

Flash Points



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Ministry News

- ♥ First Friday Youth Fellowship Night is on Friday, **December 7**, at 7:00 p.m. Arrive at 6:30 p.m. and grab a bite to eat. Bring your friends and family and enjoy the fellowship through scripture, games, challenges and entertainment.
- ♥ On Saturday, **December 8**, the Women's Auxiliary Usher Board #2 will host its annual Youth Christmas Pizza Party. Children up to age 17 are invited to the party which will start at 10:00 a.m.
- ♥ Founder's Day will be observed at the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, **December 9**. A luncheon will be held directly after the service.
- ♥ The Young Adult Gospel Café will open on Friday, **December 14**, at 7:00 p.m. A special program has been devised to amuse and entertain.
- ♥ The Sunday School Christmas Program is on Sunday, **December 16**, at 8:30 a.m. in the multipurpose room. Whether you belong to a class or not, this is a great opportunity to see the creativity of each department!
- ♥ The Senior Citizen Ministry and the Bible Study classes will combine for a Christmas luncheon to be held on Wednesday, **December 19**, beginning at 12 noon. This is a catered affair. A love donation of \$9.00 per person is requested. Come out and enjoy this end-of-year event!
- ♥ The Christmas Day worship service will be held on Tuesday, **December 25**, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- ♥ Attend the church quarterly meeting on Saturday, **December 29**, at 10:00 a.m. Find out what successes and/or problems the church is handling on our behalf. The meeting is open to members only.
- ♥ See the year twenty-nineteen arrive with the First Rising family on Monday, **December 31**. A Pre-Watch Night meal will be served from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Watch Night service begins at 9:00 p.m. Bring your loved ones and ring in the New Year in a family-friendly atmosphere—praising the Lord!

In the House Spotlight

- ♥ Birthday greetings to our December babies: Mr. Wynton Boyette (December 3), Mrs. Tamara McRae (December 3), Mrs. Delores Bennett (December 11), Mrs. Avis Cook (December 24) and Mr. Douglas Northcutt (December 29). *May your special day bring you lots of happiness, love and fun!*
- ♥ Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to: Mr. Michael D. and Mary F. Moore-Washington (December 9), Deacon Harold and Ann Gilliard (December 12), and Trustee John and Josephine Holland (December 29). *May there be plenty of sweet memories to cherish forever!*

Halleluiah! Halleluiah!

Tickets for Handel's Messiah concerts are being sold throughout the area, but if you enjoy listening to choral music you can attend a free performance that is being sponsored by two area churches. On Sunday, **December 2**, go to Metropolitan AME Church (1518 M Street, NW) and on Sunday, **December 9**, visit Shiloh Baptist Church (1500 9th Street, NW). The programs begin at 4:00 p.m.

Help for the Aging Virginians

The Office for Aging Services of the Division for Community Living works with 25 local Area Agencies on Aging to help older Virginians, their families and loved ones find the services and information they need. Go to <https://www.vda.virginia.gov/> to view more information.

Elderly Assistance in DC

The Caregiver Program provides training to family members who tend to relatives who suffer with Alzheimer's or dementia. The DC Office of Aging provides assistance to interested parties through a six-week training course. To find out when the next session starts call 202-530-1442.

Support Wounded Soldiers

Cause USA accepts donated gift cards (no larger than \$20) from Amazon, Walmart, Subway, McDonalds', and Panda Express to give to soldiers recuperating at Walter Reed and Fort Belvoir military hospitals. Mail your cards to 4201 Wilson Blvd, #110-284, Arlington, VA 22203. In return the organization will send you a contribution letter (for tax purposes). This love token could very well bring a smile to an injured warrior's face. The opportunity is open all year long; so, if not now, later will do.

Preparing for College - FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form will soon be ready online at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>. Once available complete the form online or print the form, fill it out and mail it asap. The deadline date is in June 2019, but monies are given to those who apply early. Get started now!

Twinkling Lights

- ♥ ZooLights at the National Zoo is a holiday tradition that is fun for the whole family! There are more than 500,000 light displays transforming the zoo into a winter wonderland. ZooLights is open until Tuesday, **January 1**, but is closed December 24 and 25. The Zoo is located at 3001 Connecticut Avenue in NW, DC.
- ♥ The National Christmas Tree has been lit and can be seen (through Christmas) on the Ellipse. Visit the site during the day; but night time is the right time for the full experience that includes performances by area musicians. Day or night, put on your hats, scarves and gloves and enjoy the treat!
- ♥ Take a drive around the Beltway to the grounds of the Mormon Temple (9900 Stoneybrook Drive) in Kensington, Maryland. The majestic Temple is awash with sparkling lights that show off the edifice and surrounding lands. There are nightly shows by bell ensembles, choirs, and orchestras. There is also a life-size nativity. Stop by if you're out that way or make a special trip! The festival ends on Tuesday, **January 1**.

Save the Date

The 2019 NBC4 Telemundo44 Health & Fitness Expo will be held on Saturday, **January 12** (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) and Sunday, **January 13** (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. The Expo features health screenings, presentations from motivational speakers, fitness classes, free samples and other activities. Entry is FREE!

Thank You

Going into the New Year I would like to take the time to thank everyone who had information for inclusion in Flash Points and to those members who look forward to reading Flash Points each month. It is my prayer that the participation of members will increase substantially in 2019. I especially appreciate Flash Points assistants: Mrs. Chrisie Cobb (date checker); Trustee Gary Moore (webmaster); Deaconess Yvonne Stewart (proofreader); and Ms. Teresa H. Wooten (review editor). Thank you all! Thank you. By the way, Flash Points can be found on the website under 'Bulletin Board.' Remember, news can't be noted if it isn't known. ♥ Vivian Jones Obianyo



Jesus!

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. *"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."* 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (KJV)

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