

Family Fellowship Dinner

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

TODAY, 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 in The Gallery...
\$8 for adults; \$5 for children

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

**Baptism, Right Hand of Fellowship,
and Intergenerational Sunday**

August 30, 2009

7:30a and 9:30a Services

11:15a Service

Music of Preparation

Invocation

Opening Song of Praise

Scripture Reading
Jeremiah 35:1-5

Scripture Response

Intercessory Prayer

Ministry of Music

**Pastoral Reflections/
Welcome/Announcements**

Offertory/Ministry of Music

Proclamation
7:30-Pastor Jones
9:30-Rev. Carla Patterson

Invitation

Benediction

Baptismal Prayer

Baptism

Invocation

Opening Song of Praise

Scripture Reading
Jeremiah 35:1-5

Intercessory Prayer

Ministry of Music

New Members Presentation

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Offertory/Ministry of Music

Proclamation
Rev. Trevor Beauford

Invitation

Benediction

Fellowship Dinner

A Celebration of Worship

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

WE WILL GLORIFY - #286

Text: Twila Paris, b. 1958

Tune: WE WILL GLORIFY, 9 7 9 6; Twila Paris, b. 1958

ALL

We will glorify the King of kings,
We will glorify the Lord of lords,
Who is the great I am.

Choir

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty,
We will bow before His throne;
We will worship Him in righteousness,
We will worship Him alone.

Congregation

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth,
He is Lord of all who live;
He is Lord above the universe –
All praise to Him we give.

ALL

Hallelujah to the King of kings,
Hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords,
Who is the great I Am.

Candidates for Baptism

Sis. Ahlina C. Archibald	Sis. Jacqueline Henderson	Bro. William Z. Pinson
Sis. Samara J. Archibald	Bro. Simeon Hills	Bro. Julian Price
Sis. Larnise D. Bellamy	Sis. Jordan D. Ince	Bro. Devin Pyatt
Bro. Jordan Buford	Sis. Bethannie M. Jamerson	Bro. Devin Rankin
Bro. Nyugha Caspa	Sis. Karen T. James	Sis. Shirley G. Smiley
Sis. Amaya N. Chambers	Bro. C. Alexander Johnson	Bro. Daniel L. Smith
Mr. Edward P. Dixon	Sis. Jaylyn A. Lutz	Sis. Shelley V. Smith
Bro. Marcus A. Evans	Sis. Cherita R. McNeal	Bro. Lawrence B. Snipes
Bro. Ronald Gipson, Jr.	Sis. Adrienne N. Mitchell	Bro. Kedian D. Taborn
Sis. Rian Gipson	Sis. Alexis Jordan Mitchell	Sis. Natasha F. Thompson
Bro. Ronald A. Gipson	Sis. Patricia S. Ochogu	Bro. Jalen Watley
Sis. Estelle Graham	Sis. Kayla M. Pinson	Bro. Elijah R. Williams

Candidates by Christian Experience

Sis. Denise D. Bellamy	Sis. Constance J. Hudson	Sis. Joelle M. Payton
Bro. Samuel C. Bridges	Bro. Darryl E. Ince	Bro. Willie B. Pinson
Sis. Sharon E. Bridges	Sis. Tania D. Ince	Sis. Jennifer L. Pinson
Sis. Sharla Bridges	Bro. Clarence Johnson	Sis. Elizabeth Riddick
Sis. Tyler S. Clark	Sis. Mahalia Johnson	Bro. Edwin Sanders, Jr.
Sis. Gloria Gibson	Sis. Kristy Lowe	Sis. Evangeline Sanders
Sis. Erica Gipson	Bro. Todd Malloy	Sis. Dolores Sheppard
Sis. Andrea Holland	Sis. Barbara J. Malloy	Bro. Michael A. Wells
Bro. Donald E. Hudson	Sis. Marsha Mullins	Sis. Phyliss Wright

Candidates By Letter

Bro. Reginald Coles

Candidates By Restoration

Sis. Jovanne G. Taborn

Music and Arts

7:30a - **Congregational, Cliff Harrington, Soloist**
9:30a and 11:30a – **Middle and High School Youth Choir**
(Choir Camp Participants)

Health and Wellness/Fitness

FIT FAMILY Program

(Families In Training Program)

Sponsored by The Charlotte Chapter of the Links, Inc.

Providing a fun and entertaining approach to a family-based weight management through health and wellness education, self-awareness and physical fitness. The program focuses on prevention of overweight, obesity and sedentary behaviors, one family at a time.

