



# First Mount Zion Baptist Church

*A Ministry Exhibiting a Spirit of Excellence!*

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**2 Corinthians 9:8**

# The Messenger

## Message from the Pastor



### Give Thanks To The Lord!

*"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy..." (Psalm 107:1-2)*

I know right... a familiar scripture - one that most of us can probably quote. But, the challenge for us daily is, how do we "live out" this attitude of thankfulness as the "Redeemed" of the Lord? In a time when so many negative people, thoughts and sound bites surround us on a daily basis; how do we practice thanksgivings beyond lip service? The Psalmist

says simply, give thanks because the Lord is good; not because all things are well with us, not because everyone thinks well of us, and not because we have everything we want or need, but because the "Lord is Good", plain and simple.

Therefore, in these two short verses, there are at least five things to be thankful for:

- ✓ The Lord is good!
- ✓ The Lord is merciful continuously.
- ✓ We are the "Redeemed"!
- ✓ We have a testimony even in the worst of times.
- ✓ We are saved from the enemy...

Make your list, it may be long or short, but trust me, you have at least one thing to be thankful about...all you have to do is be thankful! So let's begin:

I am thankful because the Lord woke me up this morning...what about you?

*Thankful,*

*Pastor Luke E. Torian*



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### Upcoming Events

- 11/10 - Men's Prayer Breakfast 9 -11 a.m.
- 11/11 - Veterans' Day
- 11/12 - Church Office Closed
- 11/22 - Thanksgiving Day - Church Office Closed
- 11/23 - 11/24 - Church Office Closed

## Man of God . . . Answering to a Higher Calling!



While walking to work one morning in the District of Columbia, this former middle school teacher distinctly recalls hearing the voice of God saying "Feed My sheep!" He knew beyond the shadow of a doubt that it was God, because being a preacher was the furthest thing from his mind, although he grew up in a home with parents who were staunch believers. His focus was on playing sports and being with his friends; doing things that friends do . . . being a preacher was not one of those things. However, because he knew God had spoken, he was obedient, changing his life to the extent that his friends were amazed by the immediacy of the change and mentioned their observations to him.

John McNeill, Jr. was born in 1974 in Washington, D.C. to John, Sr. and Lula McNeill, who migrated from the Carolinas. His parents, a deacon and deaconess, later received their calling to preach, his father first and later his mother; she actually received her Call after John, Jr. received his Call.

A product of the D.C. school system, John obtained his B.S. in Health Science from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. After teaching for a while, he went to work for a company in Maryland as a physical therapy aide. One morning, while walking to his office he distinctly heard the voice of God for the second time, saying "That's not the graduate school for you." The decision he was considering regarding physical therapy graduate school was not what He wanted him to do; within two weeks he had resigned his position. It was clear to him that God's hand was guiding him in a different direction. He was drawn to a small, but prestigious divinity school in Rochester, New York, known as Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. As God would have it, his sister was attending a wedding in Rochester, New York, and he decided to "hitch a ride". He too attended the wedding, staying long enough to "grab a bite", and then he took off to explore what would later become the place where he would pursue his Master of Divinity degree. John said he felt a "quake in his spirit" upon entering the sacred grounds of that hallowed institution and knew that was where he needed to be. He graduated Cum Laude from Colgate Rochester Crozer. While there, he served as the President of the Black Student Caucus. He also received the prestigious Jansje Dinkerloo Carey (Full) Scholarship for Pastoral Promise and Academic Excellence while still finding time to serve as a Chaplain at the University of Rochester Medical Center for one year. He later earned his Certificate of Advanced Studies in Theology, graduating Summa Cum Laude from St. Mary's Seminary and University Ecumenical Institute of Theology in Baltimore, Maryland.

Over the years Rev. McNeill received many awards and commendations, taught workshops, facilitated retreats, spoke at conferences and developed curricula. He is well-published and has traveled near and far in over 15 years in Youth Ministry. He is a proponent of the Social Gospel, believing that God is for everyone, especially the poor.

