

FMZBC 2023 Church Theme
From Generation to Generation:
Growing Deeper, Growing Stronger, Reaching Higher
Deuteronomy 32:7



Let us stay connected!

January 11, 2023

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Join us **every Sunday for in-person Worship at 11:00am**. If you are fully vaccinated, please join us in person. If you are unable to attend in person, please join us via live stream by going to the website, <https://www.fmzbc.com>. You may also join us using any of the following social media platforms.

FMZ/LifeStream: <https://live.lifestream.tv/first-mount-zion-baptist-church>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fmzbcumfries>

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

*******If you require speech to text, Facebook is recommended*******

Save the Date!

Wednesday Night Bible Study: For adults and youth each **Wednesday at 7:30pm.**

First Fridays: February 3, 2023, 7pm. Please check back for details on upcoming youth ministry activities.

Officers' Orientation: **Saturday, January 7, 2023**

Officers' Installation Service: Please email Donna Scruggs for an emailed copy.
Dscruggs@firstmountzionbc.org.

Sunday School Extended Hybrid: **Sunday, January 8th at 9:45am, FMZBC Chapel, www.fmzbc.com and ZOOM (NEW registration required)**

Seniors Ministry Introduction to ZOOM: **January 18th at 1pm via ZOOM**

Men's and Women's Prayer Breakfast: **January 29th 8am-10:30am. Registration Deadline is January 15th.**

Church Meeting: **February 4th at 10am**

Weekly Bible Study:

Both youth and adults are welcome to attend in person. The adult Bible study is available via www.fmzbc.com; Facebook Live and ZOOM. The opening will begin for adults and youth in the Chapel at 7:30pm. For those attending via ZOOM you must register in advance to receive the ZOOM link for Bible Study.

Adults, please register using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZllcuCqqj8rGNZjitKHaMxsgoDQBjNVnCZK>

Youth, please register using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsceurrjkuH9Rm8sk243fTqpJjWk-btSxl>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

NEW YEAR, WE NEED TO KNOW your member number and full name associated with your member number, current mailing address and phone number. Before the end of the year use the following link to update your contact information. Please remember to also update your information in VANCO. As a registered user you can make changes to your VANCO profile, giving schedule and password reset. In

the event you are locked out the system it will refresh within 2-4 hours, and you will be able to reset your password. Final reminder, include your member number on your tithing envelope. Please feel free to contact the office to confirm your member number.

Member Name and Number. It is important to confirm that you are using the correct member number and the correct corresponding name. One way to verify is to review your online giving account. You may also confirm your member number by calling the office, 703-670-0184.

Maintain the Connection. Change of address or phone number? Updates may be made through the FMZ website using the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/12155242234>

Sunday School Extended (CED):

SS-Hybrid Is Here!!

Back Together Again!

(Ecclesiastes 4:9, GMT version)

“Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.” (Isaiah 42:9)

Join Sunday School Hybrid each Sunday in the Chapel. For those attending the class via ZOOM Please use the following link to register for SSE-Hybrid:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89762921587?pwd=UHd2RWVuWjJrbmhNMnpPYUJkZjE4Zz09>

We look forward to seeing you there!!

Sunday School Extended Lesson Guides

Handouts are available for download from the FMZ (First Mount Zion) website using the following link:

<https://firstmountzionbc.org/weekly-sunday-school-lessons/>

POC: Rev. Gillis Taylor, Sunday School Superintendent, SundaySchool@FirstMountZionBC.org



ACADEMIC EDUCATION MINISTRY (AEM)

Academic Education Ministry: Parents/Guardians and High School Seniors of FMZ. We'd like to forward to you information about other scholarship opportunities! Interested? Forward your email address to aem@firstmountzionbc.org and we will add you to the distribution list. POC: Bro. Gerry Griffin, AEM Chair.

Attention all high school seniors. The FMZBC (First Mount Zion Baptist Church) Scholarship and the Scholarship applications are now available online. <https://firstmountzionbc.org/scholarships-2/>

Please be sure to review the requirements and deadline submissions. DONT MISS OUT!!!

POC: Brother Gerry Griffin, Chair, AEM at AEM@FirstMountZionBC.org.

Volunteer Screening: 2023 Session dates: Jan. 21, March 18, May 20, Sept. 16 and Nov. 18

POC: Cynthia Zorn Pettigrew at 703 -730-5227, zornpettigrewcl@comcast.net or

Clarice Torian at 703-730-6353, toriancj@gmail.com.

Mens' Ministry (CED): ATTENTION ALL MEN!!!...Join our Fellowship on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at 9:00 AM, as we fellowship with "From Generation to Generation, Growing Deeper, Growing Stronger, Reaching Higher". This is based on the Book of Deuteronomy 32:7. Our speaker of the day will be our very own Pastor, Dr. Luke E. Torian, who will bring a DYNAMIC charge and message that will fill our spirits and minds! We pray you seize this opportunity to Glorify GOD thru this fellowship with your time & service. We look forward to seeing you Mighty Men of GOD.

Music and Arts Ministry: Please check the church calendar for rehearsal dates and times. Interested in joining the Music and Arts Ministry? Contact the POC Minister Sylstea Sledge, ssledge@firstmountzionbc.org.

