FMZBC Connection Points

First Mount Zion Baptist Church

we are STRONGER Together 2021

Ecclesiastes 4:9

Let us stay connected

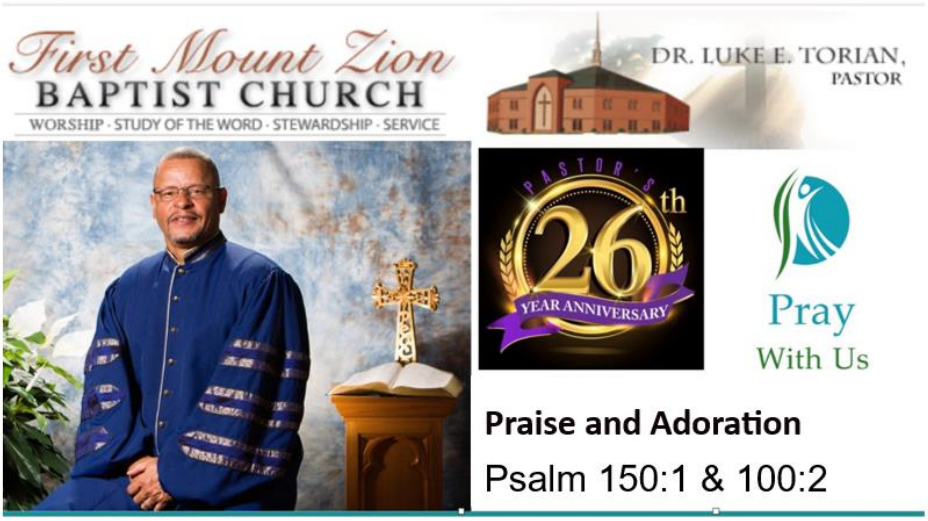
May 11, 2021!

Scroll to the green text for the latest information!

Pray with Us! March 7 -May 23, 2021

The Pastor's 26th Anniversary Committee invites you to join us in interceding prayers for our Pastor and the Church. This Prayer Guide provides weekly focus areas that allow us to intercede in unity. Beginning the week of our Pastor's 26th Anniversary, we will pray daily for him and his family. Thank you for preparing your hearts to honor God, our Pastor, and the Church.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS



May 9-15, 2021

Mark your calendar for an appointment with the Lord and keep it because great things happen through bended knees.
Contact the Church for a copy of the Prayer Guide. Our prayer focus will be posted on our social media and the church website

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!

This anointed Woman of God has an incredible stage presence and adds a great style wherever she is performing!

Join us for
Family & Friends Night
May 21, 2021
7:00 p.m.
IN THE SANCTUARY
AND LIVE STREAMING
For a night of laughter as we celebrate our
Pastor's 26th Anniversary!

Comedienne
Tanya Lewis

We are Celebrating our
Pastor's 26th Anniversary and Birthday
Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 3 p.m.
Be in the Number!!!

HONK YOUR HORNS!!!

BLOW YOUR WHISTLES!!!

Attending Sunday Worship Service

Please complete both the Pre-Arrival COVID Screening Form and the EVENTBRITE Registration Form to attend each Sunday Service. FMZBC remains closed however, the ministry continues. As announced on Sunday, May 2, 2021 we are looking forward to officially returning to worship in person on, Sunday, July 4, 2021. Check the FMZBC website frequently for COVID-19 updates, FAQs, and important information to know before your arrival. Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions there are limits to seating capacity within the sanctuary. It is therefore necessary to the **complete both the Pre-Arrival COVID Screening Form and the Eventbrite Registration Form. Registration for Sunday Service will close at noon each Thursday.**

PRE-ARRIVAL COVID-19 SCREENING:
https://forms.gle/tjJpzJK7Vzj5Tj2Q9

EVENTBRITE REGISTRATION FORM:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/116151970671

Join us every Sunday for **Worship at 11:00 am**. You may live stream by going to our website, https://www.fmzbc.com. Or subscribe to, First Mount Zion Baptist Church at any of the following social media platforms.

FMZ Life Stream: https://www.lifestream.tv/fmz-live/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/fmzbcdumfries

YouTube: **https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzFC03nn-QRn0bzNDEefeGQ**

FMZBC Leadership Nominations:

Members who desire to nominate a member of FMZBC for consideration for Deacon, Deaconess or Trustee, must complete a nomination packet.

