

Friendship Campus Security & Parking Reminders

Make sure your headlights are turned off and lock your vehicle
Secure electronic equipment (cell phones, ipods, gps devises, etc.) out of sight

Do not park within fifteen feet of fire hydrants
Do not park in areas designating "NO PARKING" or "RESERVED"
Do not park in driveways or on sidewalks
Do not move traffic cones
Do not park in areas blocking already parked vehicles

Help make the Sunday experience at Friendship a pleasant one!

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

If you have lost 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

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Worship Services

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

Church School - 9:30a-10:30a

Adult & Youth Bible Study

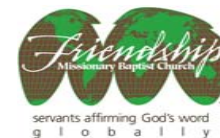
Wed., 7:15p

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

A Celebration of Worship

Stewardship Month,

The Sixth Sunday of the Season of Easter



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Senior Minister

April 27, 2008

Call to Worship/Invocation

Opening Hymn

Announcements and Welcome

Scripture Readings

Exodus 16:16-21; Acts 5:1-11

Altar Call

Pastoral Reflections

Offertory

Musical Selection

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.

What will you give back
to God from the blessings
you have received?

Stewardship
A WAY OF LIFE

From Engagement to Engaged

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Tune: ASSURANCE, 9 10 9 9 with refrain; Phoebe P. Knapp, 1839-1908

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain:

***This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.***

Retreats

MEG (Marriage Enrichment Group) Retreat "Invest in Your Marriage"

Sep. 26-28, 2008

Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel

Cost: \$375 per couple (includes transportation, lodging, banquet, snacks & materials)

Registration fee: \$75 due May 4 (to reserve your space)

The balance can be made in full or in payments of \$100 each
due May 18, July 6 and Aug. 17.

To register: Complete a registration form and submit with \$75 to the Gallery.
Registration forms are available in the kiosk outside of the Gallery and at the MEG
registration table between services

You may also register and pay by credit card online at www.friendshipcharlotte.org
For more information, email: meg-fmbc@earthlink.net

Congratulations to...

Malik Barber who won the OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY TALENT HUNT in Charlotte NC. He played a solo by Scott Joplin. He also participated in the Regional Competition that was held in Charleston, SC.

Acknowledgements Received From...

Bronnie Barfield
Eddicia Edwards
The Lindsey Family
Elmer McNair and Family
The family of Charles William Stoeling

Volunteer Opportunity

FRIDAY NIGHT HANGOUT IS BACK! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Friday Night Hangout is a partnership with the McCrorey YMCA. It is designed to provide our youth with a safe, fun and Christian alternative activity for the summer months. Program dates are **June 20, 27; July 11, 18, 25; Aug. 1, 8, 15**. Please sign up to volunteer. Volunteer times are listed on the registration forms available in the kiosk.

Volunteer Training dates are listed below!
We NEED your help to make this program successful!

Volunteer Registration and Training Dates

Sun. May 18	After each service	Volunteer Registration & Youth Pre-Registration	Friendship Missionary Baptist Church 3400 Beatties Ford Road
Sat. May 31	10:00a – 11:30a	Volunteer Orientation & Youth Pre-Registration	McCrorey YMCA 3801 Beatties Ford Road
Tues. June 3	6:30p – 8:00p	Volunteer Orientation & Youth Registration	McCrorey YMCA 3801 Beatties Ford road

FRIENDSHIP TRAYS UPDATE

More volunteers are urgently needed to deliver the Friendship Trays to FMBC routes. One hour a month or one hour a week; whatever you can give to help nourish those who are in need of this service. Contact Sister Gladys Massey at **704-392-1443** for more information.

Sister Gladys Adams has accepted the responsibility of serving as the FMBC Interim Coordinator for Friendship Trays effective May 1. She can be reached at **704-867-6761**. She will handle scheduling and other inquiries in reference to Friendship Trays deliveries during Sister Gladys Massey's temporary absence.

Do you have a love for art? Do you have a heart for mission? If so, The Gallery at Friendship requests your presence!!

The Gallery will be participating in Charlotte's Gallery Crawl, a monthly event that showcases diverse paintings, sculptures and artwork by having participants visit various studios and art houses. The Gallery's hand-crafted designs and original artworks will be on display and available for purchase in The Art House (located at 3103 Cullman Ave. in the center of the NoDa District between 36th Street and N. Davidson St.. Proceeds from the sale of our items will go toward assisting various mission projects in South Africa.

Come out and enjoy free food, fun and a serene setting while also supporting international mission outreach through art and design on **Fri., May 2 from 6:00p–9:00p** during the Gallery Crawl.

The **event is free** and open to the public. For more information, please contact **704-391-3858** or **TheGallery@friendshipcharlotte.org**.
Thanks in advance from The Gallery at Friendship...because mission matters!!!

LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929
Tune: SHOWALTER, 10 9 10 9 with refrain: Anthony J. Showalter, 1858-1924;
arr. by Nolan Williams, Jr., b. 1969

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

***Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.***

Music and Arts

***7:30a - Congregational Singing; Inspirational Dancers
Amantha Barbee, Soloist
9:30a - Inspirational Dancers; Lincoln University Gospel Choir
11:30a - Ladies Choir***

From the Pastor...