Rev. McNeill's greatest satisfaction is his current position as the Youth Minister here at FMZBC. His introduction to FMZBC was happenstance, or so it seemed, but a closer look suggests that it was a part of God's plan for his life. He initially heard about First Mount Zion through a Conference for Equipping Leaders, which he attended, and actually sat in a group with his predecessor at FMZ, but had no idea. Three weeks later, he saw an announcement for a Youth Ministry leader on a job site, recognized the name and applied for the position. The rest is history. Rev. John McNeill, Jr. is the Youth Minister here at FMZ and, as such, an extension of his responsibility is to oversee and support youth programs that introduce young people to Christ, disciple them in spiritual growth, and train them in service to Christ. Overall, these responsibilities make him feel vulnerable, yet valuable, as he recognizes that he is responsible for the spiritual growth of young people who one day will become leaders in various ministries, hopefully worldwide, and will draw upon some of the things they have learned under his direction and care. Rev. McNeill believes he is a resource to support and equip parents and youth on their spiritual journey to fulfill God's plans for their lives.



**We are so thankful for all  
our new members and we  
encourage you to find  
your place in the FMZ  
Family.**



This Man of God got his "title" from the "Children of God". The story is told that it started as a means of quietening the youth down while in Church or Youth Council, or wherever the gathering was taking place. Rather than say "be quiet" or "hush" to get their undivided attention and have some semblance of order, Rev. McNeill decided, in consultation with the youth, to ask what they would like to be called so he would use that term and it would be the indicator that silence was required. He suggested "Children of God" and they agreed. It worked; everyone responded when that term was used. Then one of the youth, a young lady named Aria, said to Rev. McNeill, "Well, if you are going to call us Children of God, then we will call you Man of God"; the kids all agreed, and the term "Man of God" was birthed. So, for all you inquiring minds who wanted to know how the term "Man of God" came about, there you have it!

Rev. McNeill's desire is that all Youth establish a sound relationship with Jesus Christ that will allow them to have wholesome discussions with their parents about any situation that may occur in their lives. However, he wants them to know that if they feel uncomfortable doing so they can always come to him at any time, for anything . . . he loves and cares about them, their well-being and their spiritual growth, and nothing can or will ever change that.



## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

‘He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.’ Psalm 146:7

multiple shifts, October 5-6, FMZ Servants, working together in teams — from unloading tons of materials, labeling hundreds of bags, carefully measuring and pouring meal components, sealing bags and boxes and the clean-up — the gymnasium was a continual flurry of activity. At the end of the last shift, Servants gathered around stacks of the completed boxes as Pastor Torian led



For the fifth year, FMZ has hosted a Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack community service day as a Church-wide outreach. FMSC donates packaged meals to partnering organizations and ministries around the world that are working to end hunger. Each MannaPack bag contains a nutritionally complete meal specifically formulated to feed six malnourished children. Over the course of two days and

them in prayer over the delivery of the meals with gratitude for our collective service to the needy.

Thanks to the 643 Servants who made this all possible. Because of your dedication and hard work, we were able to pack 931 boxes which accounts for a total of 201,096 meals that will feed 551 children for one year. TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY AND THE PRAISE!!!

### MINISTRIES' MEETING SCHEDULE

- 11/5: Journey to Joy/GriefShare (7-9 PM)
- 11/6: Deaf Ministry (7-8:40 PM)
- 11/7: Seniors' Ministry (12:30-2:30 PM)
- 11/8: The CORE Ministry Meeting (7-9 PM)  
Voices of Zion (7-9 PM)  
Men's Ministry Monthly Meeting (7:30-9 PM)
- 11/10: FMZ Men's Prayer Breakfast (9-11 AM)  
Singles' Ministry (10-Noon)
- 11/13: Deaf Ministry (7-9 PM)  
Mary Elizabeth Planning Mtg (7-8:30 PM)  
Money Smart Ministry (7-9 PM)
- 11/15: Motorcycle Ministry (7-8 PM)  
Trustee Ministry-Strategic Planning Committee (7-8:30 PM)
- 11/17: Volunteer Screening (8:30-Noon)  
Money Smart Ministry Workshop (9-11 AM)  
New Members Orientation (9-10 AM)  
SHARE Distribution (9-Noon)  
Mary Elizabeth Ministry (11-1 PM)  
Junior Ushers (11:30-12:30 PM)
- 11/19: Communications and Publicity Committee/Ministry (7-8:30 PM)  
Journey to Joy/GriefShare (7-9 PM)  
Deacon Ministry- Interview Training (7:30-9 PM)
- 11/20: Academic Education Ministry (7-8 PM)
- 11/26: Journey to Joy/GriefShare (7-9 PM)
- 11/27: Photography Ministry (7-9 PM)  
Singles' Ministry (7-9 PM)  
Small Groups Planning Committee (7-9 PM)
- 11/29: Flower Ministry (9-11 AM)  
Joint Leadership Meeting (7:30-9 PM)

