

# Welcome

MARCH 10 & 11, 2018

I am the  
**True**  
vine  
John 15:1-8

## **Mt. Zion Church of Ontario**

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## SERVICES

### Saturday Services

3:00 pm **New Member Orientation**  
*(Ed Bldg., Rm 11)*

3:00 pm **Discipleship Training**  
*(Ed Bldg., Rm 11)*

4:00 pm **Saturday School**  
*(Ed Bldg., Rms 3, 10 & 11)*

5:00 pm **Worship Service**

### Sunday Services

8:00 am **Worship Service**

9:30 am **New Member Orientation**  
*(Sanctuary)*

9:30 am **Discipleship Training** *(Sanctuary)*

9:30 am **Sunday School** *(various locations)*

10:30 am **Worship Service**

## STEWARDSHIP

### 1. Operating Budget

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

(Week 6) YTD Goals	YTD Actuals	Variance
Revenue    \$ 328,067	\$ 313,515	\$ <14,552>
Expense    \$ 328,067	<u>\$ 321,369</u>	<u>\$ 6,698</u>
	\$ <7,854>	\$ <7,854>

### 2. Building Fund

Collected	Spent	Balance
\$ 1,379,881	\$ 1,359,806	\$ 20,075

Land Loan: Balance Due as of 02/27/18: \$433,686

**Building Fund Monies cannot be used for Operating Cost.**


### 3. Building Fund Pledge (6-yr pledge)

Pledge Amount	Pledged-To-Date	Given-To-Date
\$600,000	\$654,764	\$175,609

### ONLINE GIVING

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

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

 [Use: giving@mtzionontario.com](mailto:giving@mtzionontario.com)

If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Church Administrator at 909-983-2411 ext. 235.

## PRAYER

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



Ernestine Hudson (brother)  
Elder Thomas Kemp (sister)  
Lavelle Wilson (mother)  
Alfred Family (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](mailto:info@mtzionontario.com). Your requests will be given to the Monday Night Prayer Team.

**2018 Responsive Reading**  
**Living for God Size Results!**  
**John 15:1-17 (NASB)**

**Minister**     1 **“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.**

Congregation 2 “Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.

**Minister**     3 **“You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.**

Congregation 4 “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me.

**Minister**     5 **“I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.**

Congregation 6 “If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned.

**Minister**     7 **“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.**

Congregation 8 “My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

**Minister**     9 **“Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.**

Congregation 10 “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.

**Minister**     11 **“These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full.**

Congregation 12 “This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

**Minister**     13 **“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.**

Congregation 14 “You are My friends if you do what I command you.

**Minister**     15 **“No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.**

**Everyone**     16 “You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

**Everyone**     17 **“This I command you, that you love one another.**

## Protection from Falling Away When Doing God-Sized Work

### John 16:1-15

*Pastor Brian Kennedy, Sr.*

**Key Statement:** What protection from falling away do we have when doing God-sized work?

#### A. We Have a Heads Up from Jesus (John 16:1-6).

1. Jesus issued the warning to prevent us from falling away (v. 1).
2. Jesus described the circumstances that can cause us to fall away (vs. 2-3).
  - a. Persecution from religious people (v. 2a).
  - b. Persecution that leads to martyrdom (v. 2b).
  - c. Persecution rooted in religious zeal (v. 2c; cf. Acts 7:58, 8:1-3; Phil. 1:6).
  - d. Jesus described the reason for persecution (v. 3).
    - i. The persecutors do not know God (v. 3; cf. John 15:9).
3. Jesus prepared us for the hour of persecution (v. 4).
  - a. Jesus does not want us caught off guard (4a).
  - b. Jesus kept His disciples from persecution while He was present (4b).
  - c. Jesus addresses His disciple's troubled and sorrowful hearts (vs. 5-6).
    - i. The disciples' comments and questions revealed the sorrow in their hearts:
      1. John asked, Lord who is it (John 13:25)?
      2. Peter asked, Lord, where are You going (John 13:36)?
      3. Peter said, "Lord, why can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for You (John 13:37)?
      4. Thomas asked, Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way (John 14:5)?
      5. Philip said, Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us (John 14:8).

**Note:** We are not sure of what all Jesus meant by His statement "and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going'" (v. 6), but we know Jesus had to stabilize and prepare His disciples for God-sized results after His departure. Jesus talking about His departure kept their hearts filled with sorrow (the perfect tense of the word "filled" in verse 6, indicates they kept feeling sorrow in their hearts (cf. John 14:1). The disciples had a tough time (John revealed the human element), and Jesus did not ignore what He saw, but ministered to His disciples (See John 14).

#### B. We Have Supernatural Help from the Helper (John 16:7-15).

1. Jesus promised supernatural help after His departure (John 16:16).
  - a. The Helper's arrival (v. 7; cf. 14:16-18; emphasis on v. 18).
  - b. The Helper helps people recognize the problem with their sin (vs. 8 & 9).
  - c. The Helper helps people recognize the importance of living right (vs. 8 & 10).
  - d. The Helper helps people recognize the seriousness of the judgement (vs. 8 & 11).
  - e. The Helper will provide on-going divine input (vs. 12-13).
    - i. Information will flow as disciples can bear it (v. 12).
    - ii. The Helper will guide in every area of truth (v. 13).
    - iii. The Helper is a selfless messenger for the Lord (v. 13b).
    - iv. The Helper will continue the teachings of Jesus (vs 14-15).

**Personal Prayer:** Dear Lord, thank You for a candid discussion on protection from falling away when doing God-sized ministry. Lord, help me draw upon the divine power the Helper provides so that I stay focused and encouraged during the times of persecution. Lord despite any harsh treatment I receive due to my connection to Jesus, I live to love and serve You. In the name of Jesus, I pray, amen.