Zone Ministry: As a member you are assigned to a ZONE based on geographical location. Each Zone has a team of zone leaders consisting of at least a Deacon, Deaconess and Associate Minister. If you do not know how to contact your Zone Leader, please contact the Church and someone will provide you with their contact information. If you have not been in touch because you need to update your contact information, please use the following link <https://form.jotform.com/12155242234>.

Deaf Ministry: Monthly Deaf Ministry Meetings are held via ZOOM.

Topic: Deaf ministry meeting

Time: Jan 16, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82749670145?pwd=Z2VwVFJxRXJhbG5lSIZOVi8vaitBdz09>

Meeting ID: 827 4967 0145

Passcode: 890021

Dial by your location

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Meeting ID: 827 4967 0145

Passcode: 890021

POC for the ZOOM link is Deaconess Pamela Ford, pdford61@verizon.net.

Kids' Kingdom (CED): Join us each **3rd Sunday at 11 am on YouTube**. Subscribe to FMZBC *Kids' Kingdom Worship*, YouTube Channel, or click on the Kids' Kingdom slide on the FMZ website, WWW.FMZBC.COM to watch the latest Kids' Kingdom Worship Service.

Kids' Kingdom, <https://youtu.be/HquJa1e1CZ8>

POC: Dr. Tracey D. Holley, Director of Christian Education

New Members Orientation Class (CED)

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fmzbc.nmoc@gmail.com

[757-377-5679](tel:757-377-5679)

Seniors' Ministry (CED): ZOOM Training class

Topic: Seniors Ministry Computer Class on Introduction to Zoom

Time: **Jan 18, 2023 01:00 PM Eastern Time** (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81059763328>

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+1 669 444 9171 US

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

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+1 253 205 0468 US
+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
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Meeting ID: 810 5976 3328

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81059763328>

POC: Ms. Shirley Hardy at shirleybhardy@gmail.com.

Singles' Ministry (CED):

Please join us! POC: Pamela Knight at nohim2@yahoo.com

MEN'S & WOMEN'S MINISTRY (CED): JOINT PRAYER BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

Attn: WOMEN & MEN

The Men's & Women's Ministries will be hosting a Joint Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on Saturday, January 28, 2023, from 8:00am-10:30am at FMZ (Breakfast 8:00 am – 9:00 am @ \$5.00 minimal cost and sign up is **required** through Eventbrite at FMZ Website for those who wish to attend the breakfast). Registration starts Sunday 1.1.23 – Wednesday 1.18.23

Prayer Fellowship Program from 9:15 am – 10:30 am at FMZ, via zoom & FMZ Platforms (Everyone is welcome)

The purpose of the Prayer Fellowship is to start off the year "2023" covering FMZ, the community, and our world in prayer. We will be reminded to "Rise Up & Pray Breaking Through to Victory". Our Guest Speakers will be announced soon.

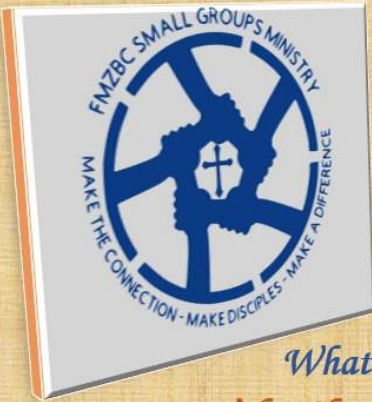
All Women and Men (18 and older) are invited to participate in this Ministry Blessing. For questions, please contact Women's Ministry Director, Gwen L Holland, Men's Ministry Director, Edward Jones or Women's Ministry Co-Director Lisa Johnson at Womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org or MensMinistry@FirstMountZionBC.org

PRAYER REQUESTS, 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 want to answer yours too! The WM has established a dedicated email for the women of FMZBC to submit your prayer request. We desire to continually lift 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 requests as you send them in. WomensMinistryPrayers@firstmountzionbc.org.

Youth Ministry (CED): We have a new feature in the Church Newsletter called **YOUTH ON BLAST!** This is an opportunity to highlight the amazing youth at First Mount Zion and their notable accomplishments. If you know of a youth that you would like to have profiled in these sections, please send their name, contact information, and accomplishments to youthministry@firstmountzionbc.org. Accomplishments can be in the areas of athletic, community, scholastic, overcoming personal challenges, or simply a youth who is in need of encouragement. For additional information or questions, contact Dr. Holley on 703-670-0184.

SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY: Point of Contact: Sister Stephanie M. Craddock, Small Groups Director; scraddock@firstmountzionbc.org or 703-670-0184.



*Have You Considered
Leading A Small
Group This Fall?*

*What are Your Interest, Gifts and Talents?
I'd Like to Hear From You ~ Learn More!*

POC: Stephanie M. Craddock, Small Groups Director – Scraddock@firstmountzionbc.org Or 703-670-0184

Volunteers Needed for Check-In

FMZBC requires anyone who enters the Church to go through Check-In to ensure; proof of vaccination is provided; temperatures are taken, and that masks are worn. **As ministry activity increases so does the need for volunteers.** If you would like to volunteer for Check-In, please use the following Sign-Up Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CADAB2E5-check>

If you have any questions, please contact, Renee Woolfolk, Church Business Administrator, at rwoolfolk@firstmountzionbc.org, or call (703) 670-0184.

