



Let the morning  
bring me word of  
your **unfailing love**,  
for I have put my  
trust in you.

**Show me the way**  
I should go, for to  
you I entrust my life.

**Rescue me** from my  
enemies, Lord, for I  
hide myself in you.

**Teach me to do**  
**your will**, for you are  
my God; may your  
good Spirit lead  
me on level ground.

- Psalm 143:8-10

Want to learn more about the Bible this summer?

## SUNDAYSCHOOL

### JUNE/JULY CLASSES . 9:15A

#### **BEWARE THE LEAVEN** (taught by Tracy Bales)

What is the most urgent need of the church today? Better leadership? Healthier giving? Orthodoxy? Moral integrity? There is something more vital: gospel integrity. In Luke, Jesus said to his disciples, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy” (v. 1). Christ’s diagnosis of the heart of the Pharisee was that “they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God” (John 12:43). We must examine ourselves and ask whether the church culture of our day is fueled by something more akin to the motivations that drove the Pharisee of Christ’s time than we would like to admit.

#### **COLOSSIANS** (taught by Hannah Roberts)

Colossians is a letter from Paul written to the church in Colosse. Paul emphasizes the supremacy of Christ in his writing, reminding the people that Jesus is our creator, sustainer, and Savior. This short book of the Bible is full of truth and inspiration to live in this new life we’ve been called to.

#### **KNOWING JESUS AS GOD: Gospel of John** (taught by Chari Rhoads)

This study is from the author of The Bible Recap. Jesus is God. This is revealed throughout Scripture, but no book makes this truth clearer than the gospel of John. The entire book is a revelation of God’s character as witnessed by the man he was closest to. Whether it’s your first time studying John or your hundredth, the simplicity and complexity of this gospel account makes it a never-ending source of encouragement. Written “so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God” (John 20:31).

#### **RUTH: Loss, Love & Legacy** (taught by Teresa Helmsing)

Most of us like a good rags-to-riches story. We can easily get lost in a narrative where, at the beginning of the story, heartache reigned, but it was soon replaced by joy. Many of us struggle through seasons, wondering if there could ever be a happy ending to our stories. The story of Ruth affirms that yes, there is hope. It’s found in the power and protection of a sovereign God who never takes His eyes off of us for even a moment.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Beginning June 8th

Beginning June 8th, a \$3 transaction fee will be added to each online giving contribution. Until now, the church has covered these processing costs, but moving forward we will be passing that fee along to those who give online.

Giving to Missions, Kids and Teens will no longer be an online giving option as of June 8th. Thank you for giving to these ministries, and we hope you will continue to do so by bringing your giving to the church. Please make checks payable to Mt. Zion Missions, Mt. Zion Kids Ministry, and/or Mt. Zion Teen Ministry and place in the offering plate or tithe box. You can also give cash and place it in an offering envelope and indicate Missions, Kids, or Teens.

## Men's Breakfast

All men (ages 12 and older) are invited to breakfast, fellowship, and spiritual growth on Saturday, June 13th, from 8-9:30a. *Sign up on the bulletin board.*

## Ladies Book Club

The May/June selection is "The Divine Proverb of Streusel" by Sara Brunsvold. Obtain a copy and get reading. We will meet on Monday, June 15th, at 6p for a discussion.

*Nikki seeks solace at her uncle's farm where she'll spend the summer – picking up the pieces of her shattered present so she can plan a better future.*

*Among her late grandmother's belongings, Nikki finds an old notebook filled with handwritten German recipes and wise sayings pulled from the book of Proverbs. With each recipe she makes, she invites locals to the family table to hear their stories about the town's history, her ancestors, and her estranged father.*

*What started as a way to connect to her heritage soon becomes the means through which she learns how the women before her endured – with the help of their cooking prowess and a healthy dollop of faith.*



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## MISSIONS NEWS

### May Missions Giving

Global Partners	
Faith Promise . . .	\$900
JESUS Film . . .	\$100
Hoffnung Haus (boarding house) . . .	\$1000
Mozambique Project (Bible College Scholarships) . . .	\$90
Shunem Ministries . . .	\$200
He Sapa New Life Ministries . . .	\$200
The Hot Dog Club . . .	\$200
Victory Lane Camp . . .	\$200

### Begin Praying . . .

Mt. Zion supports 3 missionary families sharing Christ in other parts of the world. Your help is needed to support them for another year. Begin praying about how God can use you to be a partner in His work.

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

This Month

*Pray for a blessing of peace.*

## ATTENDANCE LAST MONTH

	<u>5/3</u>	<u>5/10</u>	<u>5/17</u>	<u>5/24</u>
Sunday School	48	38	35	55
Worship	163	212	183	185

## KIDS MINISTRY

### Kids Church . Sundays at 10:20a

We are in the midst of studying Daniel. While the preK kids will only spend a few weeks on this, the elementary kids will be going a bit deeper and spend most of June and into July studying this book. But, we have some special lessons in store for our preK kids. Lesson updates will be posted on the boards outside of each Kids Church room and in the MZ Kids Facebook group.

### BIBLES

Every few years, we want to equip our kids and teens with age appropriate Bibles or commentaries to help them with their spiritual journey. Our first time doing this will be late summer as they prepare to go back to school and as the kids will be learning about when “the Word became flesh.” If you wish to help contribute to this financially after you give your tithe, please contact Karyn Rogers. Checks are also welcome if they are made out to Mt Zion Kids Ministry. Please write “Bibles” in the memo.

### WELCOME TO THE TEAM

If you volunteer in Kids or Teens Ministry, you aren't just filling a gap. You are joining a team on mission to give this generation the tools needed to be transformed by the gospel. We have a great group of volunteers, but yes, we do want and need more of you who will worship and grow in this way with us. It all starts with a conversation with Karyn to see if you can help create an environment for our kids and teens to encounter Jesus every week.

## TEEN MINISTRY

Isn't it great that many teens are wanting to be baptized!?! We invite all our teens into growth and commitment by joining us this summer for discipleship in both Sunday School and Teen Group.

### Sunday Night Teen Group

Sunday Night Teen Group will continue through the summer with a few new elements. More info coming soon.

**June 7th, 14th, and 28th** . We will meet at the church from 5:30-7:30p.

### Sunday School

Teen Sunday School is wrapping up their "Defined" studies with Maddy and Connor the first week of June. The following week, we will start the second half of our Daniel study that we have been doing on Sunday nights. Sunday School meets upstairs at 9:15a.

### Teen Camp

Please pray for those of us attending Never the Same Camp the week of June 15th. Pray that all those going will experience God in a way that deepens their faith. Pray walls will be torn down that hinder us from growing closer to God and each other. Pray distractions will not keep anyone from what God has for them.

### This December

While camp may be this month, another trip is on the horizon. The International Youth Conference is this year! "Follow" only happens every 3 years and is happening December 28th-31st. More info coming soon!