

Flash Points



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Ministry News

- ☆ The Royal Ambassadors have been revitalized and meets (for now) one Saturday a month. This month they will meet on Saturday, **May 13**, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The Royal Ambassadors is a mission program which aids in the development of Christian character in boys (1st to 12th grades). Young males, now more than ever, need positive men to help lead them into adulthood. The Deacon Board Ministry is ready to assist. If you know of a boy who could benefit, bring him out and see what's happening!
- ☆ Don't forget that Sunday, **May 14**, is Mother's Day. The Sunday school will have a program at 8:00 a.m. and carnations will be distributed at the door. Honor your mother in your special way!
- ☆ The celebration of the 81st Church Anniversary begins at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, **May 18**. Rev. Khalfani Drummer, Pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church, will deliver the message.
 - On Friday, **May 19**, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Young Adult Gospel Café for young adults between the ages of 18 and 37. Come enjoy the festivities!
 - Saturday, **May 20**, is the Church Parade and Fellowship Day. The parade begins at 10:00 a.m. Ministries don't forget to carry your banner or signs! After the parade, participate in the games, enjoy the food, and experience good fellowship. Remember to wear your anniversary t-shirt.
 - A full day is planned for Anniversary Sunday, **May 21**! Rev. Young will deliver the morning sermon then the Baptist Training Union will meet. The Anniversary Banquet will be held in the Eva Cook Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. and guest preacher, Rev. Mark Roy, Pastor of Good Shepherd Ministries of Capitol Heights, Maryland, will bring the message at 3:00 p.m. The colors of the day are royal blue and white.
- ☆ The Breakfast Ministry will serve brunch on Sunday, **May 28**, after the morning service. Donations will be accepted.
- ☆ **June 2**, is the First Friday celebrations for youth up to age 17. Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. Don't miss this event. The program begins at 7:00 p.m.
- ☆ Don't forget the Missionary Society's Annual Yellow Rose Tea. It will take place on Saturday, **June 3**, at 11:00 a.m. Wear your prettiest bonnet and bring your most cheerful attitude. Donations accepted at the door.

In the House Spotlight

- ☆ Birthday greetings to: Mrs. Alice Butler (May 1), Mrs. Novella Coleman (May 8), Ms. Thelma Green (May 10), Ms. Bonnie Murray (May 11), Deaconess Clara Washington (May 11), Deaconess Irene Lewis (May 12), Ms. Teresa Hamm Wooten (May 16), Deacon Dyrel Carraway (May 19), Ms. Constance Simm (May 25), and Ms. Vivian Jones Obianyoy (May 30). Praying your birthday brings much joy!
- ☆ Happy Anniversary to celebrants: Trustee and Mrs. Monroe and Mattie James (May 6) and Mr. and Mrs. Raphael and Verletic DeVane (May 25). May your journey through life continue for many years to come!

☆ Miss Breana Carraway is a sophomore at Morgan State University located in Baltimore, Maryland. Last month, she was recognized at the school's Convocation Ceremony as a member of the Dean's List. (Breana's ecstatic parents are Deacon and Deaconess Dyrel and Sharon Carraway.) You go girrrr!

Something for Seniors

Maryland Park and Planning will have a Senior Health and Fitness Day at the P.G. Sports and Learning Complex (8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, Maryland) on Wednesday, **May 24** from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Admission is free! Drop in and see all they have to offer.

Scholarship Alert

In Reach is a community-based nominating organization to the Posse Foundation. The organization can nominate 10 rising seniors (currently in the 11th grade) for a chance to receive a four year, full-tuition scholarship. Once the nominations are in, the Foundation will select students to participate in several rounds of interviews for one of the scholarship placements. Go to the Posse Foundation's website at www.possefoundation.org to learn more about this amazing opportunity; then contact Ms. Gross by email at jgross@inreachinc.org or call her at 301-357-8433 x7005 for application material. Applications are accepted until Friday, **May 26**. Don't delay!

Summer Camp Opportunities

- ☆ The National Society for Black Engineers Summer Engineering Experience for Kids program begins on Monday, July 24 through Friday, August 11. This is a free, three-week curriculum for elementary school students (current 3rd to 5th graders). Go to <http://www.nsbe.org/seek/registration.aspx> to monitor the website for application deadline and other pertinent information.
- ☆ The Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation 2017 Summer Guide for Summer Camps is now available. Refer to www.pgparcs.com to view the online catalog. For Montgomery County residents, go to www.montgomeryparcs.org/classes-camps/. For Arlington County citizens, go to www.parks.arlingtonva.us/programs/summer-camps/.

Be Prepared

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is under the umbrella of the Department of Homeland Security. The agency advises everyone to have the tools and plans in place to survive a period of potential threat. It's great to be prepared whether the danger is from a specific terrorist act, natural disaster or other emergencies. FEMA has a publication that shows, among other things, how to develop a family action plan or create a basic supply kit. Get ready now by going to www.ready.gov for more information and sample forms. Now, more than ever, preparing makes sense.

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SHARE YOUR NEWS! Flash Points is a news sheet developed to point out activities in the church, accomplishments of its members, and opportunities available to all members of First Rising Mt. Zion. Please share your information with me at either of the contacts listed below. *“Just as a body, though one has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.” 1 Corinthians 12:12 -- NIV*

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