First Mount Zion
BAPTIST CHURCH
WORSHIP · STUDY OF THE WORD · STEWARDSHIP · SERVICE

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First Mount Zion Baptist Church

Our Vision: "Sharing the light from the Promise, to Pentecost, to Points around the world!"

Our Mission: To connect people who have a desire to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Our Four-Step Strategy:

- Worship
- Study of God's Word
- Stewardship
- Service

CONNECTION POINTS

November 25, 2025

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.

Thanksgiving Worship Service

Join us this Wednesday at 11:00 am for worship. We'd love to fellowship with you in person or on line at, www.fmzbc.com

Watch a replay of the 11am service at 7:30pm-ONLINE ONLY!

Academic Education Ministry

Love Donations to FMZ Students Attending Institutions of Higher Learning

The AEM will provide Love Donations to FMZ students who are attending institutions of higher learning. The Love Donations consist of an encouragement card and a monetary donation. Institutions of higher learning may be a college, university, community college, technical school or other schools offering a degree or certification. We want the students to stay encouraged and know that we are praying for their success. We request parents/guardians provide the student's name, name of the institution, mailing address (home and school) and student's FMZ member number to Bro. Gerry Griffin, Chair, Academic Education Ministry, aem@firstmountzionbc.org and Sis. Malinda and Bro. Ken Spencer, Co-chairs Love Donations, skenneths@comcast.net **by Friday November 28, 2025.**

 Save the Date! **Sunday, December 14th.**
Immediately following the 11am worship service

2025 Church Christmas Fellowship Brunch

Join us as we celebrate the season together!
Come dressed in your festive holiday attire and enjoy a

joyful time of fellowship, food, and Christmas cheer.

 RSVP & Volunteer:
Visit the signup table in the narthex this Sunday immediately following the worship service to RSVP and to sign up to serve.
We look forward to celebrating with you!

Attention E-Givers – First Things First!

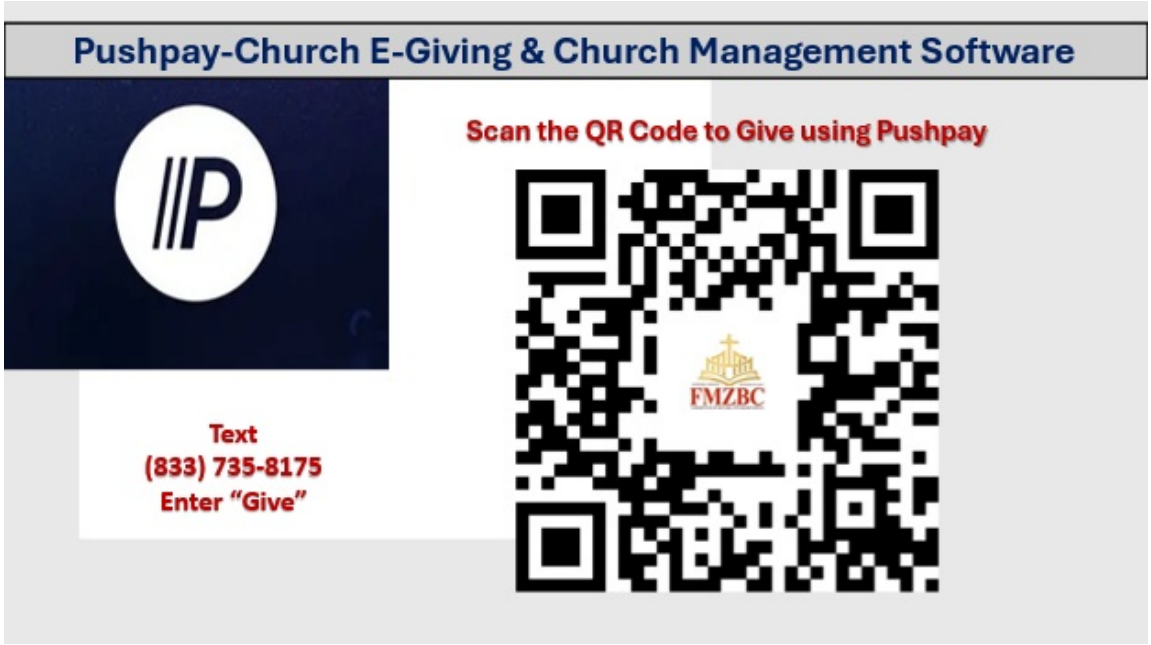
If you are currently enrolled with **VANCO, please cancel your recurring** contributions before making the switch to

Pushpay!

