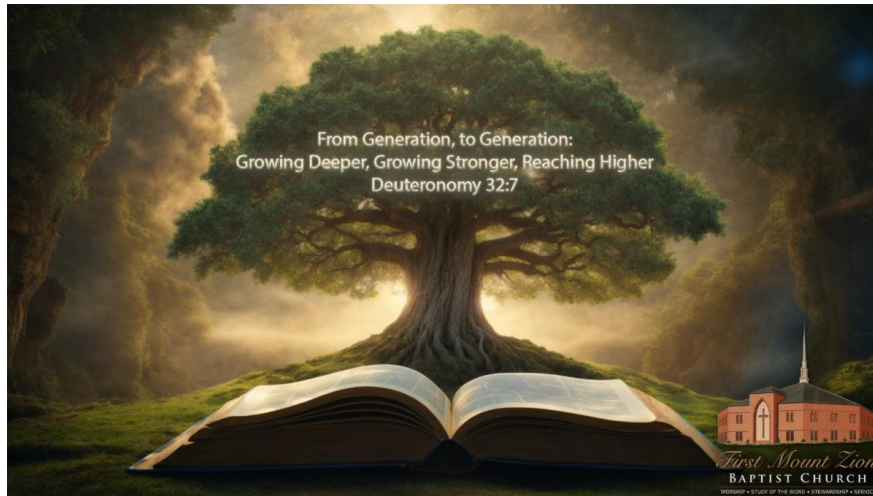




"Sharing the light from the Promise, to Pentecost,
to Points around the world!"
FMZBC's mission is to connect people who have a desire to
become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.



Connection Points

July 23, 2024

Connection Points is a weekly communication to keep you connected by providing information on ways to be informed, to sign up for ministry activity, to serve, and to give.

NEWS



**First Mount Zion Baptist Church
Celebrates the 5th Anniversary
Healthy Start Mind & Body 5K**

Registration is Open until 9/8 ONLY

Use the link https://runsignup.com/fmzbc_signup
or Scan the QR Code
For Registration & Information

You may register for (1) of the activities below:

5K Run/Walk \$25

1.5 Mile Run/Walk \$25

1 Mile Youth Fun Run - Ages: 12 Under \$15
(All 3 races will be electronically timed)

October 5, 2024 – 9AM

Occoquan Regional Park - Lorton, Virginia

POC: Stephanie M. Craddock
Scraddock@firstmountzionbc.org - 703-670-0184

**GROWING TOGETHER
MIDDAY
PRAYER LINE**

305-224-1968

Meeting ID: 881 0429 9549

Passcode: 752600

**MONDAY - FRIDAY
12 NOON - 12:15**

*Line opens at 11:55



WWW.FMZBC.COM

REMAIN CONNECTED

Please use the following link to update your contact information: [Member Update Form](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

August Church Meeting

Saturday, August 3rd, 10:00 a.m

Attend in person or watch online, www.fmzbc.com

REVIVAL

Sunday, August 4th at 11 a.m.

and

August 6th (Tuesday)
through August 8th (Thursday)
at 7:30 p.m. each evening

PULPIT COMMITTEE

Focus Groups:

The goal of the Focus Groups is to select the next Under-Shepherd for First Mount Zion Baptist Church (FMZBC).

Come share your heartfelt thoughts and desires for our future pastor and ask questions with your FMZBC Pulpit Committee.

- Listen to other member desires and questions.
- One hour in duration.
- Small groups of fewer than 26 members.
- Safe FMZ Family Space.
- Confidentially.

Remember the Keys to Success, The 3P's:

- Pray for God's will to be done.
- Pray for our community and our church.
- Pray for our next pastor and Under-Shepherd.

Focus group registration is now open.

Types or Focus Groups:

1st/3rd Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., are in-person.

2nd/4th Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., are virtual.

Sundays are in-person following the 11am service

Link: [Click Here to Register through Eventbrite](#)

As always, we welcome your suggestions and recommendations.

