

**Community Food Offering for Sunday...**

- Jan. 2** Soups, crackers, kidney beans, canned chili, Vienna sausage, cornbread mix, biscuit mix, egg noodles, chicken and beef broth, hot chocolate, coffee
- Feb. 6** Pasta and sauces, Cream of Wheat, Oatmeal, Grits, Canned Juices, Canned Vegetables
- Mar. 6** Canned vegetables, rice, boxed potato mix, canned meats (i.e., tuna, salmon, chicken, beef stew, etc.)

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

**Prayer Line** - 704-391-3880  
 www.friendshipcharlotte.org

**Worship Services**  
 7:30a; 9:30a; 11:30a  
**Junior Worship (k-5)**  
 7:30a; 11:30a  
**Youth Worship (6-12)**  
 9:30a; 11:30a  
**Sunday School** - 9:30a—10:30a  
 (pre-K—Adults)  
**Adult & Youth Bible Study**  
 Wed., 7:00p

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

# A Celebration of Worship

*Baptism and Right Hand of Fellowship*



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

**December 26, 2010**

**Prelude**  
**Deacon's Devotion**  
**Invocation**  
**Christmas Carol Medley:**  
 Angels We Have Heard on High/  
 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

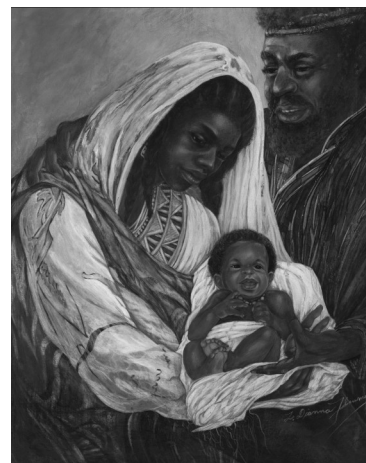
**Welcome**  
**Baptism Service (11:30a)**  
**Scripture Reading**  
 Acts 1:6-8  
**Doxology**  
 Hymn No. 650  
**Intercessory Prayer**  
**Ministry of Music**  
**Pastoral Reflections/  
 Announcements**

**Offertory/Ministry of Music**  
**Proclamation**  
**Invitation**  
**Presentation of New Members  
 (11:30a)**  
**Benediction**

**Postlude**  
 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,  
 arr. David Wilcocks

*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*

**Feast of the Holy Family**  
 Sunday after Christmas



*Father, help us to live as the Holy Family, united in respect and love.*

**120 Years of Progress through Faith, Leadership and Service...  
 to the Uttermost Parts of the World...**

**Angels We Have Heard on High**

Text: French 18<sup>th</sup> C., trans. from *Crown of Jesus Music*, London, 1862  
Tune: GLORIA French traditional

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

***Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be, which inspire your hev'nly song.  
**(Refrain)**

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come adore, on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
**(Refrain)**

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**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788  
Tune: MENDELSSOHN Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all you nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

***Ministry of Music and Arts***

7:30  
9:30a and 11:30a - FMBC Mass Choir

\*The 9:30a and 11:30a services are interpreted for the hearing impaired by  
the FMBC Deaf Ministry

Dr. Bill Cummings, Director; Monty Bennett, Organist;  
Willie Erwin, Percussionist; Gerard, Bass Guitarist,

**Friday, Dec. 31**

**Church Offices Closed**

**Watchnight Services**

**Friday Night, Dec. 31**

**7:00p** - Friendship Missionary Baptist Church  
**10:00p** - Mt. Carmel Baptist Church  
(Pastor Jones to preach at both churches)

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**Sat., Jan. 1 - Church Closed**

**Sun., Jan. 2 - 7:30a, 9:30a, 11:30a**

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**Jan. 9 - Dedication and Affirmation of  
Ministry Leaders**

**Sat., Jan. 22 - 7:00aa - Monthly Prayer Service and  
Breakfast**

**9:00a - Leadership Workshop**

***Acknowledgements Received from...***

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Betty P. McCarroll  
Robert Murray and Family  
Crawford and Stephanie Walker and Family  
Shelby and Betty Wilkerson  
Elizabeth Nichols, Burnadette Nicholas, Kim Lumpkin***

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT GROUP (MEG-COUPLES') MINUTE  
December 2010

**Resisting Temptation**

*"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are- yet without sin"*  
Heb. 4:15NIV

A young woman, Yegan L., whom I had begun seeing with her husband in counseling some years ago, called me and told me that she had to see me *alone* as soon as possible. When she came into my office a few days later, the rims of her eyes were red.

