



Living Sent

What a blessing it is to see our church enjoying all the new ministry space. I am so grateful to the Lord for providing the financial resources to move forward with this bold expansion of our facilities. Our church stepped out in faith, and the Lord faithfully guided us through the Project 18|28 initiative. Thank you for being such an integral part of this effort. Praise the Lord!

Project 18|28 has effectively addressed our immediate needs for continued growth. However, we also recognize that our campus remains landlocked. Future expansion would almost certainly require the purchase of adjacent property. At various points through the years, church leaders have approached our neighbors to explore the possibility of purchasing additional land. For different reasons, there has simply not been a clear path forward. All of that changed two weeks ago when I received word that the landowners to the west are willing to sell approximately 7.8 acres contiguous with our property line. (Facing the front of our church, this parcel is the hayfield to the right.) The purchase price is 150,000 per acre or an estimated \$1,170,000. I could not have seen this coming, but I see the hand of God in the timing.

Naturally, the question is, "What is the plan for the property?" We have no immediate plans to develop the land. However, in the near term, this property would be an ideal location for overflow parking or possibly even recreational space. In the long term, who knows? The most important point is this: purchasing the property gives us options for future expansion that we would not otherwise have. This could be our only opportunity to purchase this prime piece of real estate.

I am bringing this to your attention first because I want you to pray. Would you pray that God will provide the resources to purchase this property? Second, we would love to hear your thoughts and questions about this potential land purchase.

I have shared this opportunity with our deliberative body of staff and deacons. The Deacon Body unanimously agrees that this purchase would be a tremendous opportunity for the future of our church. The Budget and Finance Committee has also reviewed the proposed acquisition and has made the formal recommendation to purchase the property at the July 26 Quarterly Business Meeting.

It's very important to me that our church not only does the right thing but also proceeds in a manner that is reasonable and measured. We want to give the entire church an opportunity to think about this and pray before voting on the recommendation on August 30th. This vote will authorize the Trustees to enter into a contract for the purchase of the property, and to begin Due Diligence.

Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord and our church. It is a true blessing to be your pastor.

With Love,

Pastor Kevin



MINISTER

July 31 – August 2
Greg Stringfield | 256.631.0132

August 7–9
Joey Collins | 601.287.2662

August 14–16
Braxton Blankenship | 662.416.3124

August 21–23
Jonathan Moore | 251.465.6639

August 28–30
David Henderson | 334.676.9131

DEACON

August 2
Jason Blaxton | 256.656.4756

August 9
Derrell Deloney | 256.694.9277

August 16
Matthew Deloney | 256.655.7116

August 23
Tim Garner | 256.755.1063

August 30
George Foust | 256.527.6223

GIVING

Given to Date: \$2,992,602

Adult Education Minister SEARCH COMMITTEE ELECTION

On Sunday, August 2, in all three morning worship services, we will elect five (5) individuals to serve on the Adult Education Minister Search Committee. Please prayerfully consider your nominations and continue to pray for the committee throughout this process.



Available in the Apple and Google Play stores. Search for Mount Zion Baptist Church-Hsv

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENU

August 5

Chicken Parmesan, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans & Dessert OR Salad Box*
Kid's Menu: Chicken Nuggets

August 12

Spaghetti, Salad, Bread & Dessert OR Salad Box*
Kid's Menu: Pizza

August 19

Pork Sandwich, Potato Chips, Beans & Dessert
Kid's Menu: Hotdog

August 26

Pizza, Salad & Dessert | Kid's Menu: Pizza

*Gluten-Free

Reservations are required and can be made online at mzbc.net or in the MZBC App. The deadline to register is on Mondays at midnight.



Coming in August

SUNDAY NIGHTS

4:30 pm | Z-Groups, D-Groups & Hope Groups
5:00 pm | AWANA
5:00 pm | Chapel Worship
6:30 pm | College & Young Adult Worship

PROMOTION SUNDAY – AUGUST 2

MZBC Men

Man Up | Mondays | 6pm
Biscuits & Brothers | Thursdays | 6am
[Both groups meet in the Fellowship Hall]

re:generation

Thursdays | 6pm | Beginning August 6
Re: generation is a biblically-based discipleship program offering healing, recovery, and freedom from any type of struggle.