For additional Activities and Events:  
[http://bit.ly/FMZ\\_Calendar](http://bit.ly/FMZ_Calendar)

*Blessed  
to Be a  
Blessing*



*The Staff at FMZBC would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all our devoted and dedicated Servants who give of their time, talents and gifts to help our Church and Ministries run smoothly.*

**WE THANK YOU!  
HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

## The Importance of Sunday School

*"I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting system, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in." ~ George Washington Carver*

How important is Sunday School? Sunday School is only as important as we make it! Here are some reasons Sunday School is important. Each lesson is an opportunity to discuss biblical principles as they are applied personally, socially or politically. We can receive prayer and support from our classmates. We develop relationships in Sunday School with our Church family. It is a safe place to voice concerns and opinions. Sometimes, there are disagreements. We are sure of one thing; our disagreements are faith-based contextual discussions in an interpretation of the Scriptures. It is nice to complete the Sunday School lesson. Sometimes, the lesson meant for us to learn may be in one Scripture. Sunday School is a place we can ask questions and we can take time to dig in on the text for clarity. The classes are rich with personal experiences we can share and give examples of God's goodness, grace and mercy. "Don't Be Afraid to Share." Sunday School is also important to the "new" Christian. Not all of us grew up in church and are able to recite the salvation message in our sleep. This applies equally to the young and old. Sunday School is a comfortable place to gain a better understanding of the Bible and God's plan for us. So, tune in each Sunday for our "Adult only" class at 7:00 a.m., or bring the whole family to our children, youth and adult classes held on the 1st through the 4th Sundays at 9:45 a.m., and on fifth Sunday at 8:30 a.m. We look forward to seeing you!

*Be Blessed,*

*Bro Gillis M. Taylor*  
*Sunday School Superintendent*



## Mary-Elizabeth Ministry (MEM)

This a God-centered, non-judgmental Ministry. We serve to provide pregnancy and parenting education to adolescents and their families.

### Our History:

Mary-Elizabeth started in Richmond, Va. approximately 25 years ago under the inspiration of the biblical story of Elizabeth mentoring her cousin Mary, mother of Christ (Luke 1:37-42). The story depicts the importance of supportive interactions and the celebration of human life. Adult female ("Elizabeth") and male ("Zacharias") servants are assigned to mentor the adolescent expecting mother ("Mary") and expecting father ("Joseph"), respectively. Additionally, servants provide personal testimonies, facilitate sessions and lead training workshops.



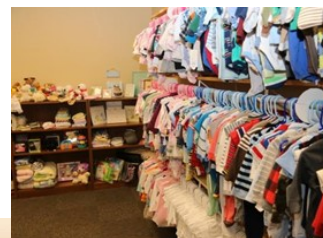
### Our Programs:

#### New Beginnings:

MEM hosts two 8-10 week programs annually for expecting teens and members of their support system.

#### Session topics include:

- Labor, Delivery, Pain Management
- Bottle & Breast Feeding
- Birth Control/Postpartum
- Hospital Tour / Baby Care 101
- Parental Rights & Virginia Laws
- Continuing Your Education



#### Peer-to-Peer:

One-day sessions are held during each New Beginnings program. The purpose of these sessions are to allow past participants to share their personal experiences and stories to help guide and encourage current participants.



#### Life Skills:

Two 1-day sessions are held bi-annually to allow past participants to reconnect and further enrich themselves through additional training and development workshops. Sample topics include "Self Esteem" and "Healthy Relationships."

**The MEM Donation Room** is stocked but always in need of:

- Disposable Wipes/Diapers (Sizes Newborn to 4)
- Boys & Girls Clothing including Coats, Socks and Shoes (Sizes Newborn to 2T)
- Bassinets/Strollers/Changing Tables/Miscellaneous Items (i.e., bottles, bibs, etc.)
- Toiletry Items for Expecting Parents

**NOTE: We cannot accept car seats or cribs due to safety regulations!**

#### Would you like to participate?

If you are a pregnant adolescent or know one, please join us for our New Beginnings Program. You do not have to be a member of First Mount Zion Baptist Church (FMZBC). You will be welcomed with loving, open arms and will have a wonderful experience!

