kings 7-8	1 Cor. 16
May 23	1 Kings 9-10	2 Cor. 1
May 24	1 Kings 11-12	2 Cor. 2

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.

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


Scan to Register



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

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- 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
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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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Hard Conversations

Acts 1:8-26 (NASB95)

Pastor Brian Kennedy

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

Take it home point: Christ-centered praying Christians deal with hard conversations.

- A. How Can We Know if We are Christ-Centered Praying Christians (vs. 8-14)?
1. We focus on the Great Commission (v. 8).
 2. We operate with a hope-filled view of Christ (vs. 9-11).
 3. We are obedient to Christ (vs. 12-13; cf. Luke 24:44-49).
 4. We are united around the power of praying together (v. 14).

Note: In the case of the 120 followers of Christ in Acts chapter one, they did not take a break, split up, or return to life as usual. Jesus just gave them the strategic direction to fulfill the Great Commission and told them to wait in Jerusalem for the power of the Holy Spirit. They were not sitting around complaining. No one tried to jump the gun and start doing ministry without power, and no one was lost, confused, or discouraged by the earthly departure of Jesus. They united around obedience, prayer, and waiting on God.

Note: Each Monday, at 7:00 pm, members and friends of Mt. Zion experience the power of uniting around obedience, prayer, and waiting on God. I invite you to share this experience with us ([go to mtzionontario.com](http://mtzionontario.com), scroll down and click on Monday, and select one of thirteen prayer lines).

- B. Christ-Centered Praying Christians Deal with Hard Conversations (vs. 15-26).
1. We stand up and use the Bible to initiate hard conversations (vs. 15-23).
 2. We pray as we follow biblical guidelines (vs. 24-26).

Note: Today Christ-centered Christians face unavoidable hard conversations. For instance, does Lex Telionis (the law of retaliation) apply in the war between Israel and Gaza? Should Christ-centered Christians join protests that damage property, and hinder students and parents from enjoying college graduations (does the Golden Rule apply here)? How should Christians navigate politics, and voting for a President when the two main candidates are troubling choices? Can Christians agree to disagree around politics and personal preferences, and unite around doing the Great Commission in a broken world? How can couples address concerns in their marriage without using the “D” word? How can Christians effectively address a person having a mental health episode at church or in our homes? Should the church adopt the lock them up and throw away the key approach to crime, or do we take a redemptive approach? When Christians use Artificial Intelligence in research when presenting papers for school, or work, should you cite your sources just as you would when getting information from a book, magazine, or newspaper article? Hard conversations are real and require Christ-centered praying Christians to engage. We cannot run and hide, but we must engage in meaningful hard conversations.

Personal Challenge: Unite with other Christians around the power of prayer. On Monday nights, join our all-church prayer meeting online at 7:00 pm. If you are working, or cannot log-in, then stop and pray between 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

Personal Prayer: Lord, thank You for a practical example of how Christ-centered Christians have hard conversations. Lord, as I deal with hard conversations, help me maintain a hope-filled view of Christ. Help me obey You, so I am where I am supposed to be, and doing the right things while I am there. Help me unite with other Christians around praying with power and using biblical guidelines to initiate and have meaningful, hard conversations. I live to love and serve You. In the name of Jesus, I pray, amen.