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The **Lord is my light and my salvation** — whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid?

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

- Psalm 27:1, 14

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

One of the most beautiful gifts we have is the fellowship with other believers. We are best when we are together because just as iron sharpens iron, we help each other grow. God's design is that His church would be in constant community. My prayer for each of us is that Mt. Zion becomes the center of your life.

Join us Sunday, September 20th, as we celebrate the community of our church. Wouldn't it be great if everybody who calls Mt. Zion home, comes to worship on the same Sunday? If we all commit to come on this important day, perhaps the Holy Spirit will spark revival! Plan to attend worship service on that Sunday morning at 10:30a.

The fun doesn't end after the service. Come back to the church from 6-7p for an outdoor Ice Cream Social in our parking lot and enjoy the amazing musical talents and testimonies of some of our people. Bring your lawn chair and a friend.

Pastor Steve

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Breakfast

All men (ages 12 and older) are invited to breakfast, fellowship, and spiritual growth on Saturday, September 19th, from 8-9:30a. (Please note it is not the 2nd Saturday of the month this time.) *Sign up on the bulletin board.*

Ladies Book Club

The September/October selection is "Though Waters Roar" by Lynn Austin. Obtain a copy and get reading. We will meet on Monday, October 19th, at 6p for a discussion.

Harriet Sherwood has always adored her grandmother. But when Harriet decides to follow her footsteps to fight for social justice, she certainly never expected her efforts to land her in jail. Nor did she expect her childhood enemy and notorious school bully, Tommy O'Reilly, to be the arresting officer.

Languishing in a jail cell, Harriet has plenty of time to sift through the memories of the three generations of women who have preceded her. As each story emerges, the strength of her family — and their deep faith in the God of justice and righteousness — brings Harriet to discovery of her own goals and motives for pursuing them.

WALK FOR LIFE

September 12, 2026 . Baker Park
Registration . 8:30a
Walk . 9a

Last year, Mt. Zion had 23 walkers. This year, Pastor Steve wants 101 or more team members to walk around the park 1 time with him. He wants to earn "The Happy Feet" award that went to St. Anne's Church last year for the most walkers.

WOULD YOU JOIN PASTOR STEVE ON SEPTEMBER 12TH?

Receive a free t-shirt with a minimum donation of $30 (adults) or $5 (kids). Can't walk but would like to give? See Julie Rogers or Maddy Pyle. All monetary contributions benefit the Henry County Pregnancy Care Center.

Sign up on the bulletin board to participate!

MISSIONS NEWS

August Missions Giving

Global Partners

Faith Promise . . .	$900
JESUS Film . . .	$100
Hoffnung Haus . . .	$1000
Xai Xai Bible College (scholarships) . . .	$90

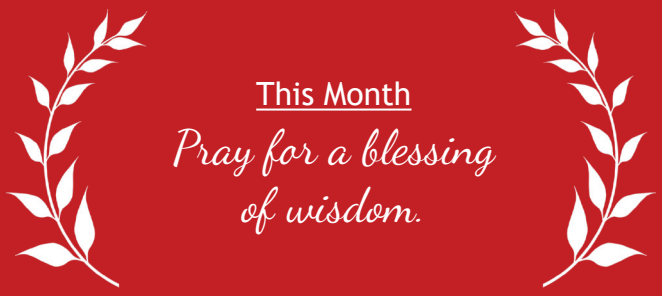
Not Too Late . . .

. . . to participate in Faith Promise commitment to support our 3 missionary families. Pick up and fill out a Faith Promise Commitment Card in the entryway, place in an envelope, and drop in the tithe box. If writing a check, please make it payable to Mt. Zion Missions Board.

Reminder

If you ordered mums in August from the Missions Board, pick up is Thursday, September 17th, from 5:30-7p at the church.

Each month, we ask that you join the Missions Board in praying a spiritual blessing over our missionaries.



ATTENDANCE LAST MONTH

	8/2	8/9	8/16	8/23
Sunday School	52	52	52	50
Worship	171	205	173	196

Keep up with the church by liking and following our facebook page.
(Search for New Castle Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church)

KIDS MINISTRY

Kids Church . Sundays at 10:20a

All kids are back into our Bible Study using The Gospel Project. We will be looking at how some of the OT prophets spoke about the hope to come. Nehemiah led God's people to return home from exile and rebuild Jerusalem's walls. Ezra began teaching God's Word, and the people vowed to faithfully obey God. Malachi — the last Old Testament prophet — reminded the people of God's love for them. Malachi also warned God's people to repent of their disobedience and pointed them to the coming Messiah.

Key Verse: Isaiah 25:9

Big Picture:

Elementary: What is the Bible about? *The Bible is the story of God's plan to save people through Jesus.*

Nursery through K: What is the Bible about? *The Bible is about God's plan to save people through Jesus.*

Join the Team!

There is always room for volunteers to support the Kids Ministry! Contact Karyn to see if there is a role right for you. The biggest team needs would be preK teachers and helpers, nursery volunteers, occasional craft prep through the week, and toy sorting/washing through the week.

TEEN MINISTRY

Sunday Teen Group . 5:30-7:30p

We will not meet on September 6th due to it being Labor Day weekend. We will meet the rest of the month.* This month, we will be studying a topic each week. What do you think would benefit you or your peers? Let Karyn know.

*Due to the Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 20th, the teens will meet from 5-6p on that day.

Sunday School

We are starting a new Bible study. As requested, we'll be digging into the book of Ecclesiastes together. We start at 9:15a, but usually open with a quick game or activity so don't worry if you are late.

Calendar Fundraiser

Don't forget, we have the calendar fundraiser going on. Your pick the month that suits you. Most of the funds raised will be set aside for you to use for trips and other youth group outings. A small portion will go to the general youth ministry and church accounts.

YOUTH CONFERENCE

December 28th-31st

The International Wesleyan Youth Conference is this year! "Follow" only happens every 3 years. More info coming soon! Check it out at https://followconference.org.