“The Value of Pocket Change!”

Exodus 16:16-21; Acts 5:1-11

Word for the Month - **“EXPLAINED”**

Scriptures for the Month - Exodus 16:1-18; Ecclesiastes 4:1-16; Acts 4:32-5:11

Thought for the Month: ***Dollars and Sense***

“Additional Readings”

Monday	Exodus 16:16-21	The danger of taking what faith has promised.
Tuesday	Ecclesiastes 4:9-16	Who are the rich and famous?
Wednesday	II Corinthians 8:1-7	The stewardship of kindness.
Thursday	Luke 16:10-15	Dollars and Sense—Part IV.
Friday	John 6:22-40	Long-term investments.
Saturday	Luke 10:16	Guilt by association.

Point to Ponder – God expects Christians to trust and honor His presence in all aspects of our life. The sooner you trust His will to provide for you, the sooner you’ll be blessed.

Prayer - Gracious Provider, for all aspects of my life, teach me to be open and receptive as You daily provide for my needs through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Deacons on Call

Sarah Blackwell	704-399-9676
Mack Canady	704-395-5982; 704-516-5329
Harvey Massey	704-987-2177; 704-534-1538
Drake Tunson	704-392-3257; 704-201-5811

Children, Youth and Singles

2ND ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP SUMMER DEVELOPMENT BASKETBALL CAMP

June 11 - 14, for boys and girls ages 7 - 14. 8:00a– 5:00p. Camp Fee: \$125.00 (includes t-shirt and lunch daily). Location - Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Gym.

Initial deposit due by May 1. Full payment must be paid by May 25.

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

LOTT CAREY YOUTH MISSION SEMINAR

Young people can make a difference in the world. The 54th Annual Lott Carey Youth Seminar attracts young people, ages 14-21, for mission and learning. This camp will nurture heads, hearts and hands for missional living through service and learning.

SHAW University, Raleigh, NC - June 21 - June 27.

Registration deposits of \$100 is due by May 1.

Early registration deadline is May 30 for \$275.00

Regular registration—\$320 due by June 15.

For more information, contact Sis. Jean Grier at 704-398-8916

GIFT CARDS FOR YOUTH!

This year we will offer incentives to our youth that attend Friday Night Hangout and are seen doing things as GREAT young people. **We need gift card donations from local stores.** Gift cards can be dropped off in the DeiVision of Children and Youth Office.

YOUTH REVIVAL 2008

All youth interested in working with the 2008 Youth Revival Leadership Team should plan to attend a Youth Revival planning meeting **TODAY** in the **Choir Room**.

Colemon W. Kerry Scholarship

Colemon W. Kerry Scholarship applications are now available for college, undergraduate and technical school students. First time applicants as well as renewing applicants should return the completed form and other pertinent information to the church no later than April 30. Applications will be available at the FMBC Welcome Center and the FMBC website at www.friendshipcharlotte.org. You may call the church office to request the forms as well. Contact Sister Valerie Wade at **704 391-6632** if you want the forms emailed or faxed to you

Friendship Community Development Corporation

Friendship Community Development Corp. (FCDC) TRYING TO GET BACK ON YOUR FEET? UNSURE OF WHAT TO DO NEXT? ARE YOU FEELING DEPRESSED AND ALL ALONE? We can help! The Friendship CDC is starting its next class for the Re-Entry to Employment Program. The class will start on **May 5 at 9:00a in Room 360** of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. This is a two week program designed to assist unemployed and underemployed individuals with obtaining and maintaining employment. The sessions are Monday – Friday from 9:00a – 12:00noon. For more information contact Kimberley Harrison, Workforce Development Coordinator at **704-391-6695** or **kharrison@friendshipcharlotte.org**. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED, BUT CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 15 PARTICIPANTS.

Friendship Community Development Corp. We are accepting applications for the **Summer Youth Employment Program**. Teens attending West Charlotte, Harding, NW School of the Arts and Hopewell are welcome to apply. Teens must attend mandatory job readiness workshops on **Sat. May 17 from 9:00a-12:00p** and will compete for jobs with local employers at job fair on Sat., May 31 from 9:00a-12:00noon. Applications available online at **www.friendshipcharlotte.net** or from high school guidance counselor. Applications are due back by close of business Fri., May 9. Applications are to be turned in at the Welcome Center, 3400 Beatties Ford Rd.

GREAT THINGS

Great Things is seeking donations of furniture and household items as well as jewelry. We offer pickup service of large furniture donations during store hours. For all other donations, please visit us at 1914 Beatties Ford Road, Tues. - Sat. from 10:00a–5:00p. We can be reached at **704-394-9292**.

Remember, your donations are tax deductible and allow us to offer meaningful teen programs such as the Friendship Summer Youth Employment Program, which is in its second year! Help a teen and donate today!

Baptist World Alliance

On one Sunday every year, Baptists set aside a special time to recognize the worldwide fellowship of Baptists and to pray for each other. **May 4 is Baptist World Alliance Day!** Please join us in prayer as we renew our resolve to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth and as we celebrate our participation with our sisters and brothers everywhere in the fellowship of Christ.

