

Welcome

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

**But those who trust in the LORD
will find new strength.**



**They will soar high on wings like eagles
They will run and not grow weary
They will walk and not faint**

Isaiah 40:31

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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**

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.

| (Week 7) | YTD Goals | YTD Actuals | Variance |
|----------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Revenue | \$258,756 | \$289,944 | \$31,188 |
| Expense | <u>\$254,118</u> | <u>\$275,072</u> | < <u>\$29,954</u> > |
| | \$ 13,638 | \$ 14,872 | \$ 1,234 |

2. Phase I Capital Campaign (including Loan Payoff)

| Pledge Amount Needed for Phase I* | Total Amount Pledged | # People Who Pledged | Pledges Needed | Total Amount Given as of 2/16/2021 | Land Loan Balance** |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| \$18,420,000.00 | \$235,055.00 | 40 | \$18,300.000 | \$18,644.00 | \$50,639.11 |

**Phase I includes building the Education Building, the Mt. Zion Center, infrastructure, and paying off the land loan. GOD CAN DO IT!*

*** The original loan amount was \$2,400,000.00*

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 at the 8:00 am service, or call Cynthia Beatty at 909-983-2411 x 104. Sincerely, Pastor Brian E. Kennedy.

Capital Campaign Fund Monies cannot be used for Operating Cost.



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

MT. ZION CHURCH OF ONTARIO WILL BE HOSTING OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES AND VIRTUAL AND HYBRID EVENTS DUE TO COVID-19. BUT YOU CAN STILL GET CONNECTED BY GOING TO OUR WEBSITE AND JOINING US FOR REMOTE WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES AND OTHER SERVICES.

- Feb 27 Men's Fellowship @ 8:00 am
Women's Fellowship @ 10:30 am
- Feb 28 Black History Program @ 3:00 pm *Virtual*
- Mar 6 Spring Food Drive
- Mar 7 Holy Spirit Guidance @ 1:00 pm - *Virtual Meeting*

BLACK HISTORY VIRTUAL PRESENTATION
 #WeAreFamily
 February 28th, 2021
 HELP US CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Send in a video explaining some of your family traditions. | Give us some thoughts on how you defined family. | Dates to submit videos will be: February 1st - February 15th, 2021.

SEND YOUR VIDEOS TO: MTZIONONTARIO@GMAIL.COM

Visit our website more information: WWW.MTZIONONTARIO.COM

*HELPING HANDS IS AVAILABLE EVERY TUE, WED. (10:30AM— 12:30PM); THURS. — PRAISE & WORSHIP (9:30AM—10:15AM) & FOOD GIVEAWAY (11:00AM—12:00PM); FRIDAYS (9:30AM—12:00PM). IF YOU ARE IN NEED CALL 909-460-0984. **CALL FOR INFO.**

FITNESS MINISTRY: ZUMBA/FITNESS EVERY TUE. AND STEP AEROBICS/ABS ON EVERY THUR. (7:00PM— 8:00PM). GOSPEL LINE DANCE CLASS TUES. 6:00PM— 7:00PM) VIA ZOOM. KARATE EVERY TUE. AND THUR. AT 7:00PM— 8:30PM) VIA ZOOM. **CHECK WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Read thru the Bible

- Feb. 22**
Luke 13
- Feb. 23**
Luke 14
- Feb. 24**
Luke 15
- Feb. 25**
Luke 16
- Feb. 26**
Luke 17
- Feb. 27**
Luke 18
- Feb. 28**
Luke 19

VISION STATEMENT

To bring light to the community and beyond through evangelism, discipleship and faithful service.

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



Gloria Casey & Family (daughter)
 Dwayne Ellis & Family (mother)
 Katrina Walker & Family (uncles, cousins)
 Gloria Ingram Family

Patterson / Franklin & Family (nephew)
 Patricia Bonman & Family (husband)
 Mahaley Mann & Family (brother and son)
 Ernestine Hudson & Family (son)



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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Coping with COVID, Part XL
“Turn-Around Moments”
Luke 15:11-24
Pastor Brian Kennedy, Sr.

TEXT QUESTIONS TO PASTOR AS HE IS PREACHING TO: (909) 295-8569

Take it home point: When family relationships are broken, seek a “turn-around moment.”

A. Broken Family Relationships Are Painful (Luke 15:11-17).

1. Can you imagine the father’s pain around this seemingly unexpected request (v. 12)?
2. Children with the same home environment can choose different paths (v. 13).
3. Some paths seem right, but only lead to a “pig pen” (vs. 13-14; cf. Prov. 14:12).
4. Good home training will surface even in pig pen living (vs. 15-16; cf. Prov. 22:6).
 - a. He knew to find honest work to support himself (v. 15).
 - b. He would not even steal pig food (v. 16; consider Ex. 20:15 in this context).
5. Family members who hit the rock bottom of pig pen life also experience pain (v. 17).

Note: The causes for broken family relationships are numerous and they all hurt deeply. Why? As we experience life together, family members develop deep levels of trust and interdependence. We expect honesty and fairness but, sometimes the unexpected occurs and brokenness happens. When it does, Jesus teaches us to seek “turn-around moments” that lead to confession, restoration, and celebration.

Jesus’ teachings here apply to all disciples of Jesus despite the circumstances surrounding the broken relationship. Writing fellow Christians off, ignoring them, not caring anymore, or leaving unresolved conflict is contrary to the teachings of Jesus. We need “turn-around moments.”

Personal Challenge: Ask the Lord to help you be compassionate and value people in your family when brokenness occurs, or amid some other cruel and hostile circumstances. If you caused the pain, and you are suffering in the rock bottom of a pig pin, and you have come to your senses, be encouraged, God has a “turn-around moment” for you.

If you are hurting because of a family member, or some other cruel and mean treatment, be encouraged, God has a “turn-around moment” for you.

Pray and seek God’s face so that He will guide you through your “turn-around moment.”

To Be Continued...

Personal Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for the hope that turnarounds happen when the pain of brokenness strikes our family, or some other situation. Lord, please deal with my heart such that, whether I am the offender or the offended I pray for, seek, and trust You for the miracle of a “turn-around moment.” I live to love and serve You. In Jesus’ name, I pray, amen.