"I've been crying all morning," she told me.

"What's happened?"

"I made love to someone else!" she blurted out. "It simply happened, bang, like that. It's somebody at my office. He just looked at me at lunch and I knew it was going to happen. We went straight to a hotel room. That was last week. We've done it twice since then." She shook her head miserably. "How did I get into this whole mess?" she said.

"Why is it a mess?" I asked.

"Why? You know why?" Yegan said. "I love T [her husband]. I want us to work things out. And now this happens!"

I looked at Yagan. I could not help feeling sympathy for her distress, yet I was disappointed that she *refused* to take responsibility for her infidelity- just as all along she had refused to take responsibility for her sexuality in her marriage.

"You make it sound like it is all happening to someone else," I said to her.

Most people I see who have been unfaithful to their spouses tell me that "*it just happened.*" Like a teenage girl who loses her virginity by being "*swept away*" against her better judgment, they protest that they "*could not help themselves*" or that it was the drink or the circumstances which caused their infidelity. But no matter how much they deny their responsibility for what "*just happened,*" they are stuck with the consequences: confused feelings, guilt, and the fear of losing their spouse and family- *the whole mess.*

I certainly am not going to offer a moral lecture here on the "*sin*" of infidelity; that is not the business for this moment. But I do think we are all obligated to ourselves as well as to our spouses to examine the reason *why* we are tempted to be unfaithful and to consciously decide *if it is worth it* to give in to these temptations. And yes, I guess I do have one moral premise: I don't think grown-ups should allow themselves to get away with saying, "It just happened."

Temptation is God's magnifying glass; it shows us how much work he has left to do in our lives. -E.W.L.

For information concerning MEG, Premarital and Post marital Counseling, please contact Rev. O. T. Tomes at **704-391-3840** or email [otomes@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:otomes@friendshipcharlotte.org)

**From the Pastor...**

**Word of the Month - GIVING**

**Scriptures for the Month:** Daniel 11-12; Acts 1:6-8

**Thought for the Week:**

120 Years of Progress Through Faith, Leadership and Service  
All Around the World.....

***Additional Readings for the Week***

Mon.	Luke 1:26-28	Paving the Way for our HOPE
Tues.	Daniel 12:1-4	Is it a Secret
Wed.	Daniel 12:5-7	God's Timing is the ONLY One That Matters
Thurs.	Daniel 12:8-13	God's People Worry Not
Fri.	I Thessalonians 4:13-18	At the End, We Have HOPE
Sat.	Matthew 2:1-13	HE Is Our Savior

***Point to Ponder:*** We have HOPE in all circumstances, including the future for the believers. We may not understand God's timing, but we do know God's future promise for us through His Son, Jesus Christ.

***Prayer:*** Lord, as I reflect on the Season of Christmas, let me too find eternal HOPE for that which is unknown to me. Amen.

**Deacons  
on Call for  
the Week**

Tolly Kennon	704-333-2935; 704-332-1591
Andrew Ladd	704-573-8898; 704-458-2333
Sylvester Owens	803-374-1198
Marvin Stallworth	704-882-7557; 704-363-0733
William Stanley	704-650-2719; 704-400-6207

## Discipleship and Christian Education



Every **2nd and 4th Tuesday** for **Seniors, 10:30a**

Will resume January 11, 2011

**Wednesday Evenings - 7:00p - (Daniel)**

**Wednesday Mornings - 11:30a—3:01 Beatties Ford Rd (Matthew)**

**Wednesday Evenings for Children/Youth - 7:00p**

Hot Topics, Great Discussions, Good Food (for your soul)

**Thursday Evenings - 7:00p - 8:30p (Numbers)**

Every **1st and 3rd Saturday** for **Women - 3:00p (Revelation)**

Will resume January 15, 2011

We have a new experience at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church (FMBC) for **Young Adults 18 and up**. The **New Millennium Church School Class** will offer an opportunity to meet and understand how to live as a young Christian adult in today's society. Do you feel you are struggling alone? Come fellowship and learn with others who are seeking answers. We meet **every Sunday in Room 133 at 3400 Bldg from 9:30a-10:45a**. If you have any questions, please contact Nelda Tatum at **704-957-9374** or [tatumne@yahoo.com](mailto:tatumne@yahoo.com) or Gloria Campbell-Whately at **704-807-8506**, [gcampbe1@uncc.edu](mailto:gcampbe1@uncc.edu) or **704-807-8506**.