To give through Pushpay, simply:
Scan the QR code below; **OR**
Text FMZBC to (833) 735-8175 OR
CLICK HERE

Thank you for taking this important step to ensure a smooth transition.

Migrate from VANCO to PUSHPAY by December 31, 2025
Contact the office if you are in need of assistance.



Youth Ministry Updates

Youth Ministry Bible Study

Youth Ministry Bible Study is every Wednesday in person and via ZOOM in the Executive Conference Room from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
We will not have Youth Ministry Bible Study this week. Youth Ministry Bible Study **resumes Dec. 3, 2025**
Below is the new registration link. You only need to register once.

Click Here to Register for Youth Bible Study

Youth Ministry Bible Study Survey

All youth in grades 6-12, please complete a short survey about Youth Ministry Bible Study. We want Bible study to be something you want to come to and is helpful to you. Please use the link to access the survey. The survey will close **December 1, 2025**.
Youth Ministry Bible Study Survey

First Friday, December 5, 2025

Youth in grades 6-12 who are **FMZBC members.**
Go with the Youth Ministry to the "Black Nativity" Play at Hylton Memorial Performing Arts Center on Friday, December 5, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. **No COST to you!!**
Transportation is provided. Depart from First Mount Zion at 6:00 p.m. Return at 10:00 p.m.
Permission Slip is required. Use the link to FMZ Youth Ministry Trip to Black Nativity Play
Space is limited!

Youth Ministry Winter Outing

Youth Ministry outing to the Museum of the Bible, then lunch at the Springfield Mall Food Court.
Saturday, December 13, 2025. Depart FMZBC at 7:45 a.m. and return at 4:00 p.m. Cost is $25.00. Permission slip is required. Access using the link. Permission Slip for Museum of the Bible Trip

Space is limited!

Give-Away Closet

The Youth Clothing Give-Away Closet has new and gently-used free clothing for youth. The closet is located in Room 156 beside the Barber Shop. Confidential shopping is by appointment only.
Point of Contact: Deaconess Ledora Akanni - **Akanni_ledora@yahoo.com**

Community Service Opportunity

"Clothing Give Away" Store is also in Room 156. Community Service hours can be earned by working in the store. Deaconess Ledora Akanni is also the point of contact. **Akanni_ledora@yahoo.com**

YOUTH MINISTRY ON BLAST!

Highlight the amazing youth at First Mount Zion and their notable accomplishments. To have a youth profiled in this section, please send their name, picture, contact information, and accomplishments to Rev. Beverly Jiggetts at:

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.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S MINISTRY JOINT DECEMBER HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP
Attn: MEN & WOMEN

The Men's & Women's Ministries will be hosting a Joint December Holiday Fellowship "Waking up to Jesus - A Gift wrapped in LOVE" on **Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm** at FMZ (Continental Breakfast 9:00 am – 9:55 am)

Fellowship Program from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at @ FMZBC & Platforms (Everyone is welcomed)

Come celebrate the greatest Love gift of all Jesus Christ! **All Women and Men (18 and older) are invited to participate in this Ministry Blessing.**

Please come out and join us for our December Holiday Fellowship! There is surely a blessing with your name on it as we are ministered to by our inspiring guest speakers Pastor Rev. Brian Woolfolk & Pastor Rev. Dr. Tracey Dawkins-Holley.

In addition to meaningful fellowship, enjoy appetizing food, exciting prizes, and a couple of special surprises we have prepared.

We look forward to celebrating with you! □□

For questions, please contact Women's Ministry Director, Gwen L Holland, or Men's Ministry Director, James Gaskins at Womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org or MensMinistry@FirstMountZionBC.org

FITNESS

Pickleball: Free, Fun and Social! For all levels, two courts (beginner/ more advanced)

Equipment and instructions are provided.

Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. See Fitness Calendar for details on dates and times (calendars located in Narthex and on the FMZ website). You must be a member of the Church. Members are allowed two guests per visit. For more information, email Lori at LValkenburg@FirstMountZionBC.org or call 703-670-0225.

Gym and Fitness Center are open!

Note: The Fitness Center will be closed for the monthly SHARE distribution and holiday weekends.

For more information, email Lori at LValkenburg@FirstMountZionBC.org or call 703-670-0225

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS (C&B) Committee

Point of Contact,
Ken Spencer, Chair, C&B Committee, at cbl@firstmountzionbc.org

To review the Constitution and Bylaws,

Click Here - Constitution and Bylaws

Passcode: cbldocs2025

HYBRID SUNDAY SCHOOL for Adults and Young Adults (CED)

Each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Check the monitors in the Narthex for classroom locations or via Zoom (registration required).

"Behold, the former things come to pass, and new things do I declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them."
(Isaiah 42:9)

For those attending the class via Zoom, please
We look forward to seeing you there.
Click for Sunday School 11.30.25

POC: Reverend Gillis Taylor
Sunday School Superintendent
sundayschool@firstmountzionbc.org

New Members Orientation Class

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

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88672190571?pwd=o1NvLFfkKUJU9MTYRiebhqWdbdEmA6.1

Meeting ID: 886 7219 0571
Passcode: 164818

November 30 No class - Attend Regular Sunday School

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88672190571?pwd=o1NvLFfkKUJU9MTYRiebhqWdbdEmA6.1

Meeting ID: 886 7219 0571

Passcode: 164818

"I WAS SICK AND YE VISITED ME."

Keep the following known sick, and/or shut-in members, in prayer:

Benjamin Bond [N]
Teresa Bridges [I]
Jessica Butler [B]
Terry Carey [F1]
William Daily [E1]
Denyse Farquharson [E1]
Edwin Green [M3]
Cardell Hunter [M1]
Beulah (B.J.) Harper [D1]
Ronald Kent [F2]
Janet Mulubah [M2]
Betty Palmer [C1]
Murray Parker [H1]
Reggie Pickett [G1]
Arthur White [K1]

GRIEFSHARE HOSTED by FMZBC JOURNEY TO JOY MINISTRY
October 13th-December 15th
to participate, register at
griefshare.org

GriefShare is a support program for people who have lost loved ones -- a spouse, child, other family member, or friend through death. GriefShare considers the loss of a pet as the loss of a loved one. For additional

ONLINE GIVING

Giving at FMZBC is easy!

-Scan the QR code above

-Use the following link, Pushpay Online Giving

information, contact Reverend Kathy Russell, journeytojoy@firstmountzionbc.org

WOMEN'S MINISTRY PRAYER LINE

WM offers 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. 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 Director, Gwen L. Holland, at Womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org

IT4U

Do you need assistance navigating Microsoft, TEAMS meetings, or Zoom? For tech support, email IT4U@firstmountzionbc.org

DEAF MINISTRY

American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters are onsite each Sunday during the 11:00 a.m. Worship

Link

-Text, GIVE at (833)735-8175.

You may also give by mail: First Mount Zion Baptist Church, 16622 Dumfries Road, Dumfries, VA 22025; OR, you can schedule a time with your Zone Leader, for pick up from your home.

Please contact FMZBC at 703-670-0184 if you have questions about E-Giving.

AEM Gazette Ministry Scholarship Newsletter

Want to know what is happening with the FMZBC Scholarship, other available scholarships, and events? Just click the link below!! https://firstmountzionbc.org/scholarships-2/

POC: Brother Gerry Griffin, AEM Chair or Sister Sandra Grimes, Scholarship Committee aem@firstmountzionbc.org

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (CED)

Our children need YOU! Children's Church needs servants in several

Service. You may observe in-person and online at **www.fmzbc.com**. The monthly Zoom meetings are also held with an interpreter.

