

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!
November 20, 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/fmzbcumfries>

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

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

This Week: No Bible Study. Please join us for a Thanksgiving Worship Service on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 7:30pm. In person and Live Stream.

Next Week: December Church Meeting 10am, Saturday, December 2, 2023. **Your presence matters. In person attendance is encouraged.**

GYM AND FITNESS HOURS Monday-Saturday. M-Thurs 9am-4:30pm; Friday 9am-1:30pm; Saturday 9am-1pm. Please check the calendar for updates.

Holiday Closure: In recognition of Thanksgiving, the office is closed on November 24th and 25th.

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DEAF MINISTRY: ASL (American Sign Language) 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: **No meeting in December. The next meeting is January 8th at, 7pm.** Please check back for the ZOOM link. POC for the ZOOM link is Deaconess Pamela Ford, pdford61@verizon.net.

VOLUNTEER SCREENING:

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 (CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT)): **IT'S BACK....** Children's Ministry/**Kids' Kingdom** worship for PreK to fifth graders on **Sunday, December 1, 2023, during the 11 am service**. For additional information, please contact Dr. Holley via email at tholley@firstmountzionbc.org or Sister Stephany Stewart at stephanystewart@yahoo.com. Cannot wait to see you!

Servants Needed! Please email tholley@firstmountzionbc.org for the Zoom credentials. Thank you.

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



ACADEMIC EDUCATION MINISTRY-AEM (CED):

The AEM will be sending Love Donations to FMZ students who are attending institutions of higher learning such as college, university, community college, technical school or other schools offering a degree or certification. Parents/guardians are requested to provide the student's name, FMZ Member number, name of institution and mailing address for home and school (exactly as they receive mail) to Sis. Malinda or Bro. Ken Spencer at skenneths@comcast.net **AND** Sis. Pat Paige at ppaige@firstmountzionbc.org by **Sunday, November 26, 2023.**

Additional information and Scholarship Opportunities. First Mount Zion High School Seniors, Juniors, and Parents/Guardians. Are you interested in receiving educational information and available scholarship opportunities?!?! Forward your email address to aem@firstmountzionbc.org and we will add you to the distribution list. Do not miss out!

AEM Ministry Scholarship Newsletter Fall 2023 Edition! Want to know what is happening with the FMZ Scholarship, other available scholarships, and events? Just click the link below!!

<https://firstmountzionbc.org/scholarships-2/>

*Academic Education Ministry
Tutorial Program
2023-24 Volunteer Tutor Sign-Ups!*

*Tutors needed for French, Biology and Physics
Tutorial Sessions will be held via Zoom
Mondays beginning at 7:00 PM*

*Interested?!? Please sign -up at
AEM@FirstMountZionBC.org*



**AEM follows the Prince William
County schools schedule for
closures.**

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**

WOMEN'S MINISTRY(CED): WOMEN'S MINISTRY MINTHLY FELLOWSHIP



*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

Attn: BEAUTIFUL WOMEN OF GOD

The Women's Ministry (WM) will be hosting a WM Recruitment on Sunday, December 3rd before and after church services. All women are considered to be a part of the WM, however if you would like to be a servant, please stop by our table to obtain some information about the various committees that we have a need for.

We also want to make sure you are receiving our emails which provide you with weekly words of encouragement and upcoming WM events. Please stop by our table, as we would love to meet you and just love upon you!

For more information, please contact WM Director, Gwen L Holland at Womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org.

BOOK CLUB

"Women United in Faith, Prayer, Fellowship, Love and Worship"

The Women's Ministry (WM) will be hosting our **Book Club** session via zoom. We will be reading "Breathe (Making Room for Sabbath" by: Priscilla Shirer. During this 5-week session we will be discussing how we are in bondage to busyness. We constantly strive to complete the limitless to-do lists that hinder us from experiencing all that God has for us. It is time for us to breathe and build margin into our lives for God.

Sabbath was intended as a gift, and it is still a gift to us today. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted the concept of Sabbath will change your life.

Please join us and invite other ladies to share in this spiritual journey. Session dates are **12/2 & 12/9**.

Session times are 10:00am -11:00am. Register by emailing up until October 19th

WomensMinistry@firstmountzionbc.org. Input "Book Club" in the subject line and provide your name, telephone number, and email address that you can be reached at. POC, WM Book Club Co-Lead, Sister Sharon Lawrence & WM Book Club Lead, Sister Lisa Johnson.