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## Journey To Joy and GriefShare:

*"There is always an open chair for you!"*



*Journey To Joy is our grief support ministry and the host for the weekly GriefShare meeting currently held every Monday evening from 7- 9pm now through December 17, 2018*

*How GriefShare works: It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time, when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before.*

*"Going to GriefShare feels like having warm arms wrapped around you when you're shivering."*

GriefShare meets weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Each GriefShare session has three distinct elements:

- ◆ Video seminar with experts: Each week your GriefShare group will watch a video seminar featuring top experts on grief and recovery subjects. These videos are produced in an interesting television magazine format featuring expert interviews, real-life case studies, dramatic reenactments and on-location video.
- ◆ Support group discussion with focus: After viewing the video, you and other group members will spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in the video seminar and what is going on in your lives.
- ◆ Personal study and reflection: During the week, you will have the opportunity to use your workbook for further personal study of the grieving process and to help sort out your emotions through journaling. Your group will spend time

discussing questions and comments from the workbook study.

**When to join a GriefShare group:** You are welcome to begin attending the GriefShare group at any session. Each is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. You will find encouragement and help whenever you begin. You will be able to continue with GriefShare through the next 13-week cycle and view any of the videos you have not seen.

**Who should come, who should not:** GriefShare is for people grieving the death of a family member or friend. We understand that there are other losses in life that create feelings of grief. You might be experiencing a job loss, a divorce, estrangement from a child or the loss of friends because of a move. This grief is real, but it is not the kind of grief discussed in GriefShare sessions. We encourage you to ask a pastor, counselor or church leader for guidance in finding resources to help in your specific situation.

If you are going through separation or divorce, please consider participating in a DivorceCare program.

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## Mary-Elizabeth Ministry

### Would you like to serve?

You must be a Christian, a member of FMZBC, and clear the Volunteer Screening process. Additionally, we are currently in need of Spanish speaking servants.

### Ministry Beyond the Walls - StreetLight Ministries Community Outreach:

StreetLight serves approximately 200 homeless individuals quarterly. StreetLight Ministries is dedicated to promoting change and restoration in the lives of people who are experiencing overwhelming brokenness and poverty. They accomplish this through a variety of inter-related programs and services that assist some of the most vulnerable citizens, our homeless, in achieving individual success and physical and emotional well-being. MEM partners with the FMZBC Deacon Board and StreetLight Ministries to provide food and paper product donations and serve food to the homeless at StreetLight Ministries' nightly feeding.

## Norfolk State University Concert Choir Blesses FMZ



*For every season there is a song,  
for every day there is a melody,  
and for every moment there is harmony. Sing... Be... Live... See!*

With soul-stirring Negro spirituals and foot-stomping contemporary gospel hits, the Norfolk State University Concert Choir gave God the highest praise during both Worship services on Sunday, October 7. Glowing reviews have followed the lyrical beauty of this student ensemble as they traveled extensively across the country to perform at colleges, churches, including twice at the White House during the Obama Administration. Directors Dr. Harlan Zachery, Jr. and Mr. Terry Butler, along with student director Joseph Glover, led amazing renditions and



moving soloists, bringing the congregation to its feet after each song. We thank Almighty God for their visit to bless us with their gift of music.





## Duty and Grace --

*Deacon Emeritus John W. Jones, Jr. Reflects on His Service as a Marine*

Eighty-eight. That was the number of soldiers killed in action on the first day of John W. Jones, Jr.'s deployment to Vietnam — a figure that still looms at the forefront of his service in the U.S. Marine Corps. "That's a lot of young boys. This affects my mind. Every day I think about how good God has been to me to let me walk around after seeing all of that," he shares. That number also happens to be his age as we observe Veterans Day 2018.

This son of a Baptist minister grew up in Memphis, Tenn. and signed up to become a Marine in 1956 while living in St. Louis, Mo. From serving one-and-a-half tours in the Vietnam War and becoming a veteran of the 1958 Lebanon Crisis, he began serving in his twenties in the infantry, then moved to logistics, and eventually retired as a Master Gunnery Sergeant in 1987. He continues to be an active member of the National Montford Point Marine Association, Quantico Chapter.