Have questions? Please email fmzdeafministry@firstmountzionbc.org

VOLUNTEER SCREENING

Click Here
Screening Forms

Contact Sister Brenda Byrd at 571-237-0111, byrdbj@comcast.net

SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY

Interest-based small groups meet for two semesters each year. Consider joining an Interest-Based Small Group. We have a variety of groups for all ages, in three categories, from discipleship, sports, shared interests, outreach, health, support, and book groups. Regardless of the type of group, through that common interest we seek to love God, grow in God, serve God, and share God together, and with

areas to support our children. If you want to make a difference in the life of a child, please register today by clicking the link below. Please note that volunteer screening is required of all servants who work with children. Contact information for the screening is on the form. Thank you in advance for registering!

FMZ Children's Church Servant Registration

For additional information, please contact Dr. Tracey Dawkins Holley via email at tholley@firstmountzionbc.org or Sister Stephany Stewart at stephanystewart@yahoo.com

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

The Archives is open each 5th Sunday
Join us this Sunday!
immediately following the 11am Worship Service on the ground floor. For more information, email archives@firstmountzionbc.org

CANCELLATIONS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

As always, during times

others. There is a group for everyone, including YOU!
Visit the Small Groups Directory - First Mount Zion Baptist Church firstmountzionbc.org

Point of Contact:
Stephanie M. Craddock
Small Groups Director
703-670-0184
Stephanie Craddock

VOLUNTEER

There are numerous volunteer opportunities available. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the ministry's point of contact. Here are a few volunteer opportunities currently available:

-Facilities
FMZ Poster Print Shop
Ministry Event Set-Up and Breakdown. Contact Walter Holmes, at wholmes@firstmountzionbc.org

-Grain of Heaven, contact Sis. Sherise Campbell, Food Service Director, at scampbell@firstmountzionbc.org

-Audio-Visual Ministry, contact Bro. Dijae North, Audio-Visual Director, at dnorth@firstmountzionbc.org

-IT support for ministry meetings. Contact Sis.

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.

Please check your email, the Church website, and the Church calendar for cancellations and/or office closures.

Visit the Church Website:
WWW.FMZBC.COM
Church Calendar;
call the Church at (703) 670-0184 for a recorded message;
Email your Zone Leader; or
Tune in to WTOP

WEEKLY SUBMISSIONS

Due by noon each Tuesday

Connection Points entries to rwoolfolk@firstmountzionbc.org

Weekly announcements to announcements@firstmountzionbc.org

CAPTURE MINISTRY MOMENTS

FMZ in action. Click on the link below to share your photos! We will incorporate them into the weekly Bible Study and

Renee Woolfolk, Church Business Administrator, at rwoolfolk@firstmountzionbc.org

Sunday Worship Countdown.
Capturing Ministry Moments

BE IN THE KNOW

Building Use Request (BUR)

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

FMZBC JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS OPEN UNTIL 12/1/2025

Assistant Pastor
Executive Assistant
Full-Time Custodial Technician
Food Service Assistant

Click Here for Additional Information

Contact Renee Woolfolk, CBA, to learn more, at (703) 670-0184 or rwoolfolk@firstmountzionbc.org

A new way to request IT support for @FIRSTMOUNTZIONBC.ORG users.

If you have an email that ends with @firstmountzionbc.org, then this is for you! As an extension of IT4U, Pronto Tech-Help Desk, MS365 user support is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week-24/7.

How to Access Pronto Tech-Help Desk?

By Phone: (571) 657-0105

By Chat: **Chat with us!**

By Email: helpdesk@pronto-tech.com

You will be asked to provide your name and the best number to reach you. Additionally, you will provide the organization name: **First Mount Zion Baptist Church and the FMZBC email address.** Note the email must be an @firstmountzionbc.org email address.

Wednesday Hybrid Bible Study:

Most Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. on 3rd Wednesdays

Sunday Worship Service:
11:00 a.m.

Kids' Kingdom Worship Service:
1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays at 11:00 a.m. (except holiday weekends)

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

Submissions for Newsletter:

All members are encouraged to submit articles, photos, and events for inclusion in the Newsletter. Please be sure to clear all submissions with your Ministry Leader before sending to the Communications and Publicity Ministry. Submissions should not exceed 300-350 words and **must be received no later than 12 noon on the 15th of each month** to be considered for the upcoming newsletter. Please note that we reserve the right to edit as necessary. Submissions should be sent to cpm@firstmountzionbc.org

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