Our topics for the holidays are:

- \* Abstinence???? You've got to Be Kidding!!
- \* Sex, Drugs, and Rock and Roll: Making Choices During the Holidays
- \* Confused, in Turmoil, Broke, Frazzled: How I Can Be Thankful?
- \* How High is High: Substance Abuse and the Holidays
- \* Happy!!! That's Me: Fighting Depression During the Holidays

Ways you can register for Membership C.L.A.S.S....

CALL

704-391-3850

E-MAIL

[ajones@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:ajones@friendshipcharlotte.org)

WEBSITE

[www.friendshipcharlotte.org](http://www.friendshipcharlotte.org)

**REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY FOR ALL CLASSES.**

**REGISTER BY 12:00 NOON ON THE THURSDAY** before the class you wish to take

**For questions concerning baptism or receiving the right hand of fellowship, please contact** Sheila Ledbetter, **704-391-3851**, [sledbetter@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:sledbetter@friendshipcharlotte.org),

## MEG (MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT GROUP) BIBLE STUDY 2011

Watch for Dates!!!

**Calling you, you and you single and married adults to an insightful Bible Study on the Song of Solomon!** Among all of the books of the Old Testament, the Song of Songs (Solomon) is one of the most intriguing. Since the heart of biblical spirituality is **love of God** and **love of the other**, and since sexuality is the physiological and psychological grounding of the human ability to **love**, **sexuality** plays a very important role in **spirituality**. In my ministry with MEG I have sensed a deep yearning on the part of many individuals for reuniting sexuality with the experience of the sacred. They are not satisfied with a disembodied understanding of **faith**, but are interested in the ways the experiences of one's sexuality influences one's spiritual perspective on **love, marriage, sex** and **romance**. To this end Rev. Paxton Hughes and myself will attempt to address the above concern. Interested persons can **purchase a resource guide** from the Gallery starting **TODAY** for this Bible study.

## MEG (MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT GROUP)

Cordially invites all married, engaged and dating couples (age 21 and over) to the

**Valentine's Banquet 2011**

**Fri., Feb. 11, 6:00p—10:30p**

\$60 per couple

Come enjoy the LIVE Motown sound of Dr. Bill and Friends, a wonderful three course meal, and a night of dancing. (FREE childcare will be available for children ages 1-12)

Tickets on sale starting TODAY in The Gallery.

## In the Event of Inclement Weather

**When weather conditions turn treacherous for travel, here are the places to check the status of scheduled church events:**

- ⇒ Call the church office main number: **704-392-0392**. The person answering the phone will have the most recent update on cancellations. In addition, the recorded auto attendant message will be changed to reflect the most recent status.
- ⇒ Subscribe to FMBCUPDATE. Text messages with the most recent updated information will be sent to subscribers' mobile phones. (To subscribe, text **FMBCUPDATE to 69302** from your cell phone.)
- ⇒ Check the Friendship website, [www.friendshipcharlotte.org](http://www.friendshipcharlotte.org). Our webpage will have the most recent updated information.

**CREATIVE MOVEMENT AND DANCE**

Dance into the New Year with Creative Movement and Dance. Registration begins TODAY until Tues., Jan. 19. Forms can be found at the Welcome Center Desk. Eight-Week Sessions - \$20 (non-refundable)

**Classes begin Jan. 12 and will continue until Mar. 5 for all ages.**

Wednesdays	6:15p—7:00p	3-5 year olds
Wednesdays	7:15p—8:15p	6-8 year olds
Thursdays	6:15p—7:15p	9-12 year olds
Saturdays	9:45a—11:00a	12 years—Adults

For more information, email Kieta Davis at [akdance27@yahoo.com](mailto:akdance27@yahoo.com), 704-351-6571 or Nina Newton at [precioustreas6@hotmail.com](mailto:precioustreas6@hotmail.com), 704-651-5234

**MATH MADNESS IS BACK**

Students in grades 2—8 will receive nine two-hour sessions of differentiated mathematics and reading comprehension instructions from certified teachers. To encourage writing across the curriculum, writing lessons are integrated inside the mathematics and reading comprehension lessons. High school students will receive six three-hours SAT prep sessions.

