



FIRST LADY
ROBIN JOHNSON

PASTOR
REV. DR. CARL M. JOHNSON

Welcome Home **CELEBRATION SERVICE**

14 **SEPT.** **10 AM**
2025

Order of Worship

Join Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/>
Meeting ID: 874 0735 0434 | Passcode: 423894

VISION

“Building a vibrant, engaged faith community serving, growing, and transforming Lives.” 1 Peter 4:10-11

MISSION

“To grow a congregation of believers committed to the ministry of Worship, Evangelism, Missions, Discipleship, Service and Fellowship with a heart for Prayer, Bible Study and the Great Commission.” Matthew 28:19-20

THEME

“Changing Lives One Soul At A Time”
2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

TITHES & OFFERINGS

1. Online giving at <https://mtpleasantbc.org/give/>
2. Text-to-Give: Text “GIVE” to 703-215-2545
3. Mail your tithes and offerings to: Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, 6477 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria, VA 22312
4. Mobile Giving “Givelify” Download from the Play Store. Visit <https://www.givelify.com/> for instructions.

Processional—African Dance

Invocation—Rev. Dr. Vonda Batts

Congregational Hymn of Worship

Scripture—Rev. Cornella Carter-Taylor

Prayer—Rev. Margaret Barr

Pastoral Tribute—Youth

Video Presentation

Musical Selection

Welcome/Offering—Minister Kim Veney

Pastoral Tribute “God’s Favorite Creation”—Sister Ruby Osia

Musical Selection

Video Introduction of the Preacher

Sermonic Selection

The Sermon
Rev. Dr. Keith Byrd, Sr.
Pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Special Thank You—Rev. Dr. Vonda Batts

Benediction

Nursery open —ages 2-5

Reception in the Fellowship Hall (lower-level)
Immediately following the service



MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH | 6477 LINCOLNIA ROAD | ALEXANDRIA, VA 22312 | 703.256.1268

Rev. Dr. Keith William Byrd Sr., is the Pastor of the historic Zion Baptist Church in Northwest, Washington D.C. He was called as the church's ninth pastor in its 161-year history. Rev. Byrd first accepted the call to preach in 1997 and was both licensed and ordained at the First Baptist Church, Inc. of North Brentwood, Maryland under the pastorate of the late Rev. Dr. Perry A. Smith, III.

Dr. Byrd is a gifted preacher, teacher, leader, mentor and community activist. With God's guidance and Dr. Byrd's visionary leadership, Zion is a family church, empowered by the love of Christ, to serve the family of God. With this vision in mind, Dr. Byrd has overseen several church renovations at Zion, including extensive technological enhancements and a renovation of the Church's sanctuary. Dr. Byrd was blessed to lead Zion through a five-year Strategic Plan for Ministry. This Strategic Plan helps guide Zion in the areas of Christian Education, Leadership, Evangelism, Disciple Engagement, Diaconate Effectiveness, and Facility and Technology Enhancements. The strategic plan culminated in a merger with the former New Creation Baptist Church in Silver Spring, MD and as a result, Zion is now one church in two locations.



Dr. Byrd's current denominational leadership includes: First Vice-President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Board member of the Conference of National Black Churches, and immediate past President of the Baptist Convention of D.C. & Vicinity.

A native of Washington, D.C., Dr. Byrd received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland at College Park, a Master of Divinity Degree from the Howard University School of Divinity, and a Doctor of Ministry Degree in Church Leadership from the Wesley Theological Seminary. He is also a member of the Morehouse College Board of Preachers.

Dr. Byrd is an avid Commander's fan and family man. He is supported in ministry by his wife, Kimberly Byrd and

A Time of Restoration & Healing

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. —Romans 15:13 (NASB)

...and have put on the new *self*, which is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created it —Colossians 3:10 (NASB)

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. —Romans 12:2 (NASB)



PRAY FOR BEREAVED FAMILIES

Michelle Joyce Rivera-Jones, daughter-in-law of Pattie Jones
sister-in-law of Deaconess Tasha Brown, and aunt of Jamal, Carvel, Cavin, and Jeremiah.

For help and encouragement during time of bereavement, call the Grief Line at (571) 533-2963.
Contact: Denise Mackie-Smith, Denise.Mackie-Smith@mtpleasantbc.org

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-IN

Download Our Church App!

Scan the QR code or visit <https://e360.ministryone.com/landing/PL6P>



ATTENTION MOUNT PLEASANT MEMBERS

Ministry Leaders Slate of Officers and Calendar Events/Activity Form. MPBC officers and ministry leaders must submit a slate of 2026 officers and calendar of events/activity form by **September 15**. Email the church office at secretary@mtpleasantbc.org or call 703-256-1268.

Volunteer Golf Cart and/or Van Drivers are Needed! Interested persons are asked to submit the front and back copy of driver licenses to the Church Office. Contact: Trustee Rose Holley at Rose.Holley@mtpleasantbc.org or call Church Office, (703) 256-1268.

Nursery Services. Effective immediately, childcare at MPBC Nursery will be available only during the **10 AM service** on the **first and second Sunday of each month**. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience as we work to restore full services.

