

Community food offering for next Sunday, May 3

⇒ **Cans of 'Ensure'**

⇒ **Variety of Canned Goods**

Seniors and Volunteers

**Your help is needed to pack the community food boxes on
Mon., May 4, 10:00a - Sanctuary**

If you or someone you know is going into the hospital.....

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one.....

If you need counseling.....

If you have a Prayer Request.....

If you need to add or remove a name from the Sick and Shut-In List.....

Then...

call 704.391.3884 or

e-mail:

sicknshutin@friendshipcharlotte.org

About Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

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Worship Services

7:30a; 9:30a; 11:30a

Junior Worship (k-5)

7:30a; 11:30a

Youth Worship (6-12)

9:30a; 11:30a

Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr., Senior Minister

A Celebration of Worship

**The Third Sunday of the Season of Easter and
The Right Hand of Fellowship**



Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr.
Senior Minister

April 26, 2009

Invocation

Opening Hymn

Welcome

Scripture Reading

Luke 24: 45-53

Scripture Response

Intercessory Prayer

Ministry of Music

New Members Presentation

(11:30a)

**Pastoral Reflections/
Announcements**

Offertory/Ministry of Music

Proclamation

Invitation

Benediction

*We invite persons with prayer requests to go to
Room 209 immediately following each service.
A minister will be there to have prayer with you.*



Embracing the Promise - From Mecklenburg Throughout North Carolina

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799

TUNE: DUKE STREET, LM; John Hatton c. 1710-1793.

*I know that m Redeemer lives;
 What joy the blest assurance gives!
 He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
 He lives, my everlasting Head!*

*He lives, to bless me with His love;
 He lives, to plead for me above;
 He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
 He lives, to help in time of need.*

*He lives, and grants me daily breath;
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives, my mansion to prepare;
 He lives, to bring me safely there.*

*He lives, all glory to His name;
 He lives, my Savior still the same;
 What joy the blest assurance gives;
 I know that my Redeemer lives!*

Music and Arts

7:30am	Male Chorus	Soloist, Cassandra Ledbetter
9:30am	Church Choir	Soloist, Melissa Rolle
11:30am	Alive 4 Christ Choir	Soloist, Kathleen Tunson

Walk Team Ministry

Tues., Apr. 28
Avon Foundation Walk the Course
Against Domestic Violence
 Quail Hollow Club, Forest Hill Church,
 7224 Park Road
 Sign in at 4:00p, walk starts at 5:00p;
 5 mile walk, 18 holes starts at 5:00p
 Registration fee - \$25
 Sign in at 5:00p, walk starts at 6:00p.
 2.5 mile walk, 9 holes
 Registration fee - \$20

Sat., May 2
Regional AIDS Walk
 Gateway Village Atrium
 Registration at 8:00a
 2 Mile walk will begin at 10:00a
Sat., May 2
Walk the Loop for Lupus
 Freedom Park
 Registration at 3:30p
 walk begins at 5:00p,
 Stroll the mini 1/4 mile walk
 or hike the 5k (3.5 miles)

****FMBC Team CHALLENGE:** Walk 2 miles for AIDS in the morning and 3 miles in the afternoon for Lupus! Come on! We can do it!

For further information on any walk, please contact
 Mary Ann Harrington at **704-882-0928**

In the Gallery

Can't make it to The Gallery after service today?
 No problem....visit us at www.thegalleryatfriendship.org.

It's NEW! It's CONVENIENT! It's OFFICIAL! With the launching of our web store, The Gallery is now open 24/7. Click and shop as soon as TODAY and be sure to email us client feedback using our Contact Us page.

We're excited to advance this ministry of retail with a mission, showcasing The Gallery on a broader stage.

Friendship's Employee Profile



James E. Addison

704-392-0392 x3111
 Position: Maintenance/Facilities

This position is responsible for the maintenance of all buildings on the Friendship campus. Duties include:

- Cleaning
- Repairs
- Set-ups and break-downs

Children, Youth and Singles

Youth Developmental Basketball Camp

June 15—19 for boys and girls ages 7-15
 \$150 fee; \$50 deposit due by May 1
 Balance due by June 1
Registration now thru May 15
 Registration forms located in the kiosks.
 Contact 704-391-3876 for more information.

