

**FMZBC (First Mount Zion
Baptist Church)**
2024 Church Theme:
From Generation to Generation:
Growing Deeper, Growing Stronger, Reaching Higher
Deuteronomy 32:7

Let us stay connected both in person and online!

January 16, 2024

Scroll to the green text for the latest information.

IN PERSON WORSHIP each Sunday at **11:00 a.m.**

Service is also live streamed. [Welcome to First Mount Zion Baptist Church \(livestream.tv\)](https://www.livestream.tv/welcome-to-first-mount-zion-baptist-church)

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*****

What's New!

Click here and check out the, [January 2024 Messenger](#)

The office is closed today due to inclement weather. The office will reopen on **Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 9am**. Join us in person or live Bible Study tomorrow at 11am. Join us online only for **Wednesday Night Bible Study and ZOOM for Youth Bible Study and 7:30pm**.



Seniors Ministry (CED (CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT)):

Due to the inclement weather this week, tomorrow's Senior Ministry Fellowship is canceled.

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.

The next meeting is February 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. POC for the ZOOM link is Deaconess Pamela Ford, pdford61@verizon.net.

HYBRID SUNDAY SCHOOL: **Sundays at 9:45 a.m.** 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 grader. 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):

NMOC (New Members Orientation Class) Schedule for December thru February

Topic: NMOC Schedule

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

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 and we will add you to the distribution list. Do not miss out!

AEM (Academic Education Ministry) 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/>

AEM follows the Prince William County schools schedule for closures.

MENS' MINISTRY (CED):

Leadership Team: Bro. James Gaskins, Bro. Xavier Bridges, Dea. Donnell Wright



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



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

WE LOOK FORWARD
TO YOU JOINING!

MEN'S & WOMEN'S MINISTRY JOINT PRAYER BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP



Attn: WOMEN & MEN

The Men's & Women's Ministries will be hosting our annual Joint Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on **Saturday, January 20, 2024, from 8:00am-10:30/11:00 am at FMZ (Breakfast 8:00 am – 9:00 am and sign up is required through Eventbrite or Sign Up Genuis at FMZ Website for those who wish to attend the breakfast). Registration is now closed.**

Prayer Fellowship Program from 9:15 am – 10:30/11:00 am at FMZ, via zoom & FMZ Platforms (Everyone is welcome)

The purpose of the Prayer Fellowship is to start off the year "2024" covering FMZ, the community, and our world in prayer. We will be reminded to "It Is Time To Pray – Our Breakthroughs Come Through Prayer". Our **Guest Speakers are Rev. Cozy Bailey & Rev. Tarra Taylor. 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, or Men's Ministry Director, Edward Jones 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 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 avail much! Our Intercessory Prayer Team (IPT) will intercede and faithfully pray over your prayer requests as you send them in. WomensMinistryPrayers@firstmountzionbc.org.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY (CED): YOUTH MINISTRY (CED): Youth Ministry Bible Study, **Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 7:40-8:30 p.m.** For this week, due to the weather, Bible Study will be held **VIRTUALLY only** 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."

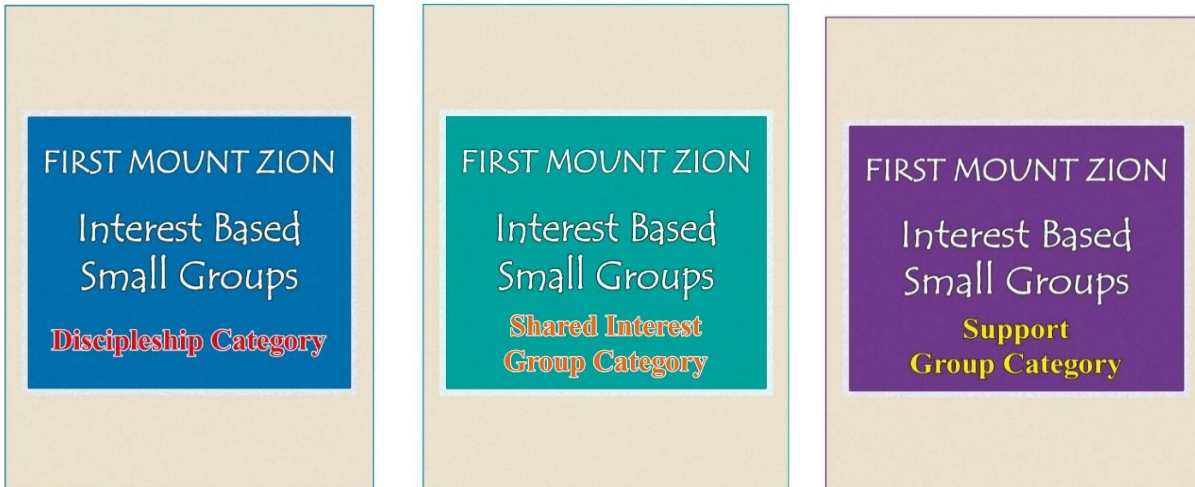
Youth Group Meeting **Sunday, January 21, 2023, 12:30-2:00 pm** in the Grain of Heaven, facilitated by Rev. Kara Franklin-Taylor, Assistant Principal at Annadale High School. **"REMIX,"** Learn from the Past. Plan for your future. **Let's talk about achieving goals!** Enter and exit through **Door B**.

First Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, in the Gym and Grain of Heaven

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, **picture**, contact information, and accomplishments to Rev. Beverly Jiggetts-bjiggetts@firstmountzionbc.org or youthministry@firstmountzionbc.org. **Accomplishments** can be in athletics, community service, scholastics, overcoming personal challenges, or simply a youth who needs encouragement.

SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY

Welcome to the First Mount Zion Small Groups Ministry



Schedule

Interest Based Small Groups meet for two semesters each year.
Fall Semester: October - January - Spring semester: February - June

Consider joining the Interest Based Small Groups Ministry!

We have a variety of groups within three categories from discipleship, sports, shared interest, outreach, health, support, and book groups for all ages.

Regardless of the type of group, through that common interest, we seek to love God, grow in God, serve God, and share God together as a group and with others. There is a group for everyone, including **YOU!**

For additional information, please contact:

Stephanie M. Craddock, MS, CDP, ACE | Small Groups Director | 703-670-0184
Scraddock@firstmountzionbc.org <https://firstmountzionbc.org/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 \(firstmountzionbc.org\)](https://firstmountzionbc.org/small-groups-directory/)

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 (Information Technology) 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 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** 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. Notices are also posted to WTOP and WJLA.

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

Finance Manager Accounts Receivable and Reporting

Full Time Staff Position with Health and Retirement Benefits

First Mount Zion Baptist Church is actively recruiting a candidate for the position of Finance Manager-Account Receivables and Reporting. 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; please contact Renee Woolfolk, Church Business Administrator rwoolfolk@firstmountzionbc.org to discuss your interest in supporting the ministry through your vocation. The position is also available on Indeed.

IT Department

Church Management Software Administrator

Under the direction of the Church Business Administrator, the Church Management Software (CMS) Administrator (CMSA) will be responsible for all aspects of CMS at FMZBC. The CMSA will play an integral role in rolling out, on boarding, maintaining, and providing end user support of the CMS. The CMSA will be responsible for growing utilization of the platform through ongoing training and education on the use of the platform. The CMSA will also maintain the Church's CMS systems to include the performance, scalability, integration with other platforms and integrity of information across FMZBC. This role will include managing day to day functions and usage of the Church's CMS and supporting platforms, involvement in the planning and development of data structures, and troubleshooting any issues on behalf of members, employees, volunteers, and other users.

Requirements include having a clear understanding of relational database concepts and constructs, being able to "consult" with ministry representatives to understand their data requirements, working with the managed service provider, audio visual and information technology staff to optimize the database structure and reporting capabilities to meet our needs, and championing the accuracy and integrity of our data.

This is a full-time, exempt position which reports directly to the Church Business Administrator job. Please contact Renee Woolfolk, Church Business Administrator rwoolfolk@firstmountzionbc.org to discuss your interest. The position is also available on Indeed.

Good to KNOW

Connection Point entries are due by noon on Mondays.

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

Gym and Fitness Hours Monday-Saturday. Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m-1:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 1pm. Please check the calendar for updates.

IT (Information Technology) Help Desk Is Here for You! Please email IT4U@firstmountzionbc.org to request IT support. 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: <https://firstmountzionbc.org/>

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>