Program requirements: adult and child participation
6 weeks of commitment
enthusiasm for learning
commitment to behavior modification techniques

Program is Free of Charge and Under Medical Supervision

Registration deadline: Sept. 18 by 5:00p

Dates: Sept. 22 – Dec. 15, 2009

Time: 6:00p – 8:00 pm – 3301 Beatties Ford Road

Contact: Hazel Dawkins at 704-545-6901 or drop application at the
3400 Welcome Desk for Cassandra Harding, Parish Nurse

Free Diabetes Clinic

Sponsored by Diabetes Resource Center **every 4th Monday of the month**
At Friendship Missionary Baptist Church by appointment
3301 Beatties Ford Road, Conference Room
10:00a—1:00p

Contact the Parish Nurse Office at **704-391-3856**
or charding@friendshipcharlotte.org

Rapture Fitness - Mon., Wed., Fri., 6:00p—7:00p; \$240 per 8 week session or \$160 for advance members. Contact Robin Austin, 704-241-5322

Aerobics for All - Tues., Thurs., 6:00p—7:00p; \$3 per class. Contact 704-391-3856

“Walk Away the Pounds” - Mon., Wed., from 7:00p—8:00p and Fri. from 5:00p—6:00p. Free. Contact 704-391-3856

Weight Watchers - Tues., 6:00p—8:15p. Contact 1-800-651-6000 for details.

Upcoming Walks

- ⇒ **Charlotte Metro Heart Walk, Sat., Sept. 19.** Founders Hall/Uptown Charlotte, Trade & Tryon, 3 miles; Registration 7:30a, walk 9:00a
- ⇒ **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, Sat., Sept. 26.** Symphony Park at South Park, 3 miles; Registration 8:00a, walk 9:00a
- ⇒ **SG Komen Breast Cancer/Race for the Cure, Sat., Oct. 3.** Gateway Village, 3.1 miles; Registration 6:30a, Walk 8:00a

Contact Mary Ann Harrington, **704-882-0928.**

Worship Education for the Week

The Blessing of the Benediction

How do you end a worship service? Is it best to say, "You are dismissed", or to sing a final hymn, or simply wave and shout "Goodbye now or that's all folks!"? What exactly *is* the benediction? Perhaps we have asked this question of ourselves but felt intimidated to ask it in public for fear of appearing ignorant. As always, we should turn to the Word of God to answer this question.

The word 'benediction' means literally a 'good-speaking'. It is the pronouncement of blessing upon another. While it is a type of prayer, it is different than other prayers. Rather than a supplication to God to do something, it is closer to an act of obedience to God in His desire to bless the people through the leadership. It is done, like prayer, in obedience, seeking God's blessing. At the same time, as with preaching, it is done with an understanding of the God-appointed office and the privilege to confer something to God's people while in that office. The practice of the priest, apostle, and church leader blessing God's people is found throughout the Scriptures.

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” These are words, taken from 2 Corinthians 13:14, which the minister regularly says with raised hands as he pronounces the benediction upon the congregation at the end of a worship service. The benediction, therefore, is an important element of our worship. Not only does this practice connect us with the ancient church and the covenant people of God all the way back to Aaron, but it gives us the opportunity to hear these words of blessing and grace pronounced upon us. The benediction is hardly the time to begin putting on our coat or collecting our things in preparation to leave. This is God's final word to us in the covenant assembly of worship that, for those who belong to Him, we are not under God's wrath, but the objects of His love and mercy. It is the holy announcement that we are sealed with God's name and our whole life is covered by His grace. May we give God thanks and praise for providing us with the opportunity in our worship services for His grace to get the final word in our service of worship.

Community food offering for Sunday, September 6

- ⇒ ***School supplies for needy children (bookbags, folders, pencils, glue sticks, pens, ruled paper, notebooks, 3-ring binders, color pencils, markers, crayons, highlighters, erasers)***
- ⇒ ***Cold and Hot Cereals (grits, oatmeal, cream of wheat, boxed cold cereals)***

Seniors and Volunteers

***Your help is needed to pack the community food boxes on
Tues., Sept. 8, 10:00a - Sanctuary***

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 35:1-5	Jeremiah receives instructions concerning the Recabites
Tues.	Jeremiah 35:5-7	Wine test
Wed.	Jeremiah 35:8-11	The Recabites' faithfulness to ancestors
Thurs.	Jeremiah 35:12-14	The lesson taught
Fri.	Jeremiah 35:15-16	Do you obey when God speaks?
Sat.	Jeremiah 35:17-19	Repercussions of not obeying