Mecklenburg General Baptist Association James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest

Sat., June 13 at
 Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church
 Registration required and due by May 30.
 Forms located in the kiosks and the
 DeiVision of Children and Youth office.

Lott Carey Youth Convention

will be held June 20 – June 26 on the campus of Shaw University Raleigh NC.

Registration begins today and ends June 1.

Cost is \$275 for the week (if fully paid by May 1); \$300 if paid May 1 – June 1.

A \$50 deposit is required to hold your spot. Registration forms are located in the kiosks.

For more information, please contact the DeiVision of Children & Youth at
704-391-3876.



Graduate Sunday June 14

For graduating Pre-K through Graduate school.

Forms located in kiosks and Friendship's website, www.friendshipcharlotte.org
 Contact Dr. Daisy R. Walker at trulydaisy@bellsouth.net.

C.W. Kerry Scholarship

Applications may now be submitted for scholarships from the Coleman W. Kerry Scholarship fund. Applications may be obtained from the church website (www.friendshipcharlotte.org) or they may be picked up at the Welcome Center. Completed applications should be mailed or delivered to:

C.W. Kerry Scholarship Fund
 Church Administration, 2nd Floor
 3400 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, NC 28216.

The **deadline to submit applications is Apr. 30.** Questions regarding the scholarships should be directed to Deacon Ed Holland at **704-391-6650.**

Support Groups

HEALS [*Helping Each other with the Acceptance of Loss through Spiritual affirmation*] – **Finding Joy Ministry** will be meeting **Tues., May 5 at 7:00p in Room 326.** Our topic will be, '*Healing Your Mind, Body & Spirit When You're Grieving.*'

CROSS [*Cancer survivors Reaching out Offering Sisterly Support*] **Ministry** is a support group for women that have been diagnosed, survivor or a caregiver. We will be meeting on **Thur., May 7 at 6:30p in Room 326.** Our topic will be, '*Helping Through the Journey.*'

Questions, contact Rev. Michelle Jones at 704-391-3852; mjones@friendshipcharlotte.org.

From the Pastor...

“Do you BELIEVE?”

Luke 24:1-53

Word for the Month - “Guaranteed”

Scriptures for the Month - Jeremiah 13-15, Luke 24:1-53, Acts 1:8

Thought for the Month: A Promise Attached to God's Hand

Invitational Song of the Month: Real, Real, Jesus is Real to Me

Pastor's Book(s) of the Month:

The Prodigal God by Timothy Keller

The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom

Children and Youth Book of the Month:

The Skin I am In by Sharon G. Flake

“Additional Readings for the Week”

Mon.	Mark 16:14-16	The danger of not believing.
Tues.	Proverbs 1:1-7	Behooved to understand.
Wed.	Luke 24:44-49	Understanding the scriptures.
Thurs.	Jeremiah 14: 10-22	If you believe....then wait!
Fri.	Luke 24:50-53	I believe!
Sat.	Acts 1:8	Sharing my belief with others.

Point to Ponder: As believers we must make the time to understand the scriptures through reading, meditating and studying God's Word. To understand yields hope, transformation of the mind and witnessing to others about the love of God.

Prayer: Dear God, though my actions are not obvious at times I do love and need you in my life. Sometimes I am so preoccupied that I do not feel your presence or think that you are listening even though it is written that you will never leave me nor forsake me. Thank you for never giving up on me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Deacons on Call

Sarah Blackwell	704-399-9676
Mack Canady	704-395-6095; 704-516-5329
Harvey Massey	704-987-2177; 704-534-1538
Drake Tunson	704-392-3257; 704-201-5811

