

Membership Classes

Please report to the Welcome Desk on the lower level for class room locations.

Class 201	TODAY 9:30a	Class 401	TODAY 9:30a		
Class 101	Sun., Aug. 16 9:30a	Class 301	Sun., Aug. 16 9:30a	Class 501	Sun., Aug. 16 9:30a
Class 201	Sun., Aug. 23 9:30a	Class 401	Sun., Aug. 23 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)

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.
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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

3400 Beatties Ford Road Charlotte, NC 28216 Office - 704-392-0392 Fax-704-391-5800	Worship Services 7:30a; 9:30a; 11:30a Junior Worship (k-5) 7:30a; 11:30a Youth Worship (6-12) 9:30a; 11:30a Church School - 9:30a-10:30a Adult & Youth Bible Study Wed., 7:00p
Prayer Line - 704-391-3880 www.friendshipcharlotte.org	

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

**A Celebration of
 Worship
 Health Emphasis**



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August 9, 2009

- Invocation**

- Opening Hymn**

- Scripture Reading**
Jeremiah 32:1-5

- Gloria Patri**

- Intercessory Prayer**

- Pastoral Reflections/
Welcome/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.

Worship Education for the Week

Here at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church during our “fellowship time” we often sing a song that may not be familiar to some. It’s titled “**KOINONIA**” written by V. Michael McKay (#579 in our Hymnal)

"What is koinonia?"

Koinonia is a Greek word that occurs 20 times in the Bible. Koinonia’s primary meaning is “fellowship, sharing in common, communion.” The first occurrence of koinonia is [Acts 2:42](#), “They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” Christian fellowship is a key aspect of the Christian life. Believers in Christ are to come together in love, faith, and encouragement. That is the essence of koinonia.

A powerful example of what koinonia should look like can be found in a study of the phrase “one another” in the Bible. Scripture commands us to be devoted to one another ([Romans 12:10](#)), honor one another ([Romans 12:10](#)), live in harmony with one another ([Romans 12:16](#); [1 Peter 3:8](#)), accept one another ([Romans 15:7](#)), serve one another in love ([Galatians 5:13](#)), be kind and compassionate to one another ([Ephesians 4:32](#)), admonish one another ([Colossians 3:16](#)), encourage one another ([1 Thessalonians 5:11](#); [Hebrews 3:13](#)), spur one another on toward love and good deeds ([Hebrews 10:24](#)), offer hospitality ([1 Peter 4:9](#)), and love one another ([1 Peter 1:22](#); [1 John 3:11](#); [3:23](#); [4:7](#); [4:11-12](#)).

If you are unfamiliar with the words to our koinonia song, please take the time to study them and join in singing with us as we fellowship one with another.

Lyrics to OUR Koinonia Song

*How can I say that I love the Lord whom I've never, ever seen before;
and forget to say that I love the one whom I walk beside each and every day?
How can I look upon your face and ignore God's love/ You I must embrace!
You're my brother; you're my sister; and I love you with the love of my Lord!*



Guest Organist

Nathaniel Gumbs is a native of the Bronx, NY. He is a 2009 graduate of Shenandoah Conservatory of Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia where he received the Bachelor of Music Degree in Organ Performance where he was a student of Dr. Steven Cooksey. This fall, Nat will pursue the Master of Music degree in Organ Performance at Yale University, Institute of Sacred Music in New Haven, Connecticut and is a recipient of a full scholarship and stipend. Nat was the conference organist for the 2009 Hampton Ministers' Conference in Hampton, VA. He received the Service Playing and Colleague Certifications from the American Guild of Organists. Nat is a member of Trinity Baptist Church in the Bronx, NY.

From the Pastor...

Word for the Month - “AGREEMENT”

Scriptures for the Month - Jeremiah 31-33; Psalm 66:1-20, Acts 1:8

Thought for the Month:

Trust The Promise As You Go Through!!!

Emphasis for the Month: Worship Education

Pastor's Book of the Month:

Discerning the Spirits:

A Guide to Thinking about Christian Worship Today

by Cornelius Plantinga, Jr. and Sue A. Rozeboom

“Additional Readings for the Week”

Mon.	Jeremiah 32:1-5	Jeremiah’s prophecy while entrapped in jail.
Tues.	Jeremiah 32:6-16	God’s word revealed to Jeremiah confirmed and fulfilled.
Wed.	Jeremiah 32:16-19	The prophet’s prayer to God.
Thurs.	Jeremiah 32:20-25	The prophet reminds God of his past works.
Fri.	Jeremiah 32:26-35	Stay alert! I am God, the God of everything living. Is there anything I can’t do?
Sat.	Jeremiah 32:36-44	God’s promised agreement to His people.

Points to Ponder: *In the Old Testament, the God of love is also depicted as a God of wrath and judgment, but we must understand God is also a God of hope and mercy. God gives us a heart to fear (honor, reverence) Him, and as Christians, God creates in us a spirit of love for our brothers and sisters. Through our prayers, we discern and acknowledge that we can trust God because He is faithful and constant in His relationship with us. When we are fearful, God is faithful. When we feel far from God, He is ever present. No matter the challenges and obstacles of life, be assured that God’s promises to His people are true.*

Prayer: *Lord, we know that You have our best interest at heart, as a good father and shepherd does. As we go from day to day, help us to trust You more and not merely leaning on our own beliefs. You have been the God of all creation and still remain the God of all who live! Christian and non-Christian alike, every knee must bow and every tongue confess that You are Lord! We trust You as Good Shepherd! Amen.*

Deacons on Call for August 9-15, 2009

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