

Membership Classes

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

201	TODAY 9:30a	401	TODAY 9:30a
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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.

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:

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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

Join us in a 'delicious fellowship' with food, family, friends and some of our newest church family members.

August **Family Fellowship Dinner**
Aug. 30, following the 11:30a service
Conference Center

Chef Henry's cooking up one of his specials:
Baked and Fried Chicken, Sweet Potato
Casserole, Savory Green Beans, Tossed Salad,
Rolls, Dessert, Beverage

Tickets are available, beginning **TODAY** in
The Gallery...
\$8 for adults; \$5 for children

About Friendship Missionary Baptist

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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

Church School - 9:30a—10:30a

Adult & Youth Bible Study
Wed., 7:00p

Friendship
Missionary Baptist Church

Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr.

August 23, 2009

Invocation

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 34:1-3

Scripture Response

Intercessory Prayer

Ministry of Music

**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.

A Celebration of Worship

Embracing the Promise -
From Mecklenburg Throughout North Carolina

Worship Education for the Week

Why Do We Sing?

In Colossians 3:12-17, God gives a model for corporate worship for the church, including an instruction to sing: *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

In this writing, Paul expresses that singing a fundamentally human way to engage in worship. God has given us only a few ways to express our relationship with others: through Speech, Touch, Reading, Writing, Gestures and we can sing! So why do we sing in church? Our singing should be an emotive response to the God who has revealed himself in the Scriptures. Words have meaningful value and as we share in worship together, use your voice to bring glory to God. Music helps us respond emotionally to God and His people, as we sing of God's works, give Him thanks and praise, and encourage one another to live for Him.

Guest Artist (9:30 and 11:30)

Gerard Williams is a native of Durham, NC, eldest of 8 siblings and has been singing since the age of 4. At an early age, he began cultivating his passion for music being classically trained in piano, vocal and song writing. He has performed with many well known artists in a diverse area and continues to allow God to direct his path to reach the masses. He attended the Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA, and has had many opportunities to travel and sing abroad. With his eyes poised on a lasting recording career, the formal training to go forth, complete submission to the will of GOD and the drive and goal to succeed, Gerard M Williams is sure to become a name that will be synonymous with gospel music for years to come.



www.gerardmwilliams.com

'Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus

Text: Louisa M.R. Stead, c.1850-1917
Tune: TRUST IN JESUS, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838-1921

**Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."**

**O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood,
Just in simple faith to plunge me
"Neath the healing, cleansing flood!**

**Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease,
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace.**

**I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend:
And I know that Thou art with me,
Will be with me to the end.**

REFRAIN

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!**

**Deacons on Call for
August 23-30, 2009**

Raleigh Bynum	704-596-6270; 704-231-1897
Wallace Means	704-587-0781; 704-517-1522
Willie Milton	704-542-6443
Debra Prioleau	704-391-2987; 704-763-3511

From the Pastor...

Word for the Month - **"AGREEMENT"**

Scriptures for the Month - Jeremiah 31-33;
Psalms 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 34:1-3	God's message to Jeremiah
Tues.	Jeremiah 34:4-5	Instructions on dying
Wed.	Jeremiah 34:6-10	The Covenant: slaves set free
Thurs.	Jeremiah 34:11-14	Broken promises
Fri.	Jeremiah 34:15-20	Repercussions of not obeying.
Sat.	Jeremiah 34:21-22	God's decree.

Points to Ponder: Here Zedekiah is told that the city will be taken, and that he will die a captive, but it will be a natural death. It is better to live and die penitent in a prison, than to live and die impenitent in a palace. Those who think to cheat God by false repentance and partial reformation, cheat themselves and their own souls. This shows that liberty to sin, is really only liberty to experience painful judgments. God could show merciless punishment on each of us when we disappoint His expectations. When reformation springs only from terror, it is seldom lasting. Let us look to our hearts, that our repentance may be real, and take care that the law of God regulates our conduct.

Prayer: Lord, You have been so gracious to us throughout all generations. Help us to witness to others of how good You are to us. If only we TRUST You in all things and rest upon Your Promises. Help us to never place limitations on Your works! You are the only God that has never broken Your promises. And lo You are with us – ALWAYS! Thank you for being our God. Amen