Point to Ponder: *What would be your response to these laws? Do not drink wine, neither you, or your sons for ever: neither shall you build a house or sow seed or plant vineyard. Live in tents. The Rachabites were tent dwellers who came to Jerusalem because of the Babylonian invasion of Judah. Jeremiah uses them as an object lesson. If the Rachabites can maintain strict obedience to a rather outlandish 200-year-old decree, why can't Judah obey God? The first verse of this familiar hymn declares – “When we walk with the Lord in the light of His word, what a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.” The staple in this text: “Trust and Obey- For there's no other way to be happy in Jesus but to Trust and Obey.”*

Prayer: *O God, our help in ages past. Our hope for years to come. Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home. Father, if we only TRUST You, we have been promised peace and happiness both here and in our eternal home. Lord, help us to not let our limitations become Your limitations. We seek to TRUST the covenant You made with us. Thank You for being our faithful God! Amen.*

Support Groups

HEALS [*Helping Each other with the Acceptance of Loss through Spiritual affirmation*] – **Finding Joy Ministry** is a support group for men and women dealing with transitions, [i.e. loss of a loved one, unemployment, divorce, etc.] We will be meeting **Tues., Sept. 1st and 15th at 7:00p in Room 326.**

CROSS [*Cancer victors Reaching out Offering Sisterly Support*] **Ministry** is a support group for women that have been diagnosed, survivor or a caregiver. We will be meeting **Thurs., Sept. 3 at 6:30p in Room 326.** Our topic will be, 'Moving from Fear to Faith!'

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

Men's Prostate Cancer Support Group

will meet **Tues., Sept. 8 from 6:30p—8:30p** in the Conference Room at **3301 Beatties Ford Road**

Chronic Health Support Group

will meet on **Sat., Sept. 12 from 11:00a—1:00p in Room 135.**

My Sister (Multiple Sclerosis)

will meet on **Sat., Sept. 19 from 1:00p—2:30p in Room 133**

For additional information on the support groups, please contact
Sis. Cassandra Harding at **704-391-3856**

Baptist World Alliance

Honolulu, Hawaii
July 27—Aug. 7, 2010 (12-day tour)

Hosted by

Rev. Dr. Clifford Jones, Sr. and Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Cost per person: \$4379 from Charlotte. Includes air transportation, hotel, meals, sightseeing, transfers and baggage.

Tours include: Mainland/Honolulu, Kona, Maui

\$500 deposit per person required at time of booking. Balance is due upon receipt of final invoice (approx. 10-12 weeks prior to departure)

Contact Andrea Betaudier at 704-391-3864 or abetaudier@friendshipcharlotte.org.

Information is located in the kiosks at the Welcome Center and the narthex.

Seniors

Fall activities are underway for the Seniors in the Spotlight!!

- ⇒ **Care Team Meeting** - resumes **Tues., Sept. 8, 10:00a**
- ⇒ **Bible Study** - **Tues., Sept. 8, 10:30a**, Conference Center A
- ⇒ **Senior Sewing Class** - resumes **Fri., Sept. 11, 9:00a – 11:00a** - \$1 per class (classes held Mondays and Fridays).
- ⇒ **Line Dancing** - resumes **Thurs., Sept. 10, 10:30a** in the gym. Cost \$20 for 6 weeks. New dancers receive a free "trial" class. (weekly classes)
- ⇒ **Arts and Crafts** - resumes **Wed., Sept. 9, 10:30a** - classes are free. Purchase own materials.
- ⇒ **Senior Computer Class** - Beginner's classes: **Mon., Sept. 28, 4:00p – 6:00p** or **Tues., Sept. 28, 2:00p – 4:00p**; Intermediate's class: **Mon., Sept. 28, 2:00p – 4:00p**; Commitment for 8 weeks. - Classes are free
- ⇒ **Seniors' Chair Aerobics** - **Every Thurs., 9:45a** in the Fitness Center - \$3 per class
- ⇒ **Monthly Gathering/Birthday Celebration** - resumes **Tues., Sept. 15, 10:30a**

Registration line for all classes - 704-391-6696
To register for Line Dancing - 803-802-5960

Children, Youth and Singles

Children, Youth & Single Ministry Fair

TODAY, 8:30a–1:00p

Conference Center Hallways
 Showcasing the different ministries and opportunities offered at Friendship for children/youth/singles.

Parents' Ministry Meeting

Wed., Sept. 9, 6:00p in Room 135.
 For more information, please contact Merl Jones at **704-957-4157**.

Volunteers Needed

Hallowed Be Thy Name Fall Festival
 For children k-5
 Contact April Pride at **704-649-0889** or Kim Craig at **704-391-3876**

Family Back to School Conference

Sat., Sept. 12, 8:30a–1:00p

- Special guest speaker:
 Dr. Peter Gorman and Sue Gorman
 Featuring:
- ⇒ Parent Workshops by CMS Parent University
 - ⇒ Healthy Living Just for Teens
 ⇒ and much more.
 - ⇒ Register by calling **704-391-3876**

Save the Date

2009 Youth Winter Retreat

Dec. 18–21, Scenic Wolf Resort

Registration begins **Tues., Sept. 15** for youth ages 13 and **up**.