The Nomination Packet Contains:

1. Evaluation criteria
2. Nomination procedures
3. Nomination form

Packets may be obtained:

1. From the front office at FMZBC or

2. By downloading from the FMZBC website, www.fmzbc.com
   On the home page navigation bar select the *Nominations* tab in blue (Direct Link: https://firstmountzionbc.org/nominations/)

Nomination packages must be completed and returned to FMZBC front office no later than June 7, 2021 in order to be processed and considered.

Holy Communion Drive-Thru The next distribution of communion elements is scheduled for **Saturday, June 26th, 10am-12:00pm** pick up locations include, FMZBC, Stafford and Springfield.

Bible Study Join us for Bible Study this week on Wednesday at 7:30pm.

FMZ/Life Stream: https://www.lifestream.tv/fmz-live/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/fmzbcdumfries

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzFC03nn-QRn0bzNDEefeGQ

Study handouts are available online. https://firstmountzionbc.org/bible-study-handouts/

SHARE The SHARE Ministry will conduct a Summer Holiday distribution on **May 22nd from 9:30 am - 1200 noon**. The goal is to support 500 families. Please contact your Zone Leaders to request a package for this special distribution. POC for SHARE is Thomas Bates @ 703-330-6371.

Future dates: Jun. 26; Jul. 24; Aug. 28; Sep. 25; Oct. 23; Nov. 20; and Dec. 18.

2021 Virtual Volunteer Screening
The, Volunteer Screening Committee will conduct virtual training and screening sessions on **June 19 beginning promptly at 9 AM.** Please visit the FMZBC website to obtain more information. Go to the Forms tab and download the Application and Background Check Authorization Form. Your completed Application and Background Check Authorization forms MUST be mailed to the FMZBC c/o Volunteer Screening ONE WEEK prior to the screening date. Volunteers must be FMZBC members for a minimum of 6 months.
TO SIGN UP, please contact Cynthia Zorn Pettigrew at 703 -730-5227, zornpettigrewcl@comcast.net, or Clarice Torian at 703-730-6353, toriancj@gmail.com.

Music and Arts Ministry
POC: Minister Sylstea Sledge, ssledge@firstmountzionbc.org

Sunday School (CED): Sunday School Extended, **every Sunday at 9:45 am on ZOOM**

Register in advance for Sunday School Extended:
https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwrfu-upjIsH9VMx4eBFk3D3slWl9YJZAF4

Join us throughout the week on Facebook Sunday School Extended Group:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/226891871828190

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining Sunday School Extended. **This information includes the meeting link and dial-in phone number.**

The weekly Sunday School lesson is available online at FMZBC.COM, by clicking on the Sunday School Extended slider. **https://firstmountzionbc.org/weekly-sunday-school-lessons/**

Kids' Kingdom (CED): Kids Kingdom Worship, **every third Sunday at 11 am** on **YouTube.**

Subscribe to FMZBC *Kids' Kingdom Worship*, YouTube Channel or click on the Kid's Kingdom slider on the FMZ website to watch the latest Kids' Kingdom Worship Service.

POC: Dr. Tracey D. Holley, tholley@firstmountzionbc.org

Women's Ministry (CED): WOMEN'S MINISTRY PRAYER EMAIL-Women Uniting in Fellowship with Love, Praise, and Worship

Greetings to all our sisters in Christ. God is so awesome! He has answered our prayers and He wants to answer yours too! The WM has established a dedicated email for the women of FMZBC to submit your prayer request. Our desire is to continually lift up your prayer needs as they arise, so please use this email to submit your prayer request. Let the saints pray for you. Prayers of the righteous availeth much! Our Intercessory Prayer Team (IPT) will intercede and faithfully pray over your prayer request as you send them in. WomensMinistryPrayers@firstmountzionbc.org

For questions, please contact us via the WM email POC: WM Director, Veronica D. Hackett and WM Co-Director, Gwen L. Holland womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org

Men's Ministry (CED): POC: Brother Edward Jones; MensMinistry@firstmountzionbc.org

Youth Ministry (CED): POC: Rev. John C. McNeill, FMZ Youth Minister; jmcneill@firstmountzionbc.org

Small Groups Ministry

Spring Semester Interest Based Small Groups

We welcome you to join a Small Group! We have a variety of groups from discipleship groups, sports, health and wellness, service, shared interest, support and book groups for all ages. Regardless of the type of group, the main purpose of each group is to create a place where you can develop and cultivate friendships, receive encouragement and support while lives are being transformed into the image of Christ. There is a group for everyone, including YOU!!