Pulpitcommittee@firstmountzionbc.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us each **Sunday at 9:45 a.m.** for Adult Sunday School. You may join us in person or via ZOOM.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Use this link to view the FMZBC Constitution and Bylaws

[Constitution and Bylaws](#) . You may also view the document on the FMZBC website. Note, it is password-protected. To access it, click on the Constitution and Bylaws slide and enter the code: **fmzbcdocs2024**
Printed copies are available by contacting the front office at **703-670-0184**.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Adult and Youth Bible Study will resume in September

YOUTH MINISTRY (CED)

Pastoral Search Committee Focus Groups

If you could not attend the July 11, 2024 virtual focus group, there is still an opportunity to attend another focus group session. You can register for a focus group by clicking the link below. If you need assistance registering or do not have technology to register, please email the pulpit committee and we will make ourselves available at the church to assist you. You will be requested to enter your first/last names, email address, and church membership number for verification purposes. (If you do not know your membership number, you can contact the church office or your zone leaders or stop by the leadership desk on Sundays.) Waitlists are available but limited. Upon completion, you will receive an email from the Pulpit Committee a week prior to your registered time slot as a reminder. It will include any additional details related to your focus group session. Focus group registration is now open at Link: [Click Here to Register through Eventbrite](#)

Please let me know if you register. They want to hear from our youth!

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.

Contact Rev. Beverly Jiggetts, Youth Minister, at bjiggetts@firstmountzionbc.org with any YM questions.

Community Service Opportunity: The Deaconess ministry has established a Clothing Give Away store (all items are free) for children and adults in room 156 next to the Barber Shop. Community Service hours can be earned by working in the store. Deaconess Ledora Akanni is the point of contact.

Akanni_ledora@yahoo.com

MEN'S MINISTRY (CED)

Bro. Edward Jones, Director, FMZBC Mens' Ministry, 703-623-0917

Leadership Team: Bro. Edward Jones (Director); Bro. James Gaskins (Co-Director); Bro. Xavier Bridges; Deacon Donnell Wright

IT4U Returns this September!

If you are in need of immediate assistance, please contact the CBA, Renee Woolfolk, rwoolfolk@firstmountzionbc.org.

DEAF MINISTRY

ASL (American Sign Language) interpreters are onsite each Sunday during the 11 a.m. worship service. You may observe in-person and online at www.fmzbc.com. The monthly ZOOM meetings are also held with an interpreter.

Topic: Deaf Ministry Meeting, 8/12/24

Time: Aug 12, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88301742743?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88301742743?pwd=hBKT9AfLYSjgVii2maAmypONA624X.1)

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Meeting ID: 883 0174 2743

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Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kechEN06KP>

For additional information, please email Deacon Vincent O'Neal at [Deaf Ministry](mailto:DeafMinistry@firstmountzionbc.org). Thank you for your support and assistance.

HYBRID SUNDAY SCHOOL (CED)

Sundays at 9:45 a.m. Room 229/230 or via ZOOM (registration required).

(Ecclesiastes 4:9, GMT)

“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 Hybrid Sunday School each Sunday. For those attending the class via ZOOM, please use the following link to register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89762921587?pwd=UHd2RWVuWjJrbmhNMnpPYUJkZjE4Zz09>

We look forward to seeing you there.

Handouts are available for download from the FMZ 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)

Children's Ministry/Kids' Kingdom worship for Pre-K to fifth grade. 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!

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION CLASS NMOC (CED)

Jul 28, 2024, 9:45 a.m.

No class until September 8th

Enjoy wonderful and blessed August family time.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81493910631pwd=OTl1Rk>

[dZR2FOWnJyQncyVVNxNFUrUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81493910631pwd=OTl1RkdZR2FOWnJyQncyVVNxNFUrUT09)

Meeting ID: 814 9391 0631

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ACADEMIC EDUCATION MINISTRY (CED)

If you are interested in receiving educational information and details on scholarship opportunities for First Mount Zion high school seniors, juniors, parents, and guardians, please forward your email address to aem@firstmountzionbc.org and we will add you to the distribution list. You may also visit <https://firstmountzionbc.org/scholarships-2/> for details.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY (CED)

Attn: BEAUTIFUL WOMEN OF GOD

The Women's Ministry would like to inform you that we will be having a Welcome Back from Sabbatical Tea Fellowship "You are A Daughter of the King: Claim Your Tiara" onsite at FMZ and virtually on **September 21, 2024 @ 9:00 am.**

Look for more information starting in August.

In addition, there will be a Teapot Decorating Contest. More details forthcoming!

