

Flash Points



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Ministry News

- ⊙ Mother's Day is on Sunday, **May 12**. The nominees for Mother of the Year will be announced at the worship service and a winner(s) crowned! All past Mother of the Year recipients are asked to be present.
- ⊙ The church 83rd Anniversary will be celebrated from Thursday, **May 16** to Sunday, **May 19**. The Anniversary colors are gold and white. Please try to attend one or more of the following events:
Pre-Anniversary
 - Rev. Kevin Graves, Pastor of Sharon Baptist Church will bring the message at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, **May 16**.
 - The Young Adult Gospel Café will open at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, **May 17**. Enjoy a fun-filled night. To RSVP go to www.eventbrite.com and search for "Gospel Café-Artistic Expression" in Washington, D.C. The café is free.
 - On Saturday, **May 18**, the Church Parade and Fellowship will begin around 10:00 a.m. Rejoice in the company of family and friends.Anniversary Sunday
 - Rev. Anthony Motley of Cathedral of Praise will preach at the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, **May 19**, followed by the Baptist Training Union. The Anniversary Banquet will be served at 1:00 p.m.
 - At 3:00 p.m., Rev. Dr. Regretta B. Ruffin, Pastor of Greater St. Paul Baptist Church will deliver the Word.

Remember your contribution of \$1.00 per anniversary year for a total of \$83.00 as this year's church anniversary donation. Use your offering envelope to receive credit.
- ⊙ The Yellow Rose Tea is on Saturday, **June 1**, from noon until 2:00 pm. Come come out and enjoy a sermonette by Lady Edna Owens of Abyssinia Baptist Church. A delicious meal will be served and the Women of Zion will strut down the runway in a judged fashion show /parade of hats. Who will win? Come and see! Don't miss this Pre-Women's Day affair! Donations will be accepted at the door. Women's Day is on Sunday, June 23.
- ⊙ The Sunday School Picnic is swiftly approaching. The picnic will be held at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis, Maryland, on Saturday, **June 8**, at 11:00 a.m. More details to come.
- ⊙ First Rising needs you! The Vacation Bible School is in search of teachers, assistants, aids and student volunteers to work this summer. To sign up, see leaders Mrs. Dorothy Wells Fowlkes and Deaconess Ann Gilliard.

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 Wooten (May 16), Deacon Dyrel Carraway (May 19), Ms. Constance Simms (May 25) and Ms. Vivian Obianyo (May 30).
Wishing you a day of happiness and joy!
- ⊙ Happy Anniversary to Mr. Raphael and Mrs. Verletic DeVane (May 25). *You two were made for each other!*

- ⊙ Miss Breana Carraway is graduating on Saturday, May 18, from Morgan State University located in Baltimore, Maryland. She will receive a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree. However, Breana still has to pass her NCLEX (a board examination) to become a Registered Nurse. There is no doubt that she will reach her goal soon.
- ⊙ Christian Eades is a 7th grader and made the honor roll last quarter. Keep on pushing, Christian!
- ⊙ Miss Allyson Jones will graduate from New York's Cornell University on Sunday, May 26 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and Society. She will return home for a week then will jet off to Washington State for an internship that will last until August. Allyson will return home for a gap year before applying to Veterinarian School. Sounds like a plan!
- ⊙ Ms. Debra Morgan and Mr. Jeffrey Tyler were joined in holy matrimony on Saturday, April 6. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Tyler. May love continue to bless you.

Senior Play

The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission is sponsoring a Senior Health and Fitness Day (for those 60+) at the Sports and Learning Complex (8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, Maryland) on Wednesday, **May 22**, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. All activities are free including craft activities, use of the fitness center, swimming and more. For more info call 301-446-3400.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission offers two annual scholarships of \$1,000 to college students majoring in engineering fields that are vital to the work of WSSC. The application process for the 2019 Scholarship (including this year's essay topic) is posted online at [https:// www.wsscwater.com/engscholar](https://www.wsscwater.com/engscholar). Apply online or submit your packet (yes, packet) by mail. The deadline date is Monday, **June 3**.

Home Sweet Home

The Housing Authority of Prince George's County presents the 2019 Housing Fair on Saturday, **June 8**, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Sports and Learning Complex. This event is free to the public and offers a variety of workshops, giveaways, raffles, and panel discussions. There is also the chance for potential homebuyers to receive up to \$15,000 towards the down payment or closing cost of a first home or an award of up to \$2,000 for rent or mortgage payment to one lucky attendee. Register for this opportunity at [https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1000/ County-Housing-Fair](https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1000/County-Housing-Fair). You must be present to win!

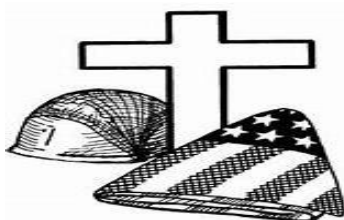
Trivia Zone

Remember these biblical mothers:

- ⊙ Eve, the original mother who gave birth to the first person ever born, Cain.
- ⊙ Sarah, the mother who waited and gave birth at 90 years of age to her son, Issac.
- ⊙ Jochebed, the mother with a plan to save her third child (baby Moses) from the Pharaoh's death decree on male infants.
- ⊙ Hannah, the mother who kept her prayerful promise to give her son, Samuel, to God's priesthood.
- ⊙ Mary, the mother who was selected for the miraculous birth of the Christ child, Jesus!

Thank You ...

Deaconess Sharon Carraway, Mrs. Brenda Eades, Mrs. Dorothy E. Fowlkes, Mrs. Dorothy Wells Fowlkes, Deaconess Vanessa Jones, Mrs. Gwendolyn King, 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. Please share your information with me at either of the contacts listed below. *“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”* Psalm 34:18 (NIV)

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