Review our directory of groups and connect with a small group today.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!

- **Register at – https://firstmountzionbc.org/small-group/**
- **You do not have to be a FMZ member to join a small group.**
- **Spring Small Groups Semester is through June 30th.**

Leading a Small Group

Consider leading a small group while utilizing your gifts, passions and talents. We'd love to hear from you. Please contact the Small Group Director, share the topic of interest and name of your prospective group, along with the date and time of your online meetings. You will receive essential tools, an initial small group leader training as well as training throughout the year with fellow group leaders. Your group will be placed in the FMZ online small groups directory where others can locate your group and register throughout the Fall and Spring semesters. We believe God uses Small Groups in a creative way while implementing our mission to Make the Connection – Make Disciples – Make a Difference. As a Small group leader, you are an essential part of that transformation.

Point of Contact: Sister Stephanie M. Craddock, Small Groups Director @ Scraddock@firstmountzionbc.org or 703-670-0184

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Office Hours are **Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 am-2:00 pm**. Before your arrival, please complete the COVID Pre-Screening Form using the following link:

https://forms.gle/hv7sHNHFJGizTS6g9

Remain Connected with us by keeping your contact information current. Please submit change of contact information online using the following link: https://form.jotform.com/12155242234

IT Help Desk. Have questions about ZOOM or OFFICE365? Email or password resets? Please email us for assistance at, **IT4U@FirstMountZionBC.Org**

Giving Tithes and Offerings (Point of Contact: Ms. Sherry Hilliard, financial secretary, shilliard@firstmountzionbc.org)

- Online. WWW.FMZBC.COM and click on ONLINE GIVING(VANCO), at any time. Please regularly review your account to ensure contact and payment sources are up to date. If you are interested in learning more about

VANCO or have any questions as a VANCO online giver, please contact, Ms. Sherry Hilliard by email, shilliard@firstmountzionbc.org, or by phone, (703) 670-0184.

- Mail. First Mount Zion Baptist Church, 16622 Dumfries Road, Dumfries, Va. 22025.
- Schedule a time for pick up, from your home withyour Zone Leader.

ATTENTION ALL ZOOM MEETING HOSTS In order to protect our ministries from potential "Zoom bombing" by miscreants and hackers, it is no longer recommended to post meeting I.D.'s and pass codes to the website or social media. As an alternative, Zoom offers a registration feature for meeting participants to register for a meeting using a registration link. Once the registration link is established by the host, the link can be shared as usual via Connection Points, email, text etc. The organizer/host will receive a roster of registrants and if necessary, can use the list to verify people before they are allowed in the meeting.

· For those who schedule ZOOM meetings, to follow is a short video on how to enable the registration feature to Zoom meetings.

· How to set up Zoom registration link for better security: https://youtu.be/VqomCzNnii4

Please check the FMZ website regularly for a complete listing of ministry activity and updates regarding weather closings during office hours. As always, during these times of uncertainty safety is of the utmost importance as we do our best to keep the congregation connected and informed while maintaining the health and welfare of all. Please check your email and the Church website for regular updates. Looking forward to our return in the future!

FEMA provides funeral assistance for COVID-19 related deaths. FRAUD ALERT: Note, FEMA will only contact those who have applied for benefits.

Criteria to apply for benefits:

- An applicant may apply for multiple deceased individuals.
- The COVID-19-related death occurred in the United States, U.S. Territories, or District of Columbia.
- This assistance cannot exceed a maximum financial amount of $9,000 per funeral and a maximum of $35,500 per application.
- Funeral assistance will assist with expenses incurred for funeral services, interment, or cremation.

  In the coming weeks, FEMA will provide a dedicated 800 toll-free telephone number to help individuals with their applications. In the meantime, we encourage potential applicants to begin gathering the following documentation:

- An official death certificate that attributes the death to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States. The death certificate must indicate the death "may have been caused by" or "was likely the result of" COVID-19 or COVID-19 like symptoms. FEMA considers similar phrases that indicate a high likelihood of COVID-19 as a sufficient attribution.
- Funeral expense documents (receipts, funeral home contract, and so on) that include the applicant's name, deceased individual's name, amount of funeral expenses, and the date you incurred the funeral expenses.
- Proof of funds received from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs. Funeral assistance may not duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, federal/state/local/tribal/territorial government or agency programs, or other sources.

  You will find more information regarding this assistance at COVID-19 Funeral Assistance | FEMA.gov