Greetings to all our sisters in Christ! God is so awesome. He has answered our prayers, and he wants to answer yours, too. Toward that end, the WM has established a dedicated email address for the women of FMZBC to submit prayer requests. Our desire is to continually lift up your prayer needs as they arise, so please use this address to submit your requests:

womensministryprayers@firstmountzionbc.org Our Intercessory Prayer Team (IPT) will intercede and faithfully pray over your requests as you send them in. Remember, the prayers of the righteous availeth much. Let the saints pray for you!

For more information, please contact WM Director Gwen L Holland at

Womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org.

2024 VOLUNTEER SCREENING SESSION DATES

September 21 and November 16, 2024.

Training begins at 9:00 a.m.

Visit FMZBC website's resource tab for application and authorization forms. Bring completed forms to the training session.

TO SIGN UP, contact Brenda Byrd at 571-237-0111, byrdbj@comcast.net, or Cynthia Zorn-Pettigrew, [Cynthia Zorn-Pettigrew](mailto:Cynthia.Zorn-Pettigrew@firstmountzionbc.org) at 703-730-5227

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

See the save-the-date image for the October 5, 2024, 5K

SCHEDULE: Interest-based small groups meet for two semesters each year. Upcoming sessions are Fall, October 2024-January 2025 and Spring, February 2025-June 2025.

Consider joining an Interest-Based Small Group. 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! Visit the [Small Groups Directory - First Mount Zion Baptist Church \(firstmountzionbc.org\)](http://firstmountzionbc.org).

Point of Contact:
Stephanie M. Craddock,
Small Groups Director, 703-670-0184
scraddock@firstmountzionbc.org.

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. For opportunities to serve in food service at the Grain of Heaven, contact Sherise Campbell, Food Service Director, at scampbell@firstmountzionbc.org.

Audio Visual: Audio-Visual Ministry opportunities are available in support of Wednesday Night Bible Study, Sunday worship, homegoing services, weddings, and ministry activities. Please contact Bro. Dijae North, Audio Visual Director, at dnorth@firstmountzionbc.org

IT (Information Technology) Support: If you are

interested in supporting ministry meetings using computers, projectors to display PowerPoint presentations, YouTube videos, ZOOM, or live stream events, contact Renee Woolfolk, Church Business Administrator, at rwoolfolk@firstmountzionbc.org

BE IN THE KNOW

Building Use Request

All meetings and events begin with a Building Use Request Form. Use the following link to schedule your next FMZBC ministry or committee meeting:

[Building Use Request Form](#)

FITNESS CENTER hours are as follows:

- Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Pickleball courts are now open on Saturdays.

Please check the website for schedule changes in support of ministry activities.

Closings and Cancellations Due to Inclement Weather

As always, during times of inclement weather, 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.

During times of inclement weather, please check your email and the church website and calendar for listing of ministry activities and updates regarding weather closings.

FMZBC Job Vacancies

FMZ is currently recruiting for the position of **Church Management Software Administrator**. Please express your interest by emailing [Employment](#).

Listings are posted on the church website at [Job Vacancies](#)

Good to know. Connection Point entries: Submission of weekly announcements and Purchase Requisition (PR) forms are due by noon each Tuesday. Announcements and PRs submitted after the deadline will be processed the following week.

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 offsite, individual users may be denied access temporarily because of excessive 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.

Note: The development of the mobile app is ongoing, to include 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. Otherwise, revert to using your mobile data.

You may give online using the following online giving link:

[Online Giving Link](#)

Or access the link through the FMZBC website: **[FMZBC](#)** 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.

Capturing Ministry Moments. FMZ in action. Share your photos here! Photos will be incorporated into the weekly Bible Study and Sunday Worship Countdown. Click on the following link to share your photos.

[Capturing Ministry Moments](#)

Attention 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/VqomCzNnii>

Wednesday Bible Study:
To resume in September.

Sunday Service Worship:
Service: 11:00 a.m.

Kids' Kingdom Worship Service:
First & Third Sundays at 11 a.m. on YouTube

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. in-person or via ZOOM

Fitness Center

Monday -Thursday, 9 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. (no evening hours on the 3rd week of the month)

Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Please check the Fitness Calendar

[Fitness Calendar](#)



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