

Flash Points



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Ministry News

- ♥ Mother's Day is Sunday, **May 13**. The Mother of the Year will be announced at the worship service.
- ♥ The church will celebrate its 82nd Church Anniversary with a series of Pre-Anniversary programs beginning Thursday, **May 17**, leading into Anniversary Sunday on **May 20**.
 - ♦ Thursday, **May 17**, Rev. Dr. E. Jean Brockington (Abundant Life Christian Ministries) will deliver the Pre-Anniversary message at 7:00 p.m.
 - ♦ Friday, **May 18**, the Young Adult Gospel Café will open at 7:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.
 - ♦ Saturday, **May 19**, the Church Parade & Fellowship will start at 10:00 a.m. Come enjoy the fun!
 - ♦ On Anniversary Sunday, **May 20**, Rev. Anthony J. Motley (Cathedral of Praise Church) is scheduled to preach at the 9:30 a.m. service. The Baptist Training Union will start at noon. The Anniversary Banquet follows at 1:00 p.m. Then at 3:00 p.m., Rev. Charles W. McNeill, Jr. (Unity Baptist Church) will give the message. The colors of the day are shades of green.
- ♥ The Yellow Rose Tea Party will be held on Saturday, **June 2**, at 11:00 a.m. The program is sponsored by the Women's Day Committee. A free will donation is requested.
- ♥ The 2018 Debutantes and Esquire Cotillion/Young Christian Achievers' Program ended with a bang! Young, Gifted and Black was the topic of the oratorical contest held in March. Tamara Wooten earned the Gold medal, Malik McCrae won Silver, Shaolin White netted the Bronze and Tehjará McBride received an Honorable Mention star. The Cotillion was held on April 27 and was a beautiful occasion. All the Debs and Esquire earned a portion of tickets and ads sale monies to go towards their higher education fund. The top ads seller was Shaolin White and the ticket sales leader was Tamara Wooten. Congratulations to Tehjará McBride, Shaolin White, Tamara Wooten, Malik McCrae and the Career Development Ministry for a successful affair.

In the House Spotlight

- ♥ Birthday greetings to: Mrs. Alice Butler (May 1), Mrs. Novella Coleman (May 8), Ms. Thelma Green (May 10), Ms. Gail Harris (May 10), Ms. Bonnie Murray (May 11), Deaconess Clara Washington, (May 11), Deaconess Irene Lewis (May 12), Ms. Teresa Hamm Wooten (May 16), Ms. Connie Simms (May 25) and Ms. Vivian Jones Obianyano (May 30). Praying that birthday dreams come true!
- ♥ Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Raphael and Verletic Devane (May 25) and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe and Mattie James (May 6). May your love light continue to shine!
- ♥ Congratulations to our newly wedded couples: Mr. and Mrs. Douglas and Wanda Vann Northcutt were pronounced man and wife on Saturday, April 14. Rev. and Mrs. Winters and Kimberly Simpson Rogers were married on Saturday, April 21. Wishing you a lifetime of everlasting love and happiness!
- ♥ Ms. Melanie Matthews graduates on May 12, from the University of the District of Columbia, with a Bachelor's degree in Music Education. She plans to go into the public school system and teach music. It's been a long journey but she's done it! The family is so proud of you, Melanie!
- ♥ Wendell Wray, Jr. is a Global Leader Youth Ambassador for the DC Public Schools. This year he travelled to Costa Rica and stayed for a week!

The Library Connection in DC

It is well known that public libraries loan out books, magazines, videos and CDs to card holders. DC public library has gone above and beyond in the desire to educate its residents by offering the following free programs:

- ♥ The Kanopy streaming movie service allow card holders to view, among other things, the Martin Luther King, Jr. documentary, or review the interview with African American author, James Baldwin regarding his book, 'I am not your negro.' Sign up and watch the video online via smartphone, tablet or television.
- ♥ DC libraries, in partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, has a Books from Birth program which mails a free book every month to children from birth until the age of five. Parents must register online at <https://www.dclibrary.org/booksfrombirth>. While at the website, review the other programs the library offers to help literacy in the community. No Internet access? Visit your local library and use their equipment.

Free Sports and Learning Complex Events

The Sports Complex is located at 8001 Sheriff Road in Landover, Maryland. Consider attending the following:


- ♥ For job hunters, the Maryland National Park and Police is having its 2nd Annual Regional Law Enforcement Career Fair on Friday, **May 18**, from 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Come prepared to interview.
- ♥ The P.G. County 2018 Housing Fair will be held on Saturday, **June 9**, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Workshops and seminars will be given and three first-time homebuyers can win up to \$10,000 toward the down payment or closing cost of their new home. Potential homebuyers must meet requirements that can be found at <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1000/County-Housing-Fair>. Home buyers must complete an entry form and drop it in the barrel before 11:30 a.m. The drawing will be held at noon. Don't wait until the last minute!

The Power of the Vote

Midterms are held two years after the presidential election and mark the midpoint of the four year presidential term. Midterm primaries will take place on November. This is the perfect opportunity to vote out candidates who are not doing the job you expected or do not represent you on issues that make a difference in your world. Now is the time for change. Be sure to register to vote. Take time to do research – serious research. Then vote you're conscious. Let your voice be heard! On a side note, DC is considering a measure to reduce the age of voters from 18 to 16 for federal and local elections. If this proposal passes, DC will be the first city to allow minors to vote in presidential elections and the first major city to allow them to vote in local elections. Only time will tell.

Thank You

I would like to thank Mrs. Chrisie Cobb, Ms. Mary Jackson, Ms. Melanie Matthews, Mrs. Arlene Williams, and Ms. Trovander Wray for sharing for this issue. ♥ Vivian Jones Obiany

 <p>With Honor & Gratitude We Remember</p>	<p>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 birthdays, anniversaries, and other pertinent information with me at either of the contacts listed below. 'By the powers of Babylon there we sat down and wept when we remembered Zion.' Psalm 137:1-3 (NIV)</p>
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