

**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 29, 2023

**Scroll to the green text for the latest information.**

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**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:** Bible Study today Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 11am and 7:30pm. In person and Live Stream.

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

You may view the meeting on the FMZ website however if you would also like to vote you must participate via ZOOM

First Mount Zion is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom Church meeting.

Topic: FMZBC Church Meeting

Time: Dec 2, 2023 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81515345395?pwd=b1NSZnp6UIR0aDgzbdDN2dWN6N2FuQT09>

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81515345395>

### **This Month:**

**Zone Fellowship, Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> following the 11am worship service. Check the announcements for further details.**

**Christmas Musical, Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> during the 11am worship service.**

**Gym and Fitness Hours Monday-Saturday. M-Thurs 9am-4:30pm; Friday 9am-1:30pm; Saturday 9am-1pm.** Please check the calendar for updates.

### **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](mailto: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!

**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.

**No meeting in December. The next meeting is January 8<sup>th</sup> at, 7pm.** Please check back for the ZOOM link. POC for the ZOOM link is Deaconess Pamela Ford, [pdford61@verizon.net](mailto:pdford61@verizon.net).

**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](mailto: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 3, 2023, during the 11 am service.** For additional information, please contact Dr. Holley via email at [tholley@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:tholley@firstmountzionbc.org) or Sister Stephany Stewart at [stephanystewart@yahoo.com](mailto:stephanystewart@yahoo.com). Cannot wait to see you!

**Servants Needed!** Please email [tholley@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:tholley@firstmountzionbc.org) for the Zoom credentials. Thank you.

**NEW MEMBERS’ ORINATION CLASS-NMOC Class (CED):**

NMOC Schedule for December thru February

Topic: NMOC Schedule

Time: 09:45 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Dec 3, 2023 09:45 AM	Holy Communion
Dec 10, 2023 09:45 AM	ABC's of Worship
Dec 17, 2023 09:45 AM	No class please attend Hybrid Sunday School
Dec 24, 2023 09:45 AM	No class Merry Christmas
Dec 31, 2023 09:45 AM	No class Happy New Year
Jan 7, 2024 09:45 AM	NMOC Orientation and Church Tour –Virtual and In person - Room 211
Jan 14, 2024 09:45 AM	No class attend Hybrid SS - Pastor Recognition
Jan 21, 2024 09:45 AM	Baptism
Jan 28, 2024 09:45 AM	Zone Ministry
Feb 4, 2024 09:45 AM	The Bible
Feb 11, 2024 09:45 AM	Small Groups
Feb 18, 2024 09:45 AM	Prayer
Feb 25, 2024 09:45 AM	Stewardship

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88280338054?pwd=TGI4NVNJYzdYQVAyd2Z4ZFh4UDZBUT09>

Meeting ID: 882 8033 8054

Passcode: 569157 Dial by your location

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### ACADEMIC EDUCATION MINISTRY-AEM (CED):

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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

The logo for the Men's Ministry at First Mount Zion Baptist Church. It features a central shield with a gold cross on top. Inside the shield, the text reads "IRON SHARPENS IRON" and "PROVERBS 3:5". Two crossed swords are positioned behind the shield. The entire emblem is framed by a green laurel wreath. Below the wreath, it says "First Mount Zion Baptist Church" and "Mens Ministry".

**FMZBC  
Men's Ministry**

**To Join / Participate Please Email:  
[mensministry@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto: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@firstmoutnzionbc.org](mailto:womensministry@firstmoutnzionbc.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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup>**

[WomensMinistry@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto: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.

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY DECEMBER ½ HOUR OF POWER FELLOWSHIPS (CED):**

The Women's Ministry will be hosting a Fellowship "Half Hour of Power (Words of Encouragement for Your Soul)" on Tuesdays, December 5, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 2023, from 7:00 pm-7:30 pm via zoom. The purpose of the Fellowship is to encourage, uplift, support, and shower love on each other during these continuous trying times, life unforeseen unpleasant circumstance, and loss of loved ones. Also, to provide extra support and comfort since we are nearing the holidays, and this may be extra hard, especially for those who will not be able to gather with their families. Please plan to attend.

For questions, please contact WM Director, Gwen L Holland, or WM Co-Director Lisa Johnson at [Womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:Womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org).

The Zoom Meeting Information (this will remain the same for the 3 Tuesdays):

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84464743217?pwd=8JFUjB0TByyVRVFZiU1xGtO7LxJBR6.1>

Meeting ID: 844 6474 3217

Passcode: 497541

Dial in: (301) 715-8592

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:nohim2@yahoo.com)

**YOUTH MINISTRY (CED):** YOUTH MINISTRY (CED): Servants Wanted!! If you have a heart for working with our youth ministry, contact Rev. Beverly Jiggetts at [bjiggetts@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:bjiggetts@firstmountzionbc.org).

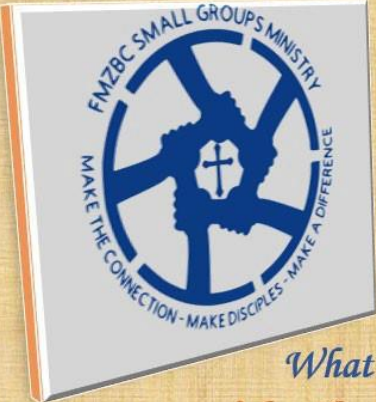
Youth Ministry Bible Study, this Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 7:40-8:30 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room. It can also be accessed on Zoom. To attend via Zoom register using the "Youth Ministry" tab on the FMZ website. Join us as we do "Bible study for life."

"First Friday" December 1, 2023, is cancelled.

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 youth members only in grades 6-12. Space is limited. RSVP to Rev. Jiggetts at [bjiggetts@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto: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 Rev. Beverly Jiggetts- [bjiggetts@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:bjiggetts@firstmountzionbc.org) or [youthministry@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:youthministry@firstmountzionbc.org). Accomplishments can be in athletics, community, scholastics, overcoming personal challenges, or simply a youth who needs encouragement.

## SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY

The logo for FMZBC Small Groups Ministry is a circular emblem. It features a central cross surrounded by a gear-like border. The text "FMZBC SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY" is written along the top inner edge, and "MAKE THE CONNECTION - MAKE DISCIPLES - MAKE A DIFFERENCE" is written along the bottom inner edge.

*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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:erobbins@firstmountzionbc.org). **Opportunities** to serve in food service with the Grain of Heaven contact Sherise Campbell, Food Service Director at [scampbell@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JIDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbcjOdOpuGh5p9VUzbG-MUX6XHubq5Z7ap5JVmPErc4ZeYHCKCZhESjGNQmZ5B-6dxxaHhzX-YjOncGsSrUtYU7E=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JIDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbcjOdOpuGh5p9VUzbG-MUX6XHubq5Z7ap5JVmPErc4ZeYHCKCZhESjGNQmZ5B-6dxxaHhzX-YjOncGsSrUtYU7E=&ver=3)

Or access the link through the FMZBC website: [WWW.FMZBC.COM](http://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>