Discipleship and Christian Education



Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday for **Seniors - 10:30a** (Revelation)
 Wednesday Evenings - **7:00p** - (Romans)
 Wednesday Mornings - **11:30a–3:01 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)

Please note that Women's Bible Study for Sat., Sept. 5 has been cancelled.

Community Table for August 2009

"Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and tomorrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee." Proverbs 3:27-28

The following food pantries received from the Friendship Community Table on August 2, 2009.

C.U.P. Ministry	361.4 lbs
Catholic Social Services	285.6
Friendship Trays	208.4
Jackson Park Ministries	379.2
Hyaets Ministry	161
God's Outreach Ministry	560.4
Other	62.0
Total pounds collected	2,018
Total cash collected to assist those in need	\$785.10

Baby Dedications for August 2009

Phoebe Nicole Morant - Parents: Bro. & Sis. Morant (Michael & Shawna)
Autumn Shyanne Gourdine - Parents: Bro. & Sis. Gourdine (Andre & April)

Adult Membership Classes

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

Children Class 101, Wed., Sept. 2, 7:00p
Please contact Rev. Trevor Beauford, 704-391-3894 prior attendance.

Adult Classes 101, 201, 301, 401 (NO CLASS 501)
Sat., Sept. 5 - each class begins at 9:00a

Class 101	Sun., Sept. 6 9:30a	Class 301	Sun., Sept. 6 9:30a		
Class 201	Sun., Sept. 13 9:30a	Class 401	Sun., Sept. 13 9:30a		
Class 101	Sun., Sept. 20 9:30a	Class 301	Sun., Sept. 20 9:30a	Class 501	Sun., Sept. 20 9:30a
Class 201	Sun., Sept. 27 9:30a	Class 401	Sun., Sept. 27 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.
Phylliss Caldwell, 704-391-3866, pcaldwell@friendshipcharlotte.org

Deacons on Call

Ada Meador	704-535-3703
Wilfred Neal	704-536-7055; 704-491-2867
Carl Terrell	704-364-1916; 704-507-4504
Thomas Wilkins	704-596-6960; 704-575-1784

Adults

MEG (Marriage Enrichment Group)

Sept. 6 through Oct. 25

MEG will focus on ***“Christian Marriages”***.

**Sunday classes will start at 9:30a in the Library at
3400 Beatties Ford Road.**

**Bi-weekly sessions will be held in the Choir Room at 3301 Beatties Ford Road
starting at 7:00p each 2nd and 4th Tuesday.**

**Child care will be provided for 3301 site. Call 704-391-3840 to register
number and age of children.**

Resource book: *“The Purpose & Power of Love & Marriage”* by Myles Munroe.

New Perspective Ministry

Monthly meeting, **Sun., Sept. 6 from 4:00p—6:00p.**

Reports from this year’s Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, Our Women’s
Retreat and plans for upcoming meetings. We need your support.

New members are always welcomed.

Friendship Community Development Corp.

Temporary Homeless Women’s Shelter, Sept. 14 – Oct. 2

Adult Fellowship Hall of FMBC; 3301 Beatties Ford Road

Need volunteers to assist in the following areas: assisting with shelter operations Mon.—Fri. between the hours of 5:00p-9:00p and Sat. and Sun. between the hours of 7:00a and 8:00p; donating perishable snacks or providing breakfast or lunch for Saturdays and Sundays (9/19-9/20 and 9/26-9/27) to feed 18 women; donating laundry detergent or contributing financially to assist in covering laundry and lunch expenses for the women participating in the Employment Readiness Class. Please contact Iris Smalls-Hubbard via email at ihubbard@friendshipcharlotte.org or phone at **704-391-6683** or to inform her of your desire to volunteer or assist in any other way.

Cornerstone Career Development Center – Employment Readiness Class

Aug. 31 – Sept. 11, 3400 Beatties Ford Road

Volunteers are needed to assist with mock interviews and motivational speakers are needed each Friday. Please contact Kimberley Harrison **704-391-6695** or via email at kharrison@friendshipcharlotte.org.

Crop Walk

CROP WALK 2009

Dust off those sneakers, do your stretching and walk with us in the **CROP WALK** on
Sun., Oct. 4. Help Charlotte celebrate 30 years of fighting hunger and poverty.
Registration starts Sun., Sept. 6.