

Living Sent

VISION 18|28

Dear Church Family,

I marvel at the goodness of God when I consider Project 18|28. Through your generous gifts, God has faithfully provided for this bold undertaking. We have more parking, more classrooms, and a beautiful new worship space for our students. God is so good!

From the beginning, though, this project has been about more than having additional space. It has been about our desire to be an Acts 1:8 church that is passionate about the Great Commission in Matthew 28. We will use these classrooms to teach, train, disciple, and send people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I believe God blesses churches that make it their ambition to reach the lost and disciple the saved. God has certainly blessed Mount Zion!

We have completed the construction, but the vision of 18|28 extends far beyond a building. Through missions, giving, teaching, preaching, prayer, discipleship, and evangelism, we will continue the work of the Great Commission until Jesus Christ returns.

God has placed before us the opportunity to purchase 7.8 acres on the west side of our property. The purchase price for this property is \$150,000 per acre for an estimated total of \$1.17 million. On August 30th, our church voted overwhelmingly to take a step of faith to pursue this purchase. Praise the Lord! This opportunity to purchase land makes me wonder what great plans God may have for our church in the future.

As we continue our due diligence, I ask you to pray about how the Lord might lead you to give toward the purchase of land. Coming on the heels of a two-year capital campaign, I have little interest in asking for more pledges. But I also know that some of you still have a heart to give toward what God is doing.

On November 8th, in all three morning worship services, we will receive a special offering to complete the 2-year campaign for Project 18|28 and to raise funds for the land purchase. Two years ago, we set out to raise \$1 million in cash through the First Fruits Offering. By God's grace, more than \$1.7 million poured in. This was a historic offering for our church. Perhaps God will astonish us again with His provision.

There is no pressure, and no pledge cards for this offering. I simply invite you to pray and give as the Holy Spirit of God leads you. Thank you for your faithfulness and for your heart to see the Gospel advance. I am grateful to serve the Lord alongside you and to be your Pastor. May the Good Lord do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we could ever ask or imagine!

Love,

Pastor Kevin

Mount Zion Baptist Church | October 2026

MINISTER ON CALL

October 2 – 4

Braxton Blankenship (662) 416-3124

October 9 – 11

David Henderson (334) 676-9313

October 16 – 18

Mark Jacobs (256) 797-4377

October 23 – 25

Greg Stringfield (256) 631-0132

October 30 – November 1

Joey Collins (601) 287-2662

DEACON ON CALL

October 4

Keith Shields (256) 527 – 4707

October 11

Jeff Walker (256) 642 – 9499

October 18

Josh Ballinger (256) 655-2895

October 25

Jeff Bennett (256) 656 – 4756

LORD'S SUPPER

Sunday, October 18

In all morning worship services.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

October 14

White Chicken Chili, Salad & Dessert

Kid's Menu: Pizza

October 21

Chicken Casserole, Green Beans, Rice, Pear &
Dessert OR Salad Box*

Kid's Menu: Hotdog

October 28

BBQ Sandwich, Chips, Beans & 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.

GIVING

Given to Date: \$3,694,339

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, October 25 | 5 pm | Worship Center

Please submit reports to the Church Office by
Wednesday, October 21.

FALL BREAK

No Evening Activities

- Sunday | October 4
- Wednesday | October 7
- Sunday | October 11



MZBC ADULTS

GriefShare

Sundays Beginning October 18
2 pm – 3:30 pm | Room S103–S104

GriefShare is a support group, led by Dick and Betty Smith, for people grieving the death of a family member or friend. Each meeting combines guidance from grief experts, along with honest conversations and encouragement from others who understand what you're going through.

MZBC Men

Looking to connect with other men in our church? Check out our weekly meeting times below. Please note our upcoming schedule adjustments for the first week of October.

- **Man Up** | Mondays at 6:00 pm | Fellowship Hall
 - Note: We will not meet on Monday, October 5.
- **Biscuits & Brothers** | Thursdays at 6:00 am Fellowship Hall
 - Note: We will not meet on Thursday, October 8.

