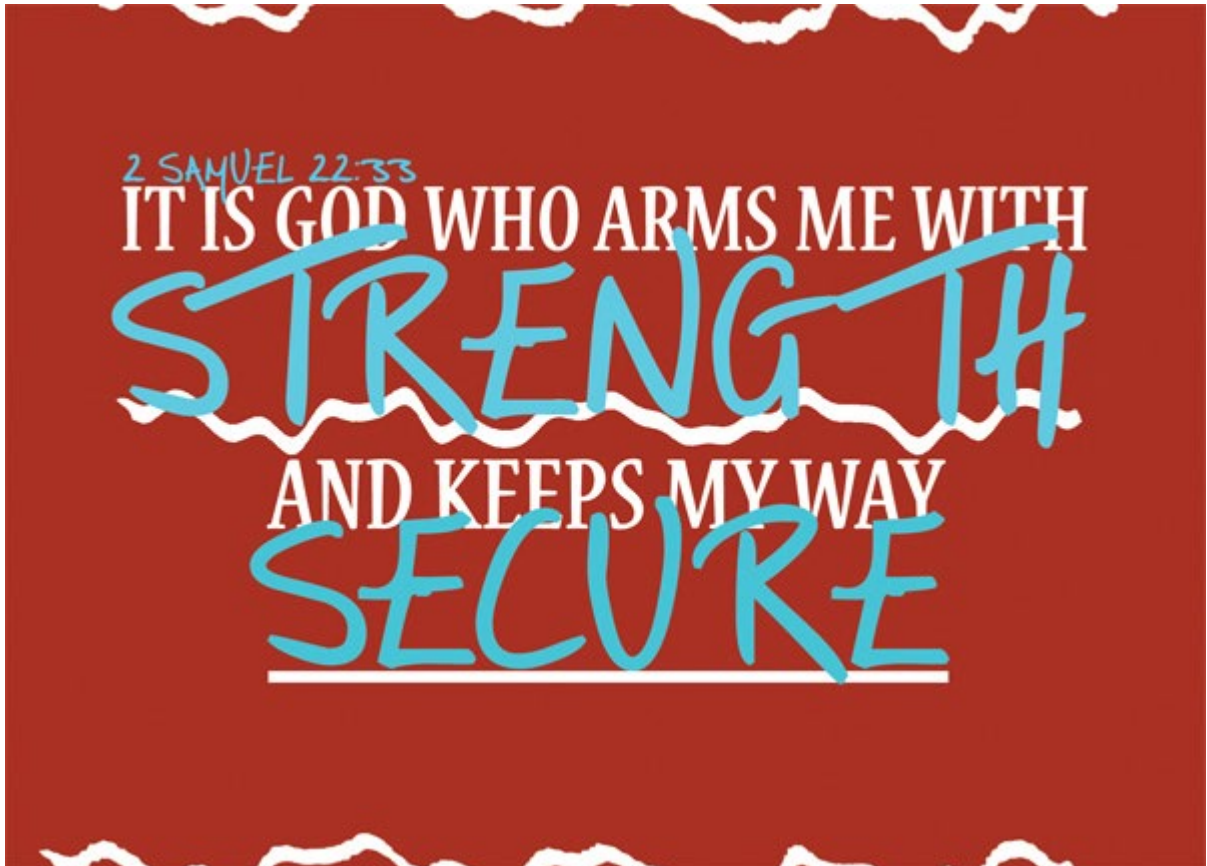


Welcome  
OCTOBER 27, 2024



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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. Revenue and Expenses as of August 2024

Our budget is funded through tithes and offerings. Mt. Zion's financial statements are available upon request.

Financial statements will be updated monthly.

<u>(Week 40)</u>	<u>YTD Goals</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<u>Revenue</u>	\$ 1,701,152.40	\$ 1,363,918.62	<\$ 337,233.71>
<u>Expense</u>	\$ 1,629,149.60	\$ 1,443,962.42	\$ 185,187.18
<b>Total Revenue/Loss:</b>		<u>&lt;\$ 80,043.73&gt;</u>	

## 2. Phase I Capital Campaign

<b>Goal Amount Needed for Phase I*</b>	<b>2023 Milestone Goal</b>	<b>2024 Milestone Goal</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Goal:</b> \$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	<b>\$2,000,000.00</b>
<b>\$5,000,000</b>	<b>Actual</b> \$1,026,064.00	\$ 212,481.81	<b>\$1,238,545.81</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.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED**

- Oct 31 Harvest Festival @ 5:30pm
- Nov 2 Movie Night: The Forge @ 6:30pm
- Nov 3 Open Baptism @ 10:45am
- Nov 11 Veterans Day Holiday (the office will be closed)
- Nov 15 Night of Prayer Workshop @ 6:00pm
- Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day Service @ 9:00am



Capital Campaign prayer request #38: Lord, guide our Site Plan through the City of Ontario, for your glory.  
 God Bless

**MT. ZION CHURCH OF ONTARIO  
 FREE COMMUNITY**

# HARVEST FESTIVAL

**OCTOBER 31st | 5:30pm - 8:30pm**

JOIN US THIS YEAR FOR OUR ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL. THIS YEAR IS PACKED WITH FUN, FOOD, & EXCITEMENT. DONT MISS OUT ON THIS EPIC NIGHT IN A SAFE AND SPIRIT FILLED ENVIRONMENT. SEE YOU THERE!