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 wants 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 (55 and older) are invited to join the Seniors' Ministry at their **Fellowship on December 13, 2023, at Noon** (following Bible Study), in the FMZBC gym, as they celebrate the Christmas Season. Our 2023 theme is "Glad Tidings of Great Joy" (Luke 2:8-16). If you were with us at our Thanksgiving Fellowship and have already signed your name on the sheet, no RSVP is necessary. All others **must RSVP to Sis. Hope Singleton no later than December 4, 2023**, at hopesing@verizon.net or call 703-987-5665. Late responses will, unfortunately, not be accepted. We are looking forward to seeing all of you and encourage you to wear your festive attire!

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.

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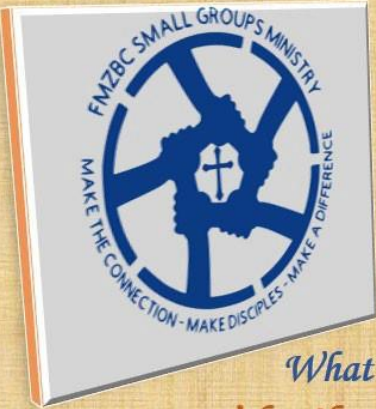
Youth Ministry Bible Study is canceled this Wednesday, November 22 2023, due to the Thanksgiving concert and service but will resume November 29, 2023, 7: 40-8:30 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room. It can also be accessed on Zoom. To attend via Zoom register using the "Youth Ministry" tab on the FMZ website. Join us as we do "Bible study for life."

Youth Ministry December outing to the **"Step Afrika"** Holiday Musical Stage Production at Arena Stage on Friday, December 15, 2023. We will depart from FMZ at 6:15 pm. This free outing is for

FMZ members only in grades 6-12. Space is limited. RSVP to Rev. Jiggetts at bjiggetts@firstmountzionbc.org by **Monday, December 11, 2023**. We will not have “First Friday” in December.

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 athletics, community, scholastics, overcoming personal challenges, or simply a youth who needs encouragement. Contact Rev. Beverly Jiggetts, youth minister with any youth ministry

SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY



The logo for FMZBC Small Groups Ministry features a blue gear-like wheel with a cross in the center. The text around the wheel reads "FMZBC SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY" at the top and "MAKE THE CONNECTION - MAKE DISCIPLES - MAKE A DIFFERENCE" at the bottom.

*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 \(firstmountzionbc.org\)](http://firstmountzionbc.org)

Point of Contact:

Sister Stephanie M. Craddock,
Small Groups Director

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

FMZ Print Shop. Volunteers are needed to print large format posters for ministry events. If you are interested and/or have experience please contact Walter Holmes, Assistant Facilities Manager at wholmes@firstmountzionbc.org.

Ministry Event set-up and break-down. Are YOU looking for a way to serve others? Are you in need of volunteer hours or do you 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: Interested in supporting ministry activities through audio visual? Join the Audio-Visual Ministry. Opportunities are available in support of Wednesday Night Bible Study, Sunday Worship, Homegoing Services, Weddings, and Ministry Activities, please contact Renee Woolfolk, CBA (Church Business Administrator) at rwoolfolk@firstmountzionbc.org.

IT Support: Interested in sharing your expertise in support of ministry meetings using computers, projectors to display PowerPoint presentations, play YouTube videos, ZOOM, live stream

Be In the Know!

The Gym and Fitness Center will **open on Saturday's from 9am-1pm** beginning in September. Check the website for schedule changes in support of ministry activities.

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.

Good to KNOW

Submission of weekly announcements and PR: Please note the following change. Announcements and weekly PRs are due by the close of business each Tuesday. Thank you for your support! Announcements and PRs submitted after the deadline will be processed the following week.

IT (Information Technology) Help Desk needs your help. In support of FMZ Ministry meetings, volunteers with an AV or IT background are needed to provide AV or IT helpdesk support when needed. If interested please contact Renee Woolfolk, Church Business Administrator, rwoolfolk@firstmountzionbc.org. Have questions about ZOOM or OFFICE365? Need an Email or password reset? Please email us for assistance with your questions to include FMZ email address password resets.

Vanco On-line Giving

VANCO, FMZBC's on-line giving **and mobile app** platform, operates with an elevated level of security. As a result, access to users on the same network (FMZ IP address) will be blocked. When off site

individual users may be denied access temporarily because of too many failed login attempts. After some time (up to 4 hours) the account will automatically reset to allow users to select the forgotten password option. To avoid this issue onsite please consider using the VANCO/FMZ mobile app for giving. As a Vanco registered user you should see this option when you sign in. You may also access the app using the following QR code.



Note: the development of the mobile app is ongoing to include the inclusion of a text box to enter your FMZ membership number. Using the mobile app is encouraged if you are onsite and blocked from the VANCO site. Instead revert to using your mobile data.

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 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>