SENIOR ADULTS 60+

The FALL season is upon us! We can enjoy cooler temps (I hope!), changing colors, normal routines, fabulous football games, candy corn, shorter days, bonfire gatherings, and sweaters. My daughter Wendy (Collierville, Tennessee) seems to enjoy the autumn season more than any other! It is a beautiful time of the year, and each sunset is splashed in colors of TENNESSEE Orange!

Our Lord has surely blessed our Mt. Zion family during September! We have seen precious souls saved and publicly standing up for Jesus. There have been others baptized and many folks attending Bible groups and fellowships. Our church family voted in all three services on August 29 to purchase an additional 7.8 acres of land on the west side of our campus for future growth. We have seen victory after victory in the life of our church through members' experiences and through our mission efforts. Our IMPACT night gave us a report and a glimpse of our efforts on mission both nationally and internationally... God is so good!

As we turn the calendar page to October, we will discover wonderful opportunities to engage and to study and to worship together with our Mt. Zion family. Beyond the fall break time, we will gather weekly to worship the Lord, to study God's Word, and to enjoy times of fellowship and spiritual growth. Our event calendar shows another Man Church time on October 18 and our Quarterly Business session on October 25. Our Seniors will meet for prayer meeting each Wednesday at 6:00 pm and then assemble for our monthly luncheon on October 29 at 10:30 am. Be sure to invite a friend and make these opportunities a part of your monthly activities.

Each week that I come to church I am so blessed to enter into worship and fellowship with our MZBC family! Jackie and I are refreshed and encouraged as we interact with our people and worship together. We thank God for our privilege to be a part of this body of Christ... we look forward to seeing each of you again on the next Lord's day! We love you!

His for More Souls,

Pastor Mike Nolen

SonShine Lunch

October 29 | 10:30am | Gym | Senior Adults 60+
Potluck lunch with guest speaker, Andy John King.



Sunday, October 18

MAN CHURCH

Fellowship & Worship For Men of All Ages

GUEST SPEAKER
Lance Ingram

Founder of Warrior United &
Author of *Warrior: Equipping Men for Spiritual Victory*

You're Invited!
Dinner at 5 pm
Worship at 6 pm

[click to sign up](#)

MZBC STUDENTS

5th QUARTER

October 2 | 10 pm to 12 am | Free outreach event for students 7th through 12th grade.

Leader Volunteer Link |

<https://mzbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1504/responses/new>



October 23-25 | Students Grades 7th -12th
Shocco Springs | Cost: \$150

Student Registration Link | <https://mzbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1489/responses/new>

Leader Registration Link | <https://mzbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1490/responses/new>

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Good News Club

The Good News Club (GNC) at Monrovia Elementary School on Thursdays beginning October 1, from 2:30-4:00 pm. We would love to have you join us!

Click to Volunteer: <https://mzbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1455/responses/new>

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox Collection Sunday | November 15
Shoebboxes and packing information will be available in the Commons Area on Sunday, October 25.

Click the link below to learn more about Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child.
<https://www.samaritanspurse.org>

ENABLE Workday

November 7 | 8 am to 12 pm

Join us in this local outreach event where we help our neighbors prepare for the winter months through small repairs, weatherproofing, and other practical projects. No handyman experience is required—everyone can help! Sign up and join us for a day of serving our community.

Click to Volunteer: <https://mzbc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1510/responses/new>

Hallelujah!

**MYERS MALLORY
STATE MISSIONS OFFERING**

MZBC GOAL | \$40,000

TOTAL GIVEN | \$41,314

KRUNK -N- TREAT

- October 31 -
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

candy, games, face painting
fun for the whole family

**CANDY DONATIONS &
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Donations of individually wrapped
candies can be placed in the
designated boxes in the CMC Lobby
and commons areas.

[click to volunteer](#)

