

# Flash Points



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## Ministry News

- ⊙ Vacation is over! School is back in session! Ministries' meetings are back on schedule.
- ⊙ Come one, come all! The Pastor and First Lady will celebrate their third year at First Rising this month.
  - ✓ The pre-anniversary service is on Friday, **September 13**, at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Michael Miller, Pastor of New Jerusalem Baptist Church will preach.
  - ✓ On anniversary Sunday, **September 15**, Rev. Dr. Carolyn Graham, Associate Minister of Israel Baptist Church will give a sermon at the 9:30 a.m. worship service.
  - ✓ The Baptist Training Union will be in session at noon and the anniversary banquet will be served at 1:00 p.m.
  - ✓ Rev. Reginald M. Green, Sr., Interim Pastor of Israel Baptist Church will deliver the Word at the 3:00 p.m. service. The anniversary attire is Sunday's best!
- ⊙ A Men's/Laymen's Fellowship is scheduled for Saturday, **September 21**, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The men of First Rising are urged to take time to socialize with one another at this function.
- ⊙ Sunday, **September 22**, is Men's/Laymen's Day. Please come and hear the powerful message from the minister of the day.
- ⊙ The church's quarterly meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, **September 28**. A proposal to change the baptism schedule will be presented as an amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws. Pick up a copy of the proposal from the church office to review *prior* to the meeting. Please attend and participate with your vote.
- ⊙ Diabetes can change your life but doesn't have to ruin it! Saturday, **October 5**, the Deaconess Ministry will host a diabetic workshop from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Don't miss the chance to learn about the symptoms, complications and prevention of this disease.
- ⊙ It's time to plan! The Community Fair Committee is in search of administrative people, facilitators and decorators to assist with this year's fair. See Ms. Mary Jackson to volunteer and for more details about the various subcommittees. Please help.

## In the House Spotlight

- ⊙ Birthday Greetings to our September babies: Deaconess Lillian Jones (September 8), Master Wendell Wray, Jr. (September 11), Mrs. Geraldine Ford (September 18), Mrs. Juanita Parker (September 18), Mrs. Julia Gibbs (September 20), and Ms. Gloria Abney (September 24). *May the worst of your past, be the best of your future.*
- ⊙ Happy Wedding Anniversary to Deacon and Deaconess William and Dorothy Ford (September 2), and Mr. and Mrs. David and Alfreda Wellington (September 28). *Real love stories never have an ending.*

## The REACH at Kennedy Center

From Saturday, **September 7** through Sunday, **September 22**, the Kennedy Center will be celebrating the opening of its new innovative indoor and outdoor spaces. All events are free; however, each guest must have a pass. Get passes and a complete day-by-day schedule at [www.Kennedy-Center.org/REACH](http://www.Kennedy-Center.org/REACH).

## Don't forget the Grands

Sunday, **September 8**, is Grandparents' Day. If you are lucky enough to have grandparents in your life why not spend time with them. Talk about the things you used to do together or memories they had about their grandparents, or about your parents. Whether your Grands are active or homebound, a visit could go a long way to improve their day. Celebrate while you can!

## Financial Freedom

The Housing Counseling Services of DC (2410 17th Street, NW) will teach individuals how to work with a budget, improve credit, and other money management skills at a free workshop on Wednesday, **September 11**, at 6:00 p.m. Call 202-462-5305 to register or for more information or email [info@housingetc.org](mailto:info@housingetc.org).

## Grand Opening of the Center for the Performing Arts

- ⊙ On Saturday, **September 28**, P.G. Community College will host its 24th Annual Bluebird Blues Festival in the Center for the Performing Arts parking lot from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The festival will feature music, children activities, food trucks, crafts and more.
- ⊙ The Xfinity1 VOICE Regional Gospel Showcase is in the Grand Theater from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Five area choirs will compete. Live performance tickets are given by invite-only; however, it's possible to win tickets at <https://www.1voicegospelshowcase.com>.

## Family Health and Fitness Day

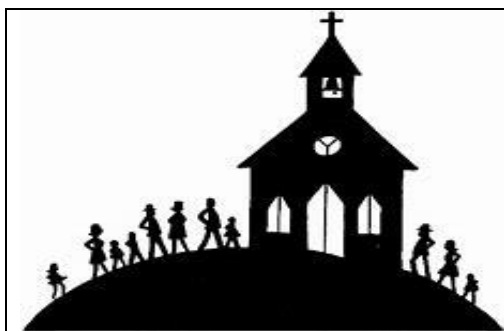
On Saturday, **September 28**, the Wayne Curry Sports and Learning Complex will host a day full of fun for the whole family including fitness courses, classes and games. The event is from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The complex is located at 8001 Sheriff Road in Landover, MD.

## Trivia Zone

- ⊙ Chloe Ardelia Wofford died last month at the age of 88. She is better known as a Pulitzer Prize winning novelist Toni Morrison.
- ⊙ Caryn Johnson changed her name to Whoppi Goldberg because she and her mother felt her birth name was too boring for an aspiring comedian.
- ⊙ Stevland Hardaway Judkins was a child musical prodigy now known as Stevie Wonder.

## Thank you

Deaconess Ann Gilliard and Mrs. Arlene Williams for the information you shared in this publication! ♥ Ms. Vivian Jones Obianyoy



**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. Do you have information to share? Please send it to either of the contacts listed below. For now, remember Mark 27:2 (NIV), *“Then he said to them, the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.”*

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