

Flash Points



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MINISTRY NEWS

- ✦ At 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, **February 8**, the Career Development Ministry will hold a workshop.
- ✦ The Prayer Band will meet at First Rising at 5:00 a.m. on Sunday, **February 9**. All members are invited to attend.
- ✦ The seniors' Ministry has two activities planned for this month: Tuesday, **February 11**, is Game Tuesday and Tuesday, **February 25**, the ministry will show an in-house movie. Both events will start at 12:00 noon so get there a little early and enjoy the fun!
- ✦ The In-Reach & Evangelism Outreach Ministries will celebrate their anniversary on Sunday, **February 16**.
- ✦ The Baptist Minister Wives and Widows Association meeting will be held at First Rising at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, **February 21**.
- ✦ The Missionary Society Meeting will be held on Saturday, **February 22**, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- ✦ On Sunday, **February 23**, the Sunday School will sponsor a Black History program at noon. Please lend your support and stay.

IN THE HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

- ✦ Happy Birthday to Deaconess Lolita Plummer (February 3), Deacon Prince Jones (February 4), Mr. Reginald Mason (February 4), Deacon Derrick Plummer (February 11), Mrs. Lavenia McNeill (February 12), Ms. Ivy Thomas (February 14), Trustee Darlene Perry (February 15), Mrs. Loretta Wilson (February 16), Deaconess Sharon Carraway (February 20), Mr. Clinton Short (February 25) and Miss Breana Carraway (February 26). *May your birthday bring a smile to your face and joy in your heart!*
- ✦ Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Catherine Brown who celebrates their wedding anniversary on February 9. *Love never fails!*

KNOW YOUR WORTH

A 'No Excuse for Dating Abuse' teen summit will be held on Thursday, **February 13**, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Camelot in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Youth 1 to 21 will learn the warning signs of dating abuse through speaker presentations, panel discussions and performances. Refreshments will be served. This is a free event open to all youth of the DMV. Registration is suggested. Go to www.pgparksdirect.com/ and key-in ticket code CAO-SPEC-GA-20200213. Share this info with the youth in your life and encourage them to attend.

SUMMER JOBS

- ✦ P.G. County youth ages 14 to 22 can apply for the Youth Summer Job Program. The six-week program is from Monday, **June 29** to Friday, **August 7**. Those 14- to 17-year olds can earn \$9.80 per hour while the 18- to 22- year olds will be paid \$11.50 per hour. Apply on-line at youthatwork.mypgc.us. Applications will be accepted until Friday, **February 28**.
- ✦ The Mayor Marion Barry Summer Youth Employment Program is from Monday, **June 29** through Friday, **August 7**. Youth residents ages 14-24 are eligible to apply for employment. Those under 18 need parental consent. Apply online at <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3349/Apply-for-a-Job>. The deadline date is Saturday, **February 29**.

FINDING YOUR ROOTS

February is Black History month. What better time to begin the journey of finding your roots. You can do research in the comfort of your home through the many genealogical websites available. There are also several associations that can help you.

- ✦ There is a fee to use Ancestry.com, a major internet search engine; but there is free access at your public library. Don't expect the librarians to assist you (unless you want books on the subject).
- ✦ The African American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS) have chapters in each of the United States. Joining a chapter has a nominal fee attached; but the tips shared can be invaluable. Search online for the chapter nearest you.
- ✦ The Washington DC Family History Center is located in Kensington, Maryland. A volunteer staff is available to answer questions about the resources available and give limited research guidance.

Check out any of the above. While you're on the internet look for conferences, conventions, classes and reference articles regarding your ancestral search. Happy hunting!

POPULATION COUNT

Every ten years a census is conducted to count every person in the country! The count is used to determine how federal funds (such as Medicare, housing vouchers and educational grants) are distributed to each. In order to achieve this, the Census Bureau is hiring. Apply online at <https://2020census.gov/jobs> The District will host an in-person job fair for Census positions in the DMV on Monday, **February 3**, at the Fort Stanton Recreation Center located at 1812 Erie Street SE, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is **required**! Go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dc-dmv-and-us-census-bureau-job-workshops-fair-tickets>. The salary is over \$21.00 n houd. On a side note, the Census records are also used to trace a family history back in time so future generations can discover the origin of their roots. Just saying.

THANK YOU ... Mrs. Arlene Williams for sharing news to include in this issue. God bless you! ♥
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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. Do you have information to share? Please send it to either of the contacts listed below. For now, remember, "Let all that you do be done in love" (1 Corinthians 16:14).

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