

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



Let us stay connected both in person and online!
September 12, 2023
Scroll to the green text for the latest information.

IN PERSON WORSHIP each Sunday at 11:00am.

Service is also live streamed. [Welcome to First Mount Zion Baptist Church \(lifestream.tv\)](https://www.lifestream.tv)

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

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

******ASL interpreter onsite and viewable online.**
If you require speech to text, Facebook is recommended****

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:

Bible Study this week! In person Bible Study for Adults and Youth on September 13, 2023, at 7:30pm.

GYM AND FITNESS HOURS Monday-Saturday. M-Thurs 9am-4:30pm; Friday 9am-1:30pm; Saturday 9am-1pm.



September Messenger

FIRST MOUNT ZION'S
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER IS
AVAILABLE IN PDF FORMAT
ONLY AT

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/SEPT2023_FMZ_MESSENGER](https://bit.ly/sept2023_fmz_messenger)



DEAF MIISTRY: ASL Interpreter onsite each Sunday during the 11am in person worship service and at the monthly Deaf Ministry ZOOM meetings.

Topic: Deaf Ministry Meeting. Date/Time: Second Tuesday of each month. Please check back for the ZOOM link. POC for the ZOOM link is Deaconess Pamela Ford, pdford61@verizon.net.

VOLUNTEER SCREENING: Saturday, September 16th, 9am. The Volunteer Screening Committee will conduct **in person** training and screening sessions on September 16, beginning promptly at 9:00am. Volunteers must be FMZBC members for a minimum of 6 months. Sign up for the September session is closed. Please visit the FMZBC website to obtain the required documents. Click on the Resources tab, scroll down to Volunteer Screening Documents, then download and complete the Volunteer Screening Application and Notice of Background Investigation Form. **These completed forms MUST be brought to the session.**

HYBRID SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays at 9:45am room 229/230 or via ZOOM
(registration required)

(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. 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 Hybrid 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

CHILDREN’S CHURCH (CED): IT’S BACK.... Children’s Ministry will resume **Kids’ Kingdom** worship for PreK to 5th graders on **Sunday, September 17 during the 11 am service.** This first service will be held in the Chapel. **Please note:** children in the choir will sing first in the main sanctuary and should be escorted to the Chapel afterwards, where they will also render a selection. Parents of choir members who want to leave their children in Kid’s Kingdom should sign the sign-up sheet available in the choir room that morning. All parents will pick up their children from the Chapel after worship in the main sanctuary ends. A photo ID will be required and must match the name of the person who signed the child in. For additional information, please contact Dr. Holley via email at tholley@firstmountzionbc.org or Sister Stephany Stewart at stephanystewart@yahoo.com. Can’t wait to see you!

Servants Needed! Children’s Ministry will be available in the Narthex after service on **Sunday, September 10** for anyone who would like to serve in Children’s Ministry. Children’s Ministry serves our PreK to 5th graders. Please note all servants working with children are required to go through a Volunteer Screening

process, which includes a background check. There will be a Zoom meeting for those interested in serving on Monday, September 11 @ 7 pm. Please email tholley@firstmountzionbc.org for the Zoom credentials. Thank you.

NEW MEMBERS' ORINATION CLASS-NMOC Class (CED):

Time:

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| Sep 17, 2023 09:45 AM | ABC's of Worship |
| Sep 24, 2023 09:45 AM | Small Groups |
| Oct 1, 2023 09:45 AM | No class attend Regular Sunday School |
| Oct 8, 2023 09:45 AM | Church Leadership/ The Church |
| Oct 15, 2023 09:45 AM | Baptism |
| Oct 22, 2023 09:45 AM | Salvation |
| Oct 29, 2023 09:45 AM | Special Combined Sunday School |
| Nov 5, 2023 09:45 AM | No class attend Regular Sunday School |
| Nov 12, 2023 09:45 AM | Overview of Christian Education |

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZ0vcO-tpjkoE9zQdEzfTVApkXHHbkeCjokA/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGhrDwsH9yXshCPRpx5AI_CM-xiHpBj_pHrRvAGSZnVCLmPdpqGrB0Fva

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89276582298?pwd=RzhmbEtlQUImRIJSaEFmM3VtczhMQT09>