This year, the Baptist World Alliance asks that we focus on **responding to people who are suffering and in need**.

Dr. Thomas W. Samuel , Guest Minister, 7:30a

Dr. Samuel was born in Miami, Florida. He married Juanita I. Gibson in 1954 and they are the proud parents of two daughters, Gennita R. Samuels and Synovia L. Pettice; two sons, Henry J. and Thomas W. II; grandparents of five and great grandparents of two.



Dr. Samuel received his Bachelor of Science from Bethune-Cookman College, Dayton B.Fl., the Doctor of Divinity, Bethune-Cookman University and studied at the University of Miami, Miami, Fl., Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL, New York University, New York, NY, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, Stetson University, Deland, FL and Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL. He was also a Nursing Assistant with the Veterans Administration and teacher at Lake County Florida Public Schools 1956-1972

He was ordained an Elder in the Primitive Baptist Church, 1957 and has pastored at St. John P.B. Church, Mt. Dora, FL. , Mt. Zion P.B. Church, Eustis, FL, Zion Hill P.B. Church, Lakeland, FL and Greater Mt. Moriah P.B. Church, Charlotte, NC. Dr. Samuel retired in 2006.

Among his honors received and offices held are the Good Shepherd National Boy Scouts Award; Consulting Editor The Story of Civil Rights, Cook Publishing., 1972; Advisory Board Echoes Curriculum, Cook Publishing, 1988-90; Guest Preacher, Garret-Nabritt Lecture Series, American Baptist College; Who's Who In Religion, Marquis Publishing, 1992; Radio-minister, "Echoes of Praise" 1981-2002; "Order of Long Leaf Pine" State of NC Governor's Award, 2006; President, NC/VA State P.B. Convention 1977-current; and President Emeritus/Historian National P.B. Convention 2005-current.

Friendship, please welcome Dr. Thomas W. Samuel.

Discipleship and Christian Education



Bible Study is offered on various days and times during the week. Please come and share with us as we learn more about the Bible, about God and understand more clearly God's will for our lives.

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday for **Seniors - 10:30a** (Book of Revelation)
 Wednesday Evenings - **7:00p - 8:15p** (Ecclesiastes 1)
 Wednesday Evenings for **Children/Youth - 7:00p - 8:15p**
 Thursday - **11:30a - 12:30p** (I Chronicles)
 Thursday Evenings - **7:00p - 8:30p** (Genesis)
 Every 1st and 3rd Saturday for **Women - 3:00p** (Titus)

THE FRIENDSHIP LITERARY CLUB

Our next reading selection is **Red River** by Lalita Tademy. We will meet on **Mon., Apr. 28 at 6:30p in Room 268** to discuss the book. Sis. Cora Maxwell will facilitate the discussion as well as share with us some of the discoveries on her recent trip to South Africa.

Currently, there are copies of the book in the Char-Meck Library, Borders Books at Northlake Mall and Barnes & Nobel at Southpark. There are also new and used copies on www.amazon.com.

Please contact Gaye Bigelow at **704-597-5417** or gayebigelow@juno.com for more information.

ADULT MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Mon., Apr. 28	Class 301; Class 101	6:30p
Tues., Apr. 29	Class 401	6:30p
Sat., May 3	Classes 101, 201, 301, 401	9:00a
Mon., May 5	Class 201; Class 401	6:30p
Tues., May 6	Class 201	6:30p

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CLASSES
 Alma Wynn Jones, 704-391-3860 or www.friendshipcharlotte.org

All classes must be taken in sequence 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 and 401 and baptism (if applicable), you will be eligible to receive the Right Hand of Fellowship
June 2008

Adults

BUSINESS SOLUTIONS MINISTRY

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 13. We invite you to come and listen to Stacey Gibbs, as she will be presenting on Marketing 101. Bring your lunch as we share and learn about Marketing 101. For more information, contact Judge Collier at judgemarcus@yahoo.com or Cheryl Waymer at cwaymer@carolina.rr.com.

NEW PERSPECTIVE MINISTRY

Please join the New Perspective Ministry on **Sun., Mar 4 at 4:00p in the Conference Center** to witness a **drama** on the grieving sisters, **Mary and Martha**.

Seniors in the Spotlight

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues., May 20 10:00a	SENIORS' HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL AND WELLNESS FAIR
Sat., May 24 7:00p	ROCKAWAY REVUE, INC. presents "I'll Take You There" sponsored by Second Ward High School National Alumni Foundation, Inc. West Charlotte Senior HS Auditorium \$12 per person
Tues., Aug. 12 10:30a	MOTOWN REVIEW - Greensboro Barn Dinner Theater \$55 per person includes transportation via motor coach and Dinnertainment. (\$20 deposit will hold your spot). <u>Reservations must be accompanied by registration form and deposit.</u> FINAL PAYMENT MUST BE IN BY FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2008.
Contact Alma Wynn Jones for information on any Senior Event - 704-391-3860 .	

Health and Wellness

WALK TEAM MINISTRY

The Walk Team Ministry will meet Sat., May 3, from 9:00a—10:00a.