Thank you to those that have served and continue to serve at Check-In!!

Be In the Know!

1. Check In at door A or B for 11am Sunday worship service.

2. The parking lot is fully open
3. Door Q Check-In Station when back parking lot is in use.
4. Two temperature stations at Doors A and B on Sunday
5. Check-In sign-in sheets for contact tracing are no longer in use.
6. The Fitness Center Locker Rooms are now open.

Closings and Cancellations Due to Inclement Weather

During times of inclement weather please check the Church website and voicemail for closings and cancellations. Notices are also posted to WTOP and WJLA. You may also register to receive notifications from, www.cancellations.com

FMZBC welcomes Ms. Tameca Miles, Financial Secretary. You may reach Tameca through the front office at extension 1106. You may also reach her by email, tmiles@firstmountzionbc.org.

FMZBC Job Vacancies

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Be on the lookout for vacancy announcements for the following positions.

IT Manager

Financial Secretary Assistant

AV Director

Youth Minister

Please see a detailed announcement and employment application

<https://firstmountzionbc.org/job-vacancy-announcement/>

You may return the completed application and resume by email, employment@firstmountzionbc.org or in person during office hours, Monday through Thursday 9am-4 pm and Fridays 9am-1pm. Applications will also be accepted by mail. Positions will remain open until filled. First Mount Zion Baptist Church, 16622 Dumfries Road, Dumfries, Virginia 22025. Attention: Hiring Manager

Volunteers Needed!

The Audio Visual Ministry is a dynamic area to serve. Share your expertise in the area of

Good to KNOW

KNOW your member number and name associated with your member number.

Member Name and Number. It is important to confirm that you are using the correct member number and the correct corresponding name. One way to verify is to review your online giving account. You may also

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IT (Information Technology) Help Desk. Have questions about ZOOM or OFFICE365? Need an Email or password reset? Please email us for assistance at, IT4U@FirstMountZionBC.Org or rwoolfolk@firstmountzionbc.org.

Vanco On-line Giving

VANCO, FMZBC's on-line giving platform, operates with an elevated level of security. As a result, users' access will be temporarily denied when using a VPN, virtual personal network, and because of too many failed login attempts. If you have forgotten your password, after some time (up to 4 hours) the account will automatically reset to allow users to select the forgotten password option.

You may give online using the following online giving link:

https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JlDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbcjOdOpuGh5p9VUzbG-MUX6XHubq5Z7ap5JVmPErc4ZeYHCKCZhESjGNQmZ5B-6dxxaHhzX- YjOncGsSrUtYU7E=&ver=3

Or access the link through the FMZBC website: WWW.FMZBC.COM and click on ONLINE GIVING (VANCO) at any time. To avoid failed transaction fees, please regularly review your online giving account to ensure contact and payment sources are up to date. **When submitting a change of address to the Church, please also log on to VANCO to update your address.** If you are interested in learning more about VANCO or have any questions as a VANCO online giver, please contact, Ms. Tameca Miles, Financial Secretary by email, tmiles@firstmountzionbc.org , or by phone, (703) 670-0184.

You may give by Mail: First Mount Zion Baptist Church, 16622 Dumfries Road, Dumfries, Va. 22025. You may also schedule a time for pick up, from your home, with your Zone Leader.

Please check the FMZ website regularly for a complete listing of ministry activities 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.

FMZ COVID GUIDELINES-WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Check the FMZ website for recent updates (December 2022)

Am I required to show proof of vaccination? For anyone 12 years and older proof of being fully vaccinated is required. Proof of vaccination is only required once. Once proof is shown your name will be entered into a database. At subsequent check-ins you need only to provide your name. Wearing a mask,

having temperature taken, and social distancing are required.

Am I required to wear a mask? Effective, Sunday, December 18, 2022, wearing of masks is optional.

What forms of proof of vaccination are accepted? A legible vaccination card showing your name and date(s) of vaccination; a copy of your card; or a picture on your electronic device are acceptable forms of proof.

Are children required to show proof of vaccination? Children 12 years and older are required to show proof of vaccination. Children under the age of twelve are not.

What if I have a medical condition that prevents me from being vaccinated? In lieu of a vaccination card, provide medical documentation from a physician medical exemption.

How do I get my name into the database? Upon arrival show proof of vaccination and your name will be added to the database.

Obtaining a copy of your COVID-19 VACCINATION CARD

The Virginia Department of Health now provides copies of vaccination cards. To obtain a copy, go to their Virginia Immunization Information System, <https://vase.vdh.virginia.gov/vacapps/f?p=545:1>

ATTENTION ALL ZOOM MEETING HOSTS: To protect our ministries from potential “Zoom bombing” by miscreants and hackers, it is no longer recommended to post- meeting ID and passcodes 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 a Zoom registration link for better security: <https://youtu.be/VqomCzNnii4>