Meeting ID: 892 7658 2298

Passcode: 783107

Dial by your location

• +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 892 7658 2298

Passcode: 783107



ACADEMIC EDUCATION MINISTRY-AEM (CED):

The FMZBC AEM Tutorial Program is back!! If you are an FMZ Student in grades K – 12 and are in need of Tutorial Services, this message is for you!! **Program begins Monday, October 23, 2023**, at First Mount Zion. Sign-ups will be held after service on **Sunday 9/17, 9/24 and 10/1** in the Narthex. Further details will be available at a later date. POC: Bro. Gerry Griffin, AEM@firstmountzionbc.org.

POC: Bro. Gerry Griffin, AEM Chair, aem@firstmountzionbc.org.

MENS' MINISTRY (CED): Leadership Team: Bro. James Gaskins, Bro. Xavier Bridges, Dea. Donnell Wright



FMZBC Men's Ministry

**To Join / Participate Please Email:
mensministry@firstmountzionbc.org**

Second Saturday each Month



*FMZBC Women's Ministry
invites you to Join and/or
Participate. For more
information, please email
womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org*

**WE LOOK FORWARD
TO YOU JOINING!**

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP
Second Saturday each Month

For more information, please contact WM Director, Gwen L Holland, or WM Co-Director Lisa Johnson at Womensministry@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.

SENIORS' MINISTRY (CED): All Seniors ages 55 and over are invited to attend the Seniors Ministry monthly fellowship. The Seniors meet on the third Wednesday of the month in the Grain of Heaven, at 11:30 a.m. We request that all Seniors and guests planning to attend register their names and information with Sis.

Hope Singleton. Her email address is hopesing@verizon.com. This will allow us to get an accurate count of lunches. We are looking forward to seeing you for food, fun, and fellowship. If you have questions contact Sis. Shirley Hardy shirleybhardy@gmail.com **Thank you for your cooperation. The Seniors Ministry Leadership Team**

SINGLES' MINISTRY(CED): Please join us! POC: Pamela Knight at nohim2@yahoo.com

YOUTH MINISTRY (CED):

Servants Wanted!! If you have a heart for working with our youth ministry, contact Rev. Beverly Jiggetts at bjiggetts@firstmountzionbc.org.

Youth Bible Study-Resumes TOMORROW, September 13, 2023, in the Executive Conference Room on the first floor. The time remains 7:40-8:30. It can also be accessed via zoom. To attend via zoom please register online. Join us as we do "Bible study for life."

Third Sunday Youth Group Meetings resume after service this Sunday, September 17, 2023. "**What's Your Vision.**" Bring photos and magazines to create your personal "Vision Board." Lunch will be served. Enter and exit through **Door B.**

YOUTH MINISTRY 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 this section, send their name, contact information, and accomplishments to bjiggetts@firstmountzionbc.org or youthministry@firstmountzionbc.org.

Accomplishments can be in the areas of athletics, community, scholastics, overcoming personal challenges, or simply a youth who needs encouragement.

Contact Rev. Beverly Jiggetts, youth minister with any youth ministry questions or concerns at bjiggetts@firstmountzionbc.org.

SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY:

First Mount Zion Baptist Church



Saturday, October 7, 2023 -9AM
Occoquan Regional Park ~ Lorton, VA

Grab a brochure today!!

- **Everyone is Welcome!**
- **In-Person Timed Run/Walk**
- **DJ on Site**
- **Catered Meal**
- **Award Ceremony**

Join Us!
Registration Ends
September 10th

\$25

Scan the QR Code or use the Link
Below



[FirstMountZionBaptistChurch4thAnnualHealthyStartMind&Body5KRun/Walk](https://www.firstmountzionbc.org/4thAnnualHealthyStartMind&Body5KRun/Walk)

POC: Stephanie M. Craddock

Scraddock@firstmountzionbc.org or 670-0184

The Race will be held again at the Scenic Occoquan Regional Park in Lorton, Virginia.

We will have a DJ to supply everyone with music, catered hot food, and an award ceremony following the race in the park's beautiful pavilion.

Consider joining the church family for a wonderful time as we Jumpstart the Fall Season and Ministry off to a Healthy Start!

