Greetings,

My name is Rev. Beverly Jiggetts, and I am the youth minister at First Mount Zion Baptist Church. On behalf of the Children of God Youth Ministry, I welcome you to our ministry family. I am excited to share with you information about the Children of God Youth Ministry, which serves youth in grades $6^{th} - 12^{th}$.

The primary aim of our youth ministry is to help youth grow spiritually and personally. We want all youth to feel they are with a group of young people they can connect with, grow with, and have fun with.

We provide many opportunities for young people to be engaged in the youth ministry. Below, is a partial listing of some of the programs and activities available through the youth ministry. In addition to what is listed, we have offsite outings and a youth ministry sponsored mission trip is generally undertaken every other year.

Youth Bible Study - This weekly "youth only -Bible Study for Life" is held at First Mount Zion on Wednesday nights from 7:40 pm to 8:30 pm in the Executive Conference Room across from the main sanctuary. It is also accessible via zoom. Register using the Youth Bible Study tab on the First Mount Zion website for online access. The goal of this Bible study is to relate Biblical principles and people to present-day real-life issues. Hopefully youth will learn Biblically related ways to handle life's challenges and be reminded that they matter to God. All FMZ youth members and youth non-members are welcome.

First Fridays - This is a monthly time of food, fun and fellowship for our youth. It is usually held on the "First Friday" of each month at First Mount Zion. We occasionally have off-site events for First Fridays. You are welcome to bring a friend that is not a First Mount Zion Member when First Friday is held onsite.

Third Sunday Youth Group Meetings - This "youth only" meeting is held after the third Sunday worship service each month except during holidays, in the Grain of Heaven from 12:30 - 2 pm. At this meeting we explore various Biblical topics in depth. We also delve into subjects like mental health and life goals. This time is also used to work on community outreach projects. Fun is also included.

Third Sunday is also "Youth Sunday." Youth members participate in the worship service by doing the Opening Prayer, Responsive Reading, and Offertory Prayer. We need volunteers for these roles each third Sunday.

I hope this information is helpful and you will join us in the youth ministry. Please contact me if you have any additional questions. My contact information is: via phone at 703 670-0184 or email at bjiggetts@firstmountzionbc.org.

Sincerely,

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