• FREE FOOD • GAMES • CANDY • LIVE MUSIC • GAME TRUCK

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**READ YOUR THREE**



READ AN EXTRA CHAPTER OR TWO A DAY

DATE	OT	NT
Oct 26	Ps. 134-135	Luke 5
Oct 27	Ps. 136-137	Luke 6
Oct 28	Ps. 138-139	Luke 7
Oct 29	Ps. 140-141	Luke 8
Oct 30	Ps. 142-143	Luke 9
Oct 31	Ps. 144-145	Luke 10
Nov 1	Ps. 146-147	Luke 11

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

**Counseling Ministry:** 909-415-4132 or mcallomtz@aol.com.

**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 (7:15pm-8:30pm) in Room 3 and Thursday (7:30am) Dan Seymore Bldg.

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



**YOUR VOICE  
 YOUR VOTE**

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



Paula Thompson & Family (mother)  
 Family of Floretta Phillips  
 Rose Wood & Family (sister)

Family of Kenya Carter  
 Family of Eugene Mitchell  
 Sandra Goulsby & Family (brother in law)

Family of Bill Coleman  
 Family of Marilyn Haynes



**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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# Spirit-Filled Christians Thrive

Acts 6:8-7:60 (NASB95)

*Pastor Brian Kennedy*

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

**Note:** Being Spirit-filled does not require you to be loud, excessively emotional, or charismatic. It simply requires you to obey the direction of the Holy Spirit in your life (Eph. 5:18).

**Take it home point:** Spirit-filled Christians thrive and give Jesus a lifetime of faithful service.

A. Spirit-Filled Christian's Contribute to Thriving Ministries (v. 8. cf. vs. 6-7).

**Note:** The gospel was spreading and people, including the priests, put their faith in Jesus and grew. Their fellowship while eating together was enriching because all women and men in the church were treated fairly under responsible leadership. Stephen and other Spirit-filled Christians contributed to the thriving ministry in the Jerusalem church. Today, ministries will continue to thrive as Spirit-filled Christians consistently give Jesus a lifetime of faithful service.

B. Spirit-Filled Christians Can Come Under Reputation Attack (vs. 9-15).

1. Religious people often attack Spirit-filled Christians (v. 9, cf. 2:13, 4:1-3, 5:17-18, John 15:18-20; Matt. 5:10-12).
2. Attacks on Spirit-filled Christians cannot stop ministry (v. 10).
3. Religious people use Satan's playbook to attack Spirit-filled Christians (vs. 11-14). Satan's playbook prescribes attacking people's reputation (notice Satan's blatant attack on God's reputation (Gen. 3:1-5).
  - a. Notice how easy it is to secretly recruit reputation assassins (v. 11).
  - b. Reputation assassins easily lie to destroy innocent people (v. 12, cf. God hates when people lie on others-Prov. 6:16-19. cf. Ex. 20:16).

**Note:** The attacks were designed to discredit and destroy Stephen's good reputation, to get him to act outside of the Spirit's control, and to react apart from God's wisdom (Acts 6:3). They claimed Stephen criticized the temple, opposed Moses, and taught that Jesus would destroy the temple and the law of Moses (remember Jesus came to fulfill the law of Moses (Matt.5:17).

- c. Notice how people will lie, despite seeing Jesus in others (v. 15).

C. Spirit-Filled Christians Counter Reputation Attacks with Biblical Truth (Acts 7).

1. Know the truth found in the Bible (vs. 1-50).
2. Boldly confront attackers with truth from God's Word (vs. 51-53).
3. While facing consequences rest in the strength Jesus provides (vs. 54-59).
4. If you die for Jesus, die like Jesus (v. 60. cf. Luke 23:34).

**Personal Challenge:** Be a Spirit-Filled Christian who thrives as you give Jesus a lifetime of faithful service. Use the power, boldness, truth, and peace Jesus provides, so you thrive and finish strong in your faithful service to Him.

**Personal Prayer:** Dear Jesus, in a world where people want total freedom to do as they choose, and live for themselves, I choose to have You control my life and thrive as I give You a lifetime of faithful service. Jesus, help me consistently use the power, boldness, truth, and peace You provide so I will finish strong in my faithful service to You. I live to love and serve You. In Your name I pray, amen.