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PASTOR

Reverend Dr. Sandra K. James

FIRST MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

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

December 9, 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.

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



[Click here for this week's, Advent Bible Study](#)



"Reflecting HIS Light – Rejoicing in HIS Promise" (Isaiah 9:6)

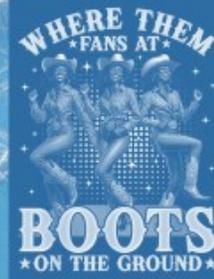
Seniors - -

Our Year-end Fellowship awaits –

*Let's Dress up, Show up, and let the Joy of the Lord Light up
the room . . . while we have our Boots on the Ground!*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025

AT NOON – IN THE GYM



FMZBC Family: Thank you for your RSVP to
celebrate with us!

REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED

*Remember to come dressed in holiday festive attire to
the*

2025 Church Christmas Fellowship Brunch

Immediately following Worship Service

this Sunday
in the FMZ Gymnasium

POCs Sister Karen Curtis & Deaconess Vietta Williams

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

Pushpay-Church E-Giving & Church Management Software



Scan the QR Code to Give using Pushpay



Text
(833) 735-8175
Enter "Give"

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.

Youth Ministry Bible Study tomorrow and Dec. 17, 2025 but not on December 24, 2025.

Below is the new registration link. You only need to register once.

[Click Here to Register for Youth Bible Study](#)

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. \$25.00 cost includes museum admission, additional museum "experiences" and motorcoach transportation. We will stop at the Springfield Town Center Food Court for lunch. Permission slip is required. Deadline for submission is

TOMORROW! Access using the link. [Permission Slip for Museum of the Bible Trip](#)

Space is limited!

Youth Ministry Watch Night Service

Youth and young adults in grade 6 through age 22, join us for the "New Year, New Light" Watch Night Service, December 31, 2025, from 10:30 p.m.-11:50 p.m. in the Chapel. Guest preacher-Rev. Shomari Hargrove. Non member guests are welcome!

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 Reverend 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 Reverend Brian Woolfolk and Pastor Reverend 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 on
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 12.14.25](#)

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

New Members Orientation Class

New Members' Classes are either on ZOOM or
Hybrid (Room 211)

NMOC Class Schedule

December 14 - Baptism **Rev. Josephine Cherry**

December 21 - No Class - Attend regular Sunday School

Merry Christmas

December 28 - No Class - Attend regular Sunday

School -**Happy New Year**

January 4 - Orientation and Tour (HYBRID)

January 11 - The Bible and How to Study the Bible
(HYBRID)

January 18 - No Class - Attend regular Sunday School

January 25 - TBD

February 1 - TBD

February 8 - Small

Groups (HYBRID) Director Stephanie Craddock

February 15 - No Class - Attend regular Sunday School

February 22 - Church Leadership (HYBRID) Rev. Cozy
Bailey

March 1 - Stewardship Trustee Oscar Dailey

March 8 - Zone Ministry Zone Administrators

Deborah Holley is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom

meeting.

Topic: NMOC Classes

Time: Every Sunday, until March 8, 2026, 14 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89080954183?pwd=8jxe4F5azyI4EcYpyNbYg9TC5XaaSA.1>

Meeting ID: 890 8095 4183

Passcode: 386906

"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 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



ONLINE GIVING

Giving at FMZBC is easy!

-Scan the QR code above

-Use the following link, [Pushpay Online Giving 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,

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 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

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 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 Sister Stephany Stewart at [Sister Stephany Stewart](#)

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

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 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

The Archives is open each **5th 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 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

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

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](#)

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
Sunday Worship
Countdown.

[Capturing Ministry Moments](#)

FMZBC JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Application intake for the following
positions closed on 12/1/2025**

Assistant Pastor

Executive Assistant

Full-Time Custodial Technician

Food Service Assistant

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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