Before his deployment to Vietnam, he often thought about his potential role in war. He was assigned to the First Battalion 9<sup>th</sup> Marines, a fleet of five ships, each fully dressed to handle everything needed for war, along with doctors and medical supplies to treat the wounded. However, he remembers the continuous whirring of the copter blades as the helicopter landed to drop off the wounded, and the long wait they endured to see the

surgical team who worked 24 hours around the clock; so many soldiers did not survive their injuries. He also remembers the bodies stacked in the fantail refrigerator, which often fell out when you opened the door.

"My real mission was supporting the fighting units by making sure they had everything they needed, like water, rations and ammunition. They needed me to support them and that was a blessing. But, eventually, they sent us all out in the field," he recounts. "When your body was needed, you went where the action was. I didn't get the comfort of lying around on the ship. They always needed me."

Despite seeing combat every week in Vietnam, he was never wounded while most of his friends were killed. Combat came with the territory for battalion landing teams, yet he still faced surprise from enemy attacks and shock whenever mortar exploded or tanks ran near him. He was equipped with an M14 rifle and .45 pistol.

Initially, his battalion was issued M16 rifles—a superior weapon to the M14. But they kept blowing up with sand, so troops lost confidence in them and would lay them down, and either fight without it or pick up AK-47s from the enemy.

"On the ground, you make the best out of wherever you are. Whether living in the mud or sand, we did the best we could. All we could do was try to keep ourselves alive and support the ones upfront," he reveals. "The only thing I could think about then was praying."

### Returning Home

*"Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength." Isaiah 40:31*

Two days before his bunkmate was scheduled to head home for Christmas, he was killed in action. This was just one of the memories Deacon Jones has tried to bury from his mind, but

it just never goes away, much like the unnerving sound of dripping water or gunshots. "You never come back the same after a tour, whether it's six months, one year or two years," he admits.

Eventually, these memories balanced out with those of preparing food for hungry children, sending love letters back to the U.S. and spending his one-week of downtime in Okinawa, Japan. Coming home also allowed him to settle into joyful service at First Mount Zion Baptist Church, which he had made his Home Church during the sixties. He sang in various choirs and served as an Usher and Sunday School teacher. But his longest service has been in the Deacon Ministry, where he served for more than 30 years.

"It is a wonderful commitment to be a deacon. You are a partner with Pastor to take care of the members," he firmly declares, as he reflects on his life of service. "And my partner is Jeannette," he adds, referring to his wife. "She is my partner in everything. She takes care of me like no other. My life would not work without her love," he proudly proclaims. "I am able to do the things I am able to do and be the man I am today because of her."

Looking back on the young man who joined the Marines, he credits his time of service with shaping him to become the best, despite the war protests he witnessed, the horrors of war he experienced and the chilling Asian monsoon season he endured. "It was my duty to serve. The Marine Corps did a lot for me. I always desired to improve myself and it taught me how to make good judgments in my life."

Ultimately, it is his relationship with God that is the foundation of his life. "I try to move closer to God every day of my life," he concludes with gratitude. "All that I have and all that I am, I owe it to Him."





## Welcome to the Trustees' Corner. . .

### A Tutorial on Completing Your FMZBC Stewardship Envelopes

Ever need help with completing your stewardship envelopes? Below is a brief tutorial for accurately completing your envelopes. Writing clearly and following these simple steps help the Trustees to help you with accuracy of your stewardship records.

-Non-Member: Check this box if you are not a member of FMZBC (i.e., you do not have a member number assigned).

-Membership Number: Insert your assigned member number. If you have forgotten this number, please contact the Church office for assistance.

-Name and Address: Insert your personal data in this section. If your name or address has changed, please contact the Church office with your updated information. Keeping this data current helps to ensure receipt of your annual contribution summary via the U.S. Postal Service.

-Date: Insert the date on which you complete the envelope.

-Document the amount of your enclosed funds to be allocated within each category of Offering, Tithes, Benevolence, Sunday School, Building Fund and Scholarship. Write your entry clearly on the line corresponding to the desired category.

☐ Non-Member

**FIRST MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH  
STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPE**

16622 Dumfries Road  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Offering	.....	\$
Tithes	.....	\$
Benevolence	.....	\$
Sunday School	.....	\$
Building Fund	.....	\$
Scholarship	.....	\$

*Every man according as his purpoeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Cor 9:7*

This ministry reserves the right to allocate the funds as deemed necessary.

There are separate envelopes for your stewardship associated with the "Mortgage Elimination Campaign." For this envelope:

-Date: Insert the date on which you complete the envelope.