**Jan. 8, 22; Feb. 12, 26; Mar. 12, 26; Apr. 9, 23; May 14**

Tuition of \$50 covers the cost of certified teachers and instructional materials. For more information, please contact Cynthia Sings Butler at 704-391-6692. Enrollment forms are located in the kiosks. All completed enrollment forms and tuition payments should be returned to The Gallery at Friendship.

**Support Groups**

<b>CROSS</b> Cancer victors Reaching out Offering Sisterly Support (Women's Cancer Support Group)	1st Thursday of each month	6:30p	Rev. Michelle Jones 704.391.3852 <a href="mailto:mjones@friendshipcharlotte.org">mjones@friendshipcharlotte.org</a>
<b>CHRONIC ILLNESS</b>	2nd Saturday of each month	11:00a	Sis. Cassandra Harding 704.391.3856 <a href="mailto:charding@friendshipcharlotte.org">charding@friendshipcharlotte.org</a>
<b>H.E.A.L.S. - FINDING JOY</b> Grief/Loss Support Group	1st Tuesday of each month	7:00p	Rev. Michelle Jones 704.391.3852 <a href="mailto:mjones@friendshipcharlotte.org">mjones@friendshipcharlotte.org</a>
<b>PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP</b>	2nd Tuesday of each month	6:30p	Sis. Cassandra Harding 704.391.3856 <a href="mailto:charding@friendshipcharlotte.org">charding@friendshipcharlotte.org</a>

# Membership Classes

Please report to the Welcome Center on the lower level for classroom locations.

All persons joining Friendship Missionary Baptist Church are required to attend five (5) Christian Life and Service Seminars (C.L.A.S.S.) before Baptism and/or the Right Hand of Fellowship is extended:

**C.L.A.S.S. 101                      C.L.A.S.S. 201                      C.L.A.S.S. 301**  
**C.L.A.S.S. 401                      C.L.A.S.S. 501**

**All classes must be taken in sequence** (with the exception of Biblical Stewardship—501) beginning with C.L.A.S.S. 101

**DECEMBER 2010 JANUARY 2011 C.L.A.S.S. SCHEDULE**

<b>C.L.A.S.S. 101</b>	Sun., Dec. 26	9:30a
	Sun., Jan. 2	9:30a
	Sat., Jan. 8	9:00a
	Sun., Jan. 16	9:30a
	Sun., Jan. 30	9:30a
<b>C.L.A.S.S. 201</b>	Sun., Dec. 26	9:30a
	Sat., Jan. 8	9:00a
	Sun., Jan. 9	9:30a
	Sun., Jan. 23	9:30a
<b>C.L.A.S.S. 301</b>	Sun., Dec. 26	9:30a
	Sun., Jan. 2	9:30a
	Sat., Jan. 8	9:00a
	Sun., Jan. 16	9:30a
	Sun., Jan. 30	9:30a
<b>C.L.A.S.S. 401</b>	Sun., Dec. 26	11:30a
	Sat., Jan. 8	9:00a
	Sun., Jan. 9	9:30a
<b>C.L.A.S.S. 501</b>	Sun., Dec. 26	11:30a
	Sat., Jan. 8	9:00a
	Sun., Jan. 16	9:30a

**CHILDREN'S (age 14 and under) 101 MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

Sat., Jan. 8                      9:00a

## Ministry Events and Announcements

### SENIORS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

#### **Senior Care Team**

Group Meeting to discuss 2011 plans, **Tues., Jan. 25** (immediately following Bible Study). **(There will no meeting on Tues., Jan. 11). All Care Team members are requested to attend.**

#### **Conversational Tuesdays - Jan. 18, 10:30a**

Conversational Tuesdays will have educational topics with guest speakers and presentations followed by open discussions on everyday matters (educational, politics, philosophy and a potpourri of other topics). **Lunch offered for \$1** (must register for lunch). **Every 3rd Tuesday, 10:30a.**

For **Jan. 18**

10:30—11:15 - Sole Proprietor Tax Payer

11:20a—12:00p— Open Discussions/lunch

#### **Book Exchange - Jan. 18, 10:30a**

Lets you give away books you no longer need in exchange for books you really want. Each time you bring a book, you may take a book. You keep it forever or put it back into the exchange for someone else. **Every 3rd Tuesday, 10:30a.**