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MUSIC MISSIONS & AWANA

August 5
Music & Mission Groups Begin

August 9
AWANA Begins

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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5:00 pm | Wednesday Night Supper
5:00 pm | Greenhouse Band Rehearsals
5:45 pm | Preschool & Children's Choirs
6:00 pm | Prayer Meeting, Z-Groups,
D-Groups & Hope Groups
6:00 pm | Worship Choir Rehearsal &
Worship Orchestra Rehearsals
6:15 pm | Jr. & Sr. High Worship
6:45 pm | Kid's Mission Groups

Z-Groups

Wednesdays | Beginning August 5 | 6pm
Church History, Part 1
Room S104 | Cost: \$10 | Led by Brian Schneider
1 & 2 Thessalonians
Room S202 | Cost: \$5 | Led by Adam Landers
Know What You Believe
Room S203 | Cost: \$5 | Led by Don Reed & Dr.
George Foust



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MZBC Women

Tuesday Morning Bible Studies

- Kick Off Brunch | August 11 | 9am
- Studies Begin | August 18 | 9am

STUDIES INCLUDE

- *Live a Praying Life*
- *Take Courage: A Study of Haggai*
- *Joshua*
- *He Speaks to Me*
- At Home Zoom Study

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**WELCOME
TO THE TEAM!**

JOHN AXTELL

Facility Manager

Be sure to welcome our new Facility Manager, John Axtell, one of Mount Zion's own! John has over 20 years of Coast Guard experience managing facilities, maintenance programs, budgets, and people. John brings a strong record of excellent leadership and faithful stewardship to Mount Zion, and we're excited to have him on board!

CONNIE TIBBLES

Weekday Preschool Director

Also join us in welcoming Connie Tibbles as our new Weekday Preschool Director. Connie brings more than 31 years of experience in weekday preschool ministry and comes to us highly recommended. Connie is married to Bobby Tibbles, an SBC pastor. We look forward to Connie officially joining our team on August 1.

SENIOR ADULTS 60+

It has been a hot, wet and active summer here at Mt. Zion! High humidities, frequent summer rain storms, and many ministry opportunities have each been present all around us. We have also been "on the go" in the Nolen family... a trip to the Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando, followed by a week of vacation in south Florida, then a week-long trip to Texas to perform my grandson's wedding, followed by several days visiting my sister in Arkansas. We've been "on the road again"!

As the calendar page turns to August, Jackie and I will be traveling to Michigan to see our daughter. Our weekly Chapel Worship services will resume on August 2 at 5:00 pm. Our senior leaders will be attending the state-sponsored SALT Conference at Fultondale as well as enjoying our monthly luncheon on August 27, with special guest Dr. Joel Carwile from CrossPointe Church in Madison. As the school year begins, we will continue our Lunches of Love ministry in the area schools... there is much to be involved in!

My great privilege is that of serving with, worshipping with and fellowshiping with our senior adults. Jackie and I are thankful that we can "go to church" with you each week and assist in ministry. May the Lord continue to bless each of you with His goodness and favor. Please feel free to call on us if needed. We love you.

His for souls,
Pastor Mike Nolen

SonShine Lunch

August 27 | 10:30am | Gym | Senior Adults 60+
Potluck lunch with special guest, Pastor Joe Carwhile, from CrossPointe.

Join the SonShine Choir!

Rehearsal is held on Thursdays at 10:30am in the Choir Room, and one Thursday a month we sing at local senior adult facilities. For more information contact Mark Jacobs at mark.jacobs@mzbc.net or by calling the Church Office.



Contemporary Worship Choir

Now is a great time to join the Contemporary Worship Choir! Rehearsals are August 9, 16, and 23 at 3 pm in the Choir Room, and on Thursday, August 27 at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. For details contact Joey Collins at joey.collins@mzbc.net.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Pray for Impact

August 5-16 | South Asia

August 14-24 | British Isles

August 29-September 3 | Boston

CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

[Christmas in August]

Help us bless children through Christmas Backpacks for Mosaic City Church's Christmas giveaway this December. (These are Christmas gift backpacks, not back-to-school backpacks.)

On Sunday, August 2 in the Commons. Choose a backpack for a specific age and gender, and pick up an instruction flyer with filling and tagging details. Backpacks are due by Wednesday, September 2.

Member Information Class

August 16 | 3pm | Fellowship Hall

The Member Information Class is designed for those considering membership in the MZBC family. This class provides an overview of our beliefs, church structure, and what it means to be a member. Childcare is available.

[Click to join us!](#)

STUDENTS

Wednesday Night Kick Off

August 5 @ 6:15pm | Bring some friends!

Theology 101

August 12 | 6:15pm | Guest Speaker: Joey Collins

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

from the Sr. High Student Minister Search Committee

Thank you for praying for our Student Minister Search Committee. Our committee has been working diligently for the past ten months. During that time, we have promoted this job opportunity extensively, reviewed numerous résumés, and interviewed carefully selected candidates. Thus far, the Lord has not yet led us to the man He has chosen to serve in this role. In May, we partnered with Bright Street Solutions, a Birmingham-based recruitment service that assists churches in identifying qualified candidates. We have been very encouraged by their professionalism and believe that this partnership will help us greatly to find God's man for the job. Thank you for continuing to pray for our committee as we work hard to represent Mount Zion well and seek the man God has prepared for this important ministry.



RAs & Dads CAMP 'N CANOE 2026

August 21-22 | Elk River Canoe, Kelso, TN

Cost: \$30 per person (2/canoe)

Additional child, same family (\$10)

Activities | Campfire cooking, Canoeing,
Tent Camping and Swimming

DEADLINE TO REGISTER | August 19

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