THIS WEEK EVENTS

Monday, September 15—6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Grief Ministry Session.

All interested persons are welcome to register at : <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/272168>.

Zoom ID and passcode will be forwarded after registration. Contact: Denise.Mackie-Smith@mtpleasantbc.org

Tuesday, September 16

6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting. Dial-In: 1-848-220-3300 | Conference ID: 1571206#. (This is a toll number. Charges may be incurred.) Submit prayer requests at prayer@mtpleasantbc.org.

6:45 p.m. Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, September 17—12:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study. Led by Pastor Carl M. Johnson.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/>. Meeting ID: 867 0814 5545 | Passcode: 944217

Thursday, September 18—6:15 p.m. In-Person Bible Study. Theme: “Worship and the Word” led by Pastor Carl M.

Johnson. The Praise and Prayer Team along with the Congregational Care Ministry and will usher us into a spirit-filled evening. Plan to attend this biblical teaching in the Sanctuary and learn more about the worship of God and His Word! Live-stream at <http://www.mtpleasantbc.org>.

Friday, September 19—6:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting. Dial-In: 1-848-220-3300 | Conference ID: 1571206#.

(This is a toll number. Charges may be incurred.) Submit prayer requests at prayer@mtpleasantbc.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, September 20—8:00 a.m. PWLSSC Prayer, Praise & Worship in the Park. All invited. Location: Neabsco Regional Park, 15125 Blackburn Road, Woodbridge, VA. Contact: Deacon Karl.Henderson@mtpleasantbc.org or Deacon James.Cook@mtpleasantbc.org

Saturday, September 20—9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Virtual Evangelism Workshop. All invited to learn biblical, practical strategies, and overcoming challenges in sharing one’s faith. Zoom ID meeting code and password to be provided.

Sunday, September 21—12:00 p.m. Missionary Ministry Visitation. All invited. Annandale Healthcare Center, 6700 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003. Accompanied by MPBC Minister.

Friday, September 26—6:30 p.m. Virtual PWLSSC Bible Study. Theme: “Study to Show Yourself Approved.” Facilitator: Deaconess Marlene Fields. Inviting all members, family and friends. Zoom ID meeting code and password to be provided. Contact: Deacon Karl.Henderson@mtpleasantbc.org or Deacon James.Cook@mtpleasantbc.org

Saturday, September 27—10:00 a.m. Biblical Family Feud. Hosted by the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Location: 13020 Telegraph Road, Woodbridge, VA 22192. Contact: Yvonne Bush, tusc341@gmail.com.

Sunday, September 28—10:00 a.m. Deaf Awareness Day. Guest preacher, Rev. Billy Butler, Associate Pastor at Cornerstone Peaceful Bible Baptist Church, Upper Marlboro, MD. Musical offerings by the Hands of Glory Reunion Choir.

2025 Fall Messenger Newsletter. Theme: “Built to Last” Matthew 7:24-25 (NLT). Submit articles, poems, and notices at mpbcnewsletter@mtpleasantbc.org by **October 5**.

Saturday, October 18—9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Ministry Leadership Training (on-site). All deacons, deaconesses, trustees, ministers, and ministry leaders. Facilitator: Deacon Loucious Hires. Sponsored by the Christian Education Ministry. Contact: Rev. Margaret Barr, Margaret.Barr@mtpleasantbc.org

February 26, 2026—March 7, 2026. South Africa Mission & Cultural Tour. Join Mount Pleasant (Pastor Carl Johnson) and First Baptist Church of Merrifield (Pastor Paul Sheppard) in partnership with Know the Truth International Ministries, Inc. For trip details visit: <https://ktt.managedmissions.com/ourtrips>. Contact: Japera Rahming: japera@kttministries.org, 703-382-8181 or Rev. Gerald Robinson: revgerald@kttministries.org, 703-425-3838.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month — a time to reflect, honor, and uplift.

The MPBC Health Wellness Team invites you to join us in a heartfelt tribute to the lives touched by breast cancer. If you would like to honor a loved one who has passed from this disease, we welcome you to share their name and, if you wish, a photo with the Church Office by **September 22**, at secretary@mtpleasantbc.org.

On **Sunday, October 5**, during our 10:00 a.m. worship service, we will gather in prayer and light candles in remembrance — a moment of unity, love, and hope.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Phyllis Jordan, Director of the MPBC Health Wellness Team.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE & ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION

Theme: "Letting Go and Letting God"

*Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do,
forgetting those things which are behind,
and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*
—Philippians 3:13-14 KJV

Join us for a dynamic time of worship! Women's Day Celebration attendees are encouraged to wear African attire, formal or casual style, reflecting the rich cultural heritage.



Thursday, October 9-10—7:00 p.m. Women's Conference
Guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Rita Twiggs
Cornerstone Worship Center International, Hampton, VA.



Friday, October 10—7:00 p.m.
Women's Conference
Guest preacher, Rev. Marissa Farrow
Mt. Calvary Church & Ministries, Baltimore, MD.



Sunday, October 12—10:00 a.m.
Women's Annual Day Celebration
Guest preacher: Apostle Andria Weekes-Parker
Greater Works Church of Deliverance Ministries, Rockingham, NC.