#### **Computer Classes**

**8 week sessions** - Classes are **FREE**. Sessions offered starting

**Jan. 24; Apr. 4; Sept. 26**

**Beginners:** Mondays — 2:00p—4:00p or Tuesdays — 6:00p—8:00p

**Intermediates:** Tuesdays — 4:00p—6:00p

**Senior Bible Study - Jan. 11, 10:30a** (every 2nd and 4th Tuesday)

**Senior Health Emphasis - Jan. 25, 10:00a** (every 4th Tuesday)

**Arts and Crafts - Wed., Jan. 5, 10:00a** (every Wednesday)

**Line Dancing - Thurs., Jan 6, 1030a** (every 1st and 2nd Thursday)

**To register for any refreshment or paid event,  
please contact Alma Wynn Jones at 704-391-3860**

#### **ANNUAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS MEETING**

**Sat., Jan. 8, 9:00a—1:00p, Room 135. Lunch provided.** Anyone interested in joining, you're welcome to attend. Contact Cassandra Harding, Parish Nurse at **704-391-3856.**

## Children, Youth and Singles

#### **YOUTH WINTER SKI RETREAT - Jan. 21—23, 2011 (Ages 12 and up)**

Wolf Laurel Ski Resort in Mars Hill, NC.

**\$150.00** per youth; **\$170.00** w/two hour snow tubing pass.

**\$200.00** w/one day ski pass & equipment rental.

**\$215.00** w/one day snowboarding pass & equipment rental.

**\$220** w/comboination snowboarding & ski pass

**REGISTRATION DEPOSIT of \$50 due NOW to reserve place. 2nd payment of \$25 due Jan. 3. Final payment must be made by Jan 5, 2011. No refunds or cancellations after Jan. 1. Cash, checks, money orders and credit cards are accepted in The Gallery, at electronic payment centers, [www.friendshipcharlotte.org](http://www.friendshipcharlotte.org).**

For further information, contact:

Rev. Trevor Beauford at [youthregistrations@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:youthregistrations@friendshipcharlotte.org)

#### **Are You Connected????**

Join Us for **THE CONNECTION @ 3301**. A unique experience connecting youth, college students, and young adults to God, self, and others, **every 1st & 3rd Sunday from 5:30p—7:30p; 3301 Beatties Ford Rd**

*Meaningful Small Group Conversations 5:30p—6:30p*

*Creative Worship Experiences 6:30p—7:30p*

*Powerful Artist Expression*

*Biblical Messages that Inspire and Inform*

*Opportunities to Expand Your Personal Network*

Join us on Facebook "The Connection@3301" or follow us on Twitter Connect@3301

#### **Instructional BASKETBALL LEAGUE registration for the Christian Athletic Association**

Ages 5 - 6 yr olds to commence beginning in December. All practices and games will take place on Saturday evenings. Parents interested in getting their kids involved can contact Ronald Sifford at [FMCBasketball@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:FMCBasketball@friendshipcharlotte.org)

#### **SAT REVIEW/COLLEGE PREP CLASSES**

Did you know the SAT is more important to undergraduate admissions officers than your overall GPA? Did you know that the SAT helps to determine how much financial assistance may be available to you through grants and scholarships?

Content review focusing on all three areas of the test;

Special focus on the SAT essay

Full length practice test proctored like the real thing;

Course uses the official SAT study guide published by CollegeBoard

Students will learn about the college admissions process, how to craft a curriculum vitae and more

**Classes start Feb. 1, 2011** and are \$175. For questions or to enroll, call **704-307-8975** or visit [www.futureprep.com](http://www.futureprep.com).

**Are you a college student looking for summer employment in Charlotte? Apply today for FREEDOM SCHOOL PARTNERS SUMMER CAMP INTERN.** This 6-7 week program offers competitive pay and interns work Monday through Friday from 7:30a until 4:00p as camp counselors. Freedom School is a literacy based summer camp program for inner-city children in grades K-8. Make an appointment now for an interview. Contact Macie Bennight at [macie@freedomschoolpartners.org](mailto:macie@freedomschoolpartners.org) or **704-371-4922**, ext. 23.