

Flash Points

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Another Year Begins! Praise the Lord!

Ministry News

- ◆ The first church meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, **January 13**, at 7:00 p.m. Please try to be present.
- ◆ Usher Board #2 will host a children's pizza party on Saturday, **January 17**, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ The Installation of 2015 Officers will be held at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, **January 18**.
- ◆ The one worship service proposal was approved on December 13 at a special church meeting. Effective Sunday, **February 1**, Sunday School will begin at 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. and worship services will start at 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Can't get your hand on a copy of *Flash Points*? Well, go to the church website at www.firstrising.org to view a current copy.

In the House Spotlight

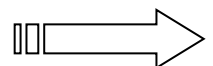
- ◆ Birthday greetings to December celebrants: Mrs. Katie Crawford, Mrs. Pearl Edmondson, Mrs. Olivia Green, and to Deacon Haywood Stewart.
- ◆ Happy wedding anniversary to: Mr. Michael D. and Mrs. Mary F. Moore-Washington (41 years on December 9), Deacon Harold and Deaconess Ann Gilliard (44 years on December 12) and to Trustee John and Mrs. Josephine Holland (57 years on December 29).

Girls Empowerment Session

'*The Me I See Symposium*' will be held on Friday, **January 9** at the Peppermill Community Center located at 610 Hill Road in Landover, Maryland from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. This symposium is free for young ladies ages 13 to 21 and will focus on a discussion about self-esteem issues due to their skin color, features and hair textures. The Maryland National Capital Area Park and Planning Commission is sponsoring the event. For more information and to sign-up call 301-350-2410.

Auditions for Senior Singers

P.G. County is having auditions for seniors, 60 and older, to perform in their *Seniors on Stage* talent show. Auditions are being held on Wednesday and Thursday, **January 14** and **15** from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Prince George's Ballroom located at 2411 Pinebrook Avenue, Landover, Maryland. Auditions will be scheduled every 15 minutes. If you are interested in performing, call 301-446-3400 to register for audition and to request a list of guidelines. The show will be held in April at the Bowie Center for the Performing Art in Bowie, Maryland.



Preparing for College

There are many websites that parents and youth can visit to assist in developing a plan for college education; however, a good place to start would be www.collegeprep101.com. This website includes a checklist of steps that should be taken in preparation of college for high school students from freshman to senior year. There is also a suggested proposal for students in middle/junior high school, too! If you don't know where to begin, try College Prep 101 first. You can also try www.collegeboard.org or <https://studentaid.ed.gov> or <http://knowhow2go.acenet.edu> or ...

Did You Know ...

- ◆ any month that starts on a Sunday will have a Friday the 13th in it? Check it out!
- ◆ if an item can't be removed from your credit report, you have the right to write a 100-word explanation that will be added permanently to your credit report? Then anyone who receives your credit report will see your explanation. If, for example, you had an argument with a doctor over a charge, you can explain the details.
- ◆ January is National Blood Donor month? The American Red Cross is constantly seeking donors, especially when the new year begins. If you can give blood, please contact one of the area agencies.
- ◆ that you can remove a splinter in your skin by putting a drop of Elmer's Glue over the splinter, let dry and peel the dried glue off? The splinter sticks to the dried glue.
- ◆ words that sound alike but have different meanings and are spelled differently are called homophones? Words like no and know; will and wheel, blue and blew; or read and reed are all homophones.

Thanks

Thank you, Mrs. Moore-Washington for sharing your anniversary news. I pray that the participation of First Rising members will increase substantially in 2015.

Going into the New Year I would like to take the time to thank everyone who has given me information for inclusion into *Flash Points* and to those members who look forward to the distribution of *Flash Points*. I also acknowledge Deaconess Yvonne Stewart for her help in proofreading *Flash Points*; Mrs. Teresa Hamm Wooten for her assistance in editing *Flash Points*; Deacon Harold Gilliard for his aid in printing *Flash Points*; and to Trustee Gary Moore for his role in adding *Flash Points* to the church's website. You are all a blessing to me.

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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. Please share your information with me at either of the contacts listed below. Start your New Year right! *The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Exodus 12:1-3 (KJIV)*

Send your Flash Points news (by the 15th of each month) to Vivian Jones Obiany at vejayobi@yahoo.com, vivian-jones3@aol.com or call 301-322-4039