If you are unable to run, you can walk, and if you can't do either, we understand, you may still register, come out and enjoy the festivities and cheer us on!

Everyone is invited, family, friends, and the community.

Don't miss out! Please grab a brochure at the leadership desk for more information.

We Are Stronger Together!

Note: During the registration process, when ordering your official 2023 5K T-shirt, please make sure you are ordering an adult size and not a youth size.

Many thanks and appreciation to all who have registered.

2023 5K Committee,
Sis. Stephanie M. Craddock
Bro. Mike Green
Bro. Gerry Griffin
Rev. Brian Woolfolk



*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

**There is a Small Group for everyone, including YOU!
Or have you considered joining a Small Group!!**

Visit our Small Groups Pages and Directory, to view the variety of Interest Based Small Groups available (Support, Shared Interest and Discipleship) that are available to our First Mount Zion Baptist Church members and Community. Right click the link below.

[Small Groups Directory - First Mount Zion Baptist Church \(firstmountzionbc.org\)](#)

Point of Contact:

Sister Stephanie M. Craddock,
Small Groups Director

scraddock@firstmountzionbc.org or 703-670-0184.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Ministry Event set-up and break-down. Are YOU looking for a way to serve others? Are you in need of volunteer hours or simply want to support the ministry activities of the church? If so, please contact Ernest Robbins, Facilities Manager at erobbins@firstmountzionbc.org. Opportunities to serve in food service with the Grain of Heaven contact, Sherise Campbell, Food Service Director at scampbell@firstmountzionbc.org. **Audio Visual to include**, Wednesday Night Bible Study, Sunday Worship, Homegoing Services, Weddings, and

Ministry Activities, please contact Renee Woolfolk, CBA at rwoolfolk@firstmountzionbc.org .

Be In the Know!

1. Check In is no longer required upon entry. Proof of vaccination nor temperature checks are required. Masks are worn at your discretion.
2. The Gym and Fitness Center will open on Saturday's from 9am-1pm beginning in September.

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 Job Vacancies.

Upon an offer the candidate is subject to a criminal background check and drug screening. Working remotely is not an option. Recruiting will continue until the position is filled. Interested candidates should email resume and job application to employment@firstmountzionbc.org

For additional information

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

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Finance Department

Accounts Receivable

Full Time Staff Position with Health and Retirement Benefits

First Mount Zion Baptist Church is actively recruiting a candidate for the position of Account Receivable Clerk. The ideal candidates have a passion for the accounting process and a heart for ensuring resources of the church are processed timely, and in accordance with acceptable accounting practices and Christian stewardship. Position oversees one part-time accounts receivable payroll clerk. If you have a college degree in accounting or finance; minimum of five years paid work experience in accounting; and a working knowledge of a bimonthly payroll of at least twenty employees, please contact Renee Woolfolk, Church Business Administrator to discuss your interest in supporting the ministry through your vocation.

Operations Team

Audio Engineer and Visual Technical Director Full Time Staff Position Health & Retirement Benefits

First Mount Zion Baptist Church is actively recruiting a candidate for the position of Audio Engineer and Visual and Technical Director. The ideal candidate has a passion for live production with expertise in mixing. Having a teaching spirit and experience working with musicians, choirs and AV volunteers is a plus. Working knowledge of audio Visual and live streaming platforms is a must. The candidate must be able to work a flexible work schedule based on the needs of the Church during the weekday, evenings and on weekends. This is not a remote position.

If you have formal training; minimum of two years of paid work experience mixing sound in a church setting please contact Renee Woolfolk, Church Business Administrator to discuss your interest in supporting the ministry through your vocation. Candidates with comparable experience are encouraged to apply.

Good to KNOW

Submission of weekly announcements: Please note the following change. Announcements are due by the close of business each Tuesday. Thank you for your support!

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=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKIg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JIDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbcjOdOpuGh5p9VUzbG-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 the front office, (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-August 13, 2023

- Our church safety protocol activities will be in accordance with those set by the State of Virginia:
 - Proof of Vaccination Status is no longer required to enter FMZBC.
 - There will be no temperature checks required upon entry into FMZBC.
 - Wearing a mask is optional.

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>