

# FMZBC (First Mount Zion Baptist Church) 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!

January 9, 2024

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

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

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

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\*\*\*\***

Rev. Dr. Luke E. Torian  
**Retiring**  
After **28** Years

Pastor's Retirement Reception - January 14, 2024  
Registration Closed -  
**WE ARE AT CAPACITY.**

**What's New!**

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



Beale Cuts, LLC  
Now  
Taking Appointments

FMZBC  
Welcomes  
Mr. James Beale,  
Master Barber

For Shop Hours  
Call 703 670-0184  
Ext. 1204  
Or 703-670-6567

### Seniors Ministry (CED (CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT)):

All Seniors 55 and older are invited to attend the Seniors Ministry Fellowship on **Wednesday, January 17, 2023, at noon, in the FMZBC gym immediately following midday bible study**, our theme is **Faith Without Works-Don't Work** James 2:17-18. You are encouraged to reserve your seat to ensure an accurate count. Contact Sis. Hope Singleton at [hopesing@verizon.net](mailto:hopesing@verizon.net) or 703-987-5665. We look forward to seeing you.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 (New Members Orientation Class) Schedule for December thru February

Topic: NMOC Schedule

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

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=TGI4NVNJYzdYQVAYd2Z4ZF14UDZBUT09>

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 (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/>

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 FMZBC Men's Ministry. It features a central shield with a gold cross on top. The shield contains the text "IRON SHARPENS IRON" and "PROVERBS 3:5". Two crossed swords are positioned behind the shield. The entire emblem is surrounded by a green laurel wreath. Below the shield, 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 MONTHLY 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!**

**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 runs through Monday 1.15.24.

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](mailto:Womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org) or [MensMinistry@FirstMountZionBC.org](mailto: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 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).

SINGLES’ MINISTRY(CED): **Please** join us! POC: Pamela Knight at [nohim2@yahoo.com](mailto:nohim2@yahoo.com)

### **YOUTH MINISTRY (CED): YOUTH MINISTRY (CED):**

Youth Ministry Bible Study, **Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 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.

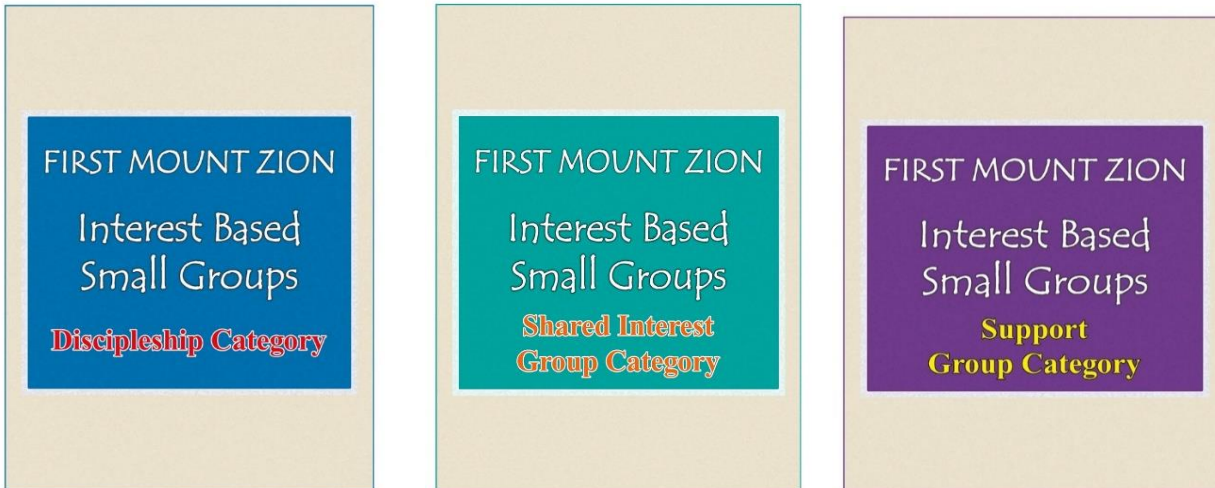
Youth Ministry “Moments with Pastor Torian,” This **Saturday, January 13, 2024, from 2:51-2:58**, second floor Lecture Hall. Meet us there as we show our appreciation to Pastor Torian and say goodbye.

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**.

**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](mailto:bjiggetts@firstmountzionbc.org) or [youthministry@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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)



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 (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](mailto:employment@firstmountzionbc.org)

### **For additional information**

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

## **JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Finance Department**

#### **Finance Manger 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JIDavDsozUE7KGOxFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbcjOdOpuGh5p9VUzbG-MUX6XHubq5Z7ap5JVmPErc4ZeYHCKCZhESjGNQmZ5B-6dxxaHhzX-YjOncGsSrUtYU7E=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JIDavDsozUE7KGOxFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbcjOdOpuGh5p9VUzbG-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/VqomCzNii4>