

Flash Points



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Preaching Engagement

Rev. Young will be preaching for revival at Gethsemane Baptist Church on Thursday, **November 8**, at 7:00 p.m. Gethsemane is located at 5119 4th Street in NW, DC. Contact the church office to see if transportation will be available.

Stewardship Month

Oftentimes members will pledge (or promise) a specific amount of money as an offering to the church. This is fine as a stepping stone but the goal is to tithe. Tithing is a commandment to give ten percent of your income for the building of God's kingdom on earth. Malachi 3:8 (NKJV) state, "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed you?' In tithes and offerings." Give!

Ministry News

- ♥ The Officers' Day Anniversary will take place on Sunday, **November 11**, at 3:00 p.m. The Baptist Training Union (BTU) will meet at 12:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m. Stay for the 3:00 p.m. service and listen to the speaker of the hour, Rev. Frankey Grayton of Edgewood Baptist Church.
- ♥ The 14th Annual Community Fair and Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Saturday, **November 17**, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Contact Ms. Mary Jackson and the Community Fair Committee with your offer to assist physically and/or financially. See Deaconess Ann Gilliard to help with the dinner portion of the Community Fair. Students can earn community service hours. Come one, come all. This house of Zion needs you!
- ♥ Thanksgiving Day worship service will be on Thursday, **November 22**, from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Come give thanks!
- ♥ The Missionary Society Ministry Anniversary is on Sunday, **November 25**. The BTU will begin at 12:00 p.m. and a meal will be provided at 1:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Rita Twiggs will deliver the message at the 3:00 p.m. service.
- ♥ Deacon Derrick Ford is the Director of the Higher Education Ministry. One of the purposes of the Ministry is to assist high school graduates to obtain the resources to attend college. Last month the Director scheduled an interest meeting with high school seniors and their parents to answer questions and share his vision (including plans to attend college fairs and tours). Talk to Deacon Ford to find out when the group will meet next.

In the House Spotlight

Birthday greetings to November celebrants: Deaconess Ernestine Hogue (November 2), Mrs. Josephine Holland (November 2), Deaconess Yvonne Stewart (November 7), Miss Allyson Jones (November 17), Miss Melanie Matthews (November 26), Mr. Prince Jones, Jr. (November 27), and Mr. Jovaé Jones (November 30). *Wishing you all a day that is special in every way!*

Final Reminder

Don't forget to cast your vote in the state and city elections on Tuesday, **November 6**. Vote effectively!

Veterans Day

Thank you for serving our country! Sunday, **November 11**, is Veterans Day, a day to honor the active and retired men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Take advantage of the limited but free menu items from: Applebee's, Bonefish Grill, IHOP, Friendly's Restaurant and McCormick & Schmicks. On Monday, **November 12**, dine free at the Golden Corral from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Be sure to bring your military ID and chow-down!

Checking on Seniors in Maryland

The Maryland Department of Aging is implementing a Senior Call Pilot Program to check on residents 65 years or older. This opt-in telephone service is free. Each participant should sign up with an emergency contact person. Participants will be called daily at a pre-select time. If calls go unanswered the contact person will be asked to check on the program participant. For more information and to register for the pilot program go to <http://aging.maryland.gov/Pages/senior-call-check-sign-up.aspx> or call 1-800-243-3425 and choose the Senior Call Check Pilot Program option. Consider taking advantage of this new service!

Events in DC

There are no shortage of museums or theaters in DC. Some of the city's most prestigious venues; however, have free entry which makes it more than affordable.

- ♥ The Millennium Stage is set in the Grand Foyer of the Kennedy Center and has live performances (dance, comedy, choirs, etc.) that take place at 6:00 p.m. every night of the year. The Kennedy Center is located at 2700 F Street, NW. Go to <http://www.kennedy-center.org/video/upcoming> to view future events.
- ♥ The Saturday Morning programs at the National Theatre engage young minds through interactive shows that often feature puppets, skits, dance and music. Performances occur at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Go to www.thenationaldc.org/saturday-morning-national/ to see what's happening and make reservations. The National is located at 1321 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.
- ♥ The Hirschhorn Museum welcomes families with children ages 12 and under to Maker Mornings. Visitors can create collages; make sculptures and other creative pieces with materials on-hand. Check out the Museum's calendar at <https://hirshhorn.si.edu/events> to see when the next event happens. The Hirshhorn is located at Independence Avenue and 7th Street, NW.

Free Government Money

The government grants monies that cover a variety of purposes. Grants can be found to attend school, for business start-ups, housing, and personal needs. Because grant money is free money, there are more stringent rules that must be met. For applications and instructions on how to apply for a government grant go to <https://govgrantsusa.org>.

Thank You

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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 birthdays, anniversaries, and other pertinent information with me at either of the contacts listed below. *And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. John 6:35 (NKJV)*

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