Discipleship and Christian Education



Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday for **Seniors - 10:30a** (Revelation)
 Wednesday Evenings - **7:00p** - (Romans)
 Wednesday Mornings - **11:30a—3301 Beatties Ford Rd** (II Chronicles)
 Wednesday Evenings for **Children/Youth - 7:00p**
 Thursday Evenings - **7:00p - 8:30p** (Exodus)
 Every 1st and 3rd Saturday for **Women - 3:00p** (The Lord's Prayer)
 (Book - *Lord Teach Us* by William H. Willimon and Stanley Hauerwas)

Vacation Bible School – 2009 Staff Development Calendar

Tues., Apr. 28, 6:30p, Conference Center C

Exceptional Children and Discipline

Tues., May 12, 6:30p, Room 356
 Integrating Technology

M.E.G. (Marriage Enrichment Group)

TODAY: *Putting Money in its Place*

MAY 3rd: *Straight Talk: Effective Communications between Couples*

9:30a, Room 246 (2nd Fl Conf Room)

Contact Rev. O.T. Tomes, **704-391-3840**

LITERARY CLUB

The FMBC Literary Club will discuss ***To Kill a Mockingbird*** by Harper Lee on **Tues., Apr. 28, 6:30p in Room 268.**

(Study guide will be provided and assigned questions/links to Char-Meck Library's podcast)

Facilitated by the entire group.

For more information, please contact Gaye Bigelow at **704-597-5417** or **gayebigelow@juno.com.**

Char-Meck Podcast Link:

<http://cmlibrary.podhoster.com/index.php?sid=1923&m=12&y=2008>

Discussion Guide Link:

http://blogs.plcmc.org/bigread/?page_id=29

Adults

***Baptist Women United (BWU)*'s** monthly meeting
Sun., May 3 immediately following 11:30a service.

Guest speaker: **C. Jennifer Coble**, Interim Executive Director of the Friendship Community Development Corporation.

Contact Marlena Pickens Young at **704-517-3515** or Tiffany Allen at **704-503-4993.**

FMBC Women's Prison Ministry "Fight Crime With Literacy"

The FMBC Prison Ministry will launch a book and bible collection during the month of May. If you have books and/or bibles in ***new or near new condition***, please bring them to church any Sunday in May. There will be collection barrels at both entrances.

For details about this ministry project, contact Charlene Price Patterson at **704.598.6642**

Adult Membership Classes

Class 201	TODAY 9:30a	Class 401	TODAY 9:30a		
Adult Classes 101, 201, 301, 401, 501 Sat., May 2 - each class starts at 9:00a					
Class 101	Sun., May 3 9:30a	Class 301	Sun., May 3 9:30a		
Children Class 101 Wed., May 6, 7:00p					
Class 201	Sun., May 10 9:30a	Class 401	Sun., May 10 9:30a		
Class 101	Sun., May 17 9:30a	Class 301	Sun., May 17 9:30a	Class 501	Sun., May 17 9:30a
Class 201	Sun., May 24 9:30a	Class 401	Sun., May 24 9:30a		

REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY FOR ALL CLASSES.
YOU MUST REGISTER BY 12:00 NOON ON THE THURSDAY BEFORE THE CLASS YOU WISH TO TAKE

Ways you can register:

704-391-3850; ajones@friendshipcharlotte.org
 or **www.friendshipcharlotte.org** (click on registration/class)

All classes must be taken in sequence (with the exception of Biblical Stewardship—501) beginning with C.L.A.S.S. 101 and all classes are required before receiving the Right Hand of Fellowship.

Upon completion of Classes 101, 201, 301, 401, 501 and Baptism (if applicable), you will be eligible to receive the Right Hand of Fellowship.

For questions concerning baptism or receiving the right hand of fellowship, please contact one of the following:

Rita Franklin, 704-391-6624, rfranklin@friendshipcharlotte.org.
Andrea Betaudier, 704-391-3864, abetaudier@friendshipcharlotte.org.
Phyliss Caldwell, 704-391-3866, pcaldwell@friendshipcharlotte.org

Seniors

Tues., Apr. 28 10:30a

Bible Study, Birthday Celebration, Lunch