

# Flash Points



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## Ministry News

- ☆ Vacation is over! All ministries are back in session.
  - ☆ The Career Development Committee (CDC) is now accepting high school juniors and seniors as Debutantes and Esquires for the 2018 Cotillion. A Meet and Greet for participants and parents is scheduled on Sunday, **September 10**, at 12:30 p.m. Questions? Please contact any CDC member or send an email to [cdministryoffrmzbc@aol.com](mailto:cdministryoffrmzbc@aol.com). Dr. Wanda Govan Jenkins is the Cotillion Director.
  - ☆ There has been a change in the food distribution dates. Food will be distributed at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, **September 13** and **September 27**. If you are a new recipient, be sure to sign up on distribution day. The Helping Hands ministry is sponsors this giveaway. Mrs. Virginia Toney is the Director.
  - ☆ '**A Servant Sent to Serve**' is the theme for Rev. Young's First Anniversary Celebration!
    - Rev. Dr. Wallis C. Baxter, III (Pastor-elect of Second Baptist Church) is the guest speaker for the Pre-Anniversary Service on Friday, **September 15**, at 7:00 p.m.
    - Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Fleming (Assistant to the Pastor of Israel Baptist Church) is the guest speaker for the 9:30 a.m. Anniversary Service on Sunday, **September 17**.
    - The Baptist Training Union goes into session at 12:00 noon and the Anniversary Banquet will be held in the Eva Cook Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m.
    - Rev. Dr. Morris Shearin, Sr. (Pastor of Israel Baptist Church) is the guest speaker at the 3:00 p.m. Anniversary Service.
- Please be present to enjoy what each messenger has to share with the congregation! The colors of the day are red and silver.
- ☆ A Men's Day prayer breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, **September 23**, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. All men are urged to attend and fellowship with one another.
  - ☆ Sunday, **September 24**, is Men's Day. The men of the church have been asked to donate \$100 to First Rising. Dinner will be served after the service at 12:00 p.m. Please come and hear the powerful message from the minister of the day; then stay and enjoy the meal.
  - ☆ The church's third quarterly meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, **September 26**. Keep abreast of the news of the church by attending.
  - ☆ Heads up! Sunday, **October 9**, is Homecoming/Friends' Day. Gather your friends and relatives and attend the morning worship service. More details will be forthcoming..
  - ☆ The Community Fair Committee posted a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in August. Please take the opportunity to review the list and consider taking an active role on one (or more) of the subcommittees. There is strength in numbers! Let's be strong!

## In the House Spotlight

- ☆ Greetings to our September birthday celebrants: Lillian Jones (September 8), Wendell Wray, Jr. (September 11), and Juanita Parker (September 18). **Hip-hip hurray. Enjoy your birthday!**
- ☆ Happy wedding anniversary to our September couples: Deacon William and Dorothy Ford (September 2), Mr. Joseph and Phyllis Edelin (September 8), and Mr. David and Alfreda Wellington (September 28). **May love continue to be your guide!**

## Last Chance to Apply for the Ernest R. and Etta C Gibson Scholarship

Scholarship applications are being accepted until Saturday, **September 9**, for the 2017-2018 academic school year. The scholarships assist students who are enrolled in: 1) an institution of higher learning that grants a bachelor's degree in liberal arts or science, 2) a junior or community college, and 3) a school offering special instruction in a professional or technical subject. The applicant must be an active member of First Rising. Additional details are listed in the application. Only complete applications will be considered. Please contact the church office, Deacon Gilliard or Deacon Logan for more information. Again, the deadline date is Saturday, **September 9**, so act fast!

## Noon Day Bible Study

Did you know that you can join the noon day bible study on Wednesdays via Skype? You will need a computer, smart phone or I-pad with broadband or Wi-Fi connection and a speaker in order to hear the discussion. To set up your Skype account, click the Skype icon on your system (or go to the Internet and download the program from [www.Skype.com](http://www.Skype.com)); then locate contacts and add [pastor@firstrising.org](mailto:pastor@firstrising.org) to your contact list. Once you select [pastor@firstrising.org](mailto:pastor@firstrising.org) from the contact list, a phone icon will appear. Click on the phone and the email address will be used to call into Skype. You can also view bible study on Facebook by simply sending Pastor Oran Young a friend request. Once the Pastor accepts you as a friend, you will be notified via Facebook when bible study is being live streamed. Click that link and you will be tied into the broadcast. Prayer meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. and bible study starts at 12:00 p.m. If these instructions do not work, contact Trustee Gary Moore.

## Grandparents Day

President Jimmy Carter signed a federal proclamation declaring the first Sunday after Labor Day as Grandparents Day. On Sunday, **September 10**, take the opportunity to show love and to honor your grandparents for their contribution to your lives. Happy Grandparents Day!

## Support Groups at Doctors Hospital

Doctors Community Hospital (8100 Good Luck Road, North Building, Lanham, Maryland 20706) offers a variety of monthly support group meetings for individuals, care givers and families in the DMV. Support group participants can share experiences, provide encouragement and learn coping techniques. Many groups provide, among other things, reliable educational material, engage in interactive health discussions, and offer aids to decrease anxiety. Doctors Community Hospital has the following groups you may want to join:

- ☆ The grief survivor support group meets on the second Monday from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.
- ☆ The diabetic support group meets on the third Monday from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.
- ☆ The male caregiver support group (for men caring for women with breast cancer) meets every Tuesday from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- ☆ The breast cancer support group meets on the third Tuesday from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

All meetings are held in the North Building. Call 301-324-4968 to find out the exact room location.

## Thanks

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**BE A SHARE GIVER!** 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. **“You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.”** James 2:24 (ESV)

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