-Name and Address: Insert your personal data in this section. Again, if your name or address has changed, please contact the Church office with your updated information.

-Membership Number: Insert your assigned member number. If you have forgotten this number, please contact the Church office for assistance. If you are not a member write "Non-Member."

-Amount Enclosed: Document the amount of your enclosed funds. All of these funds are credited toward your Mortgage Elimination Pledge(s).

Please do not hesitate to contact the Church Office or Trustee Ministry for help as needed. We are here to serve you!

**REMINDER: Please remember to check your health coverage or have a family member or trusted friend check it for you to be sure it is still in effect!!**

**Enrollment begins in November. For more information, visit [coverva.org/expansion](http://coverva.org/expansion).**

The faith community is called to care for the poor and offer hope in the darkness of despair.

Now is the time to reach the nearly 400,000 uninsured and underinsured adults who stand to benefit in 2019

from Medicaid Expansion in Virginia to give them

## HEALTH CARE HOPE

People can apply beginning in **November** for Medicaid coverage starting on **January 1, 2019**. To be eligible, recipients must:

- Be Virginia residents, aged 19-64
- Not be currently enrolled in or eligible for Medicare
- Meet income requirements, which vary by household (single adult making up to \$16,754 or a family of three making up to \$28,677)

In Virginia, low-income workers in retail, construction, childcare, landscaping and food service are often not provided health insurance. More than **40 percent** of adults eligible for coverage under Medicaid expansion are people of color. Many who may have been denied coverage in the past may become eligible under

**Medicaid Expansion**, but may not know that the rules have changed. Their lives can change with **Health Care Hope**.



DEUTERONOMY 15:11

**FIRST MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH  
MORTGAGE ELIMINATION CAMPAIGN  
PLEDGED PAYMENT ENVELOPE**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$: \_\_\_\_\_

*Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Mark 9:23*

## FMZBC NOVEMBER 2018



### "A \$41.00 donation will purchase:"

#### A VALUE PACKAGE

(which includes)  
Whole Roasting Chicken  
Ground Pork Sausage  
Fish Fillets  
Plus Fresh Seasonal Produce such as  
Potatoes  
Onions  
Celery  
Apples  
Oranges  
+

#### A HONEYSUCKLE TURKEY

Order due - November 5, 2018  
Delivery - November 17, 2018



All members are encouraged to engage the CPM and submit articles, photos, and events to:

[cpm@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:cpm@firstmountzionbc.org)

or through our web form at

[www.bit.ly/FMZBC\\_Articles](http://www.bit.ly/FMZBC_Articles)

**Reminder: Article submissions must be received no later than 12 noon on the 15th of each month to be considered for the upcoming Newsletter. FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED!! We reserve the right to edit articles as necessary.**

## INSPIRATION

"Yes, I have loved you  
with an everlasting love;  
Therefore with lovingkind-  
ness I have drawn you."

Jeremiah 31:3, b clause - NKJV



### Mortgage Elimination Campaign

Please complete your pledge using the envelopes in the pews.

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MORTGAGE ELIMINATION CAMPAIGN  
PLEDGED PAYMENT ENVELOPE

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERSHIP NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

**Gentle Reminder**

Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Mark 9:23

Dr. Luke E. Torian, Pastor  
Rev. Sandra K. James, Assistant Pastor  
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### Sunday Worship Service Schedule

Sunday School – 7:00 AM (Adults Only)  
First Service – 8:00 AM  
Sunday School – 9:45 AM (All Ages)  
Second Service – 11:00 AM  
Children's Church – 11:00 AM

### Wednesday Night Bible Study Schedule

Praise and Worship – 7:30 PM  
Bible Study – 8:00 PM

### Monthly Wednesday Worship Service Schedule (last Wednesday of each month)

Praise and Worship – 7:30 PM  
Worship Service with Associate Ministers – 8:00 PM

### Fifth Sunday Unity Worship Service Schedule

Sunday School – 8:30 AM  
Worship Service – 10:00 AM

### Connect with us on Social Media

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/fmzbcumfries](https://www.facebook.com/fmzbcumfries)  
Twitter: [@fmzbc1](https://twitter.com/fmzbc1)  
Instagram: [@thecore\\_fmzbc](https://www.instagram.com/thecore_fmzbc)  
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SCHEDULE A RIDE!!