

FLASH POINTS



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Ministry News

- Revival will begin at 7:00 p.m. nightly from **March 16-18**. Rev. Dr. Sterling R. Swann, Jr., pastor of the Ritchie Baptist Church (Upper Marlboro, Maryland) will be the guest speaker. The Women's Day Committee will be selling dinners prior to each service between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.
- The debutantes' oratorical contest will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, **March 19** at 10:00 a.m. Come and enjoy the mini speeches from Destini Bynum, Ayanna Crawford, Jaya Jones and Laesha Shelton. The contest is sponsored by the Career Development Ministry.
- Palm Sunday is on **March 20**. The Nurses 68th Anniversary is at 3:00 p.m. Stay after the worship service for the Baptist Training Union which starts at noon. The anniversary dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m.
- Maudy Thursday service is at 7:00 p.m. on **March 24**.
- Good Friday service is at 7:00 p.m. on **March 25**. The Breakfast Ministry will sell fish dinners from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
- Easter service is celebrated on Sunday, **March 27**.
- The second quarterly church meeting will be held on, Tuesday, **March 29**. Please try to be present.
- Saturday, **April 9**, is Election Day for the Pastoral Candidate. Be sure to come out and vote.
- Cotillion tickets are now on sale for \$55. Please see any debutante or member of the Career Development Ministry for tickets. The Cotillion will take place on **April 22**.

In the House Spotlight

- Greetings to March birthday celebrants: Mrs. Rose Brown, Trustee McKinley Clark, Mrs. Phyllis Edelin, Deaconess Dorothy Ford, Deacon Charles Lewis, Israel Plummer (son of Mr. & Mrs. Andre and Rhesa Plummer), and Mrs. Virginia Robinson. Special recognition goes out to Mrs. Lavenia McNeill (80 on February 12) who received a birthday proclamation from President Barack and Mrs. Michelle Obama!
- Happy anniversary to March couples: Mr. & Mrs. Paul and Brenda Eades (38 years) and Mr. & Mrs. Prince and Rhonda Jones (23 years).
- Debutante update – Last month Jaya Jones and Laesha Shelton were highlighted. This month Destini Bynum and Ayana Crawford are featured.
 - ♥ Destini Mae Bynum is a 17 year old senior at Suitland High School in Suitland, Maryland. She was once a member of First Rising but now attends Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. Destini has applied to six or seven colleges and was accepted by all! She intends to go to Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, where she will major in sports management. (Destini is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Rodney and Valerie Bynum.)
 - ♥ Ayana Jshon Crawford is a 17 year old senior at Elizabeth Seton High School located in Bladensburg, Maryland. Ayana is a member of the Girls' Auxiliary and Combined Youth Choir. She intends to major in communication with hopes of becoming a motivational speaker. Ayana has been accepted by three colleges and is still trying to make a final decision as she awaits final responses. (Ayana is the daughter of Mrs. Tynea Crawford Lowery.)
- Ms. Isie Collins is taking continuing education courses at the University of the District of Columbia. So far, she has completed a class in medical terminology and anatomy and has received a certificate in medical office administrative assistant. She has even made the Dean's list! Ms. Collins is striving to get a degree as a Medical Assistant. Stay strong!

- On February 1, Ms. Clarice Crawford was given an award at the Kennedy Center as one of the top leading teachers in D.C. The District of Columbia is reportedly leading in school reform and improvement nationwide. It's exciting to know that one of our own was honored and is in the mix of an educational revolution. Congratulations! (Clarice is the daughter of Ms. Tanya Jones.)
- Christian Eades is a third grade student at Catherine T. Reed Elementary School in Lanham, Maryland. He earned enough points that he was awarded 'Principal of the Day.' As acting Principal, Christian read the morning announcements *and* treated classmates to a pizza party. (Christian is the son of Mr. Paul Eades, III.)
- Deacon Harold Gillard will be honored at an awards luncheon on Sunday, **April 10** at the Washington Navy Yard Conference Center. The program begins at 2:00 p.m. Please see Mrs. Jean Whitley, Mrs. Patricia Martin, Mrs. Gladys Epps or Deaconess Ann Gilliard for tickets.
- Malik McRae is a ninth grader at the Academy of Health Science at P.G. Community College. He competed in his school's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematic Fair and placed first in his category for his investigation entitled, *The Electrolyte Challenge*. Whoa, so sophisticated! (Malik is the son of Mrs. Tamara McRae.)

Time Change

Daylight savings time begins at midnight on Saturday, **March 13**. Make sure you "spring" forward by turning your clock ahead an hour or you might arrive at church an hour late on Sunday.

Small Biz Bootcamp

On Friday, **March 18**, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., P.G. Community College will hold a **free** business bootcamp which will focus on how to turn an idea into what customers want, the secrets to a market strategy, how to reduce start-up costs and pricing products to sell. Apply by **March 11** at www.pgcfc.edu/smallbizbootcamp.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Gamma Phi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is accepting applications from prospective high school graduates for their Charles Drew Memorial Scholarship. The Scholarship is open to P.G. County residents. Applications must be received or postmarked by midnight, on Thursday, **March 31**. To fill out the application and find out more info (including submission of an essay) go to www.charlesdrew.mfs.org/applications.html. Don't delay!

Don't Forget the FAFSA

Filling out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is an essential step in paying for higher education. All federal grants, loans and many state programs for college students are based on this application. It should be filled out as soon as possible since financial aid is available on a first come/first serve basis. Complete the FAFSA by going online to www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM)

The National Society of Black Engineers sponsor a three week Summer Engineer Experience for Kids (SEEK) program for students in grades 3 to 5 (must be at least 8 years old) who are interested in STEM. The program is from Monday through Friday, July 18 to August 15. Go to <http://www.nsbe.org/seek.aspx> for more details and to register online.

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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. **"He was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification."** (Romans 4:25)

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