



Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr.
Senior Minister

January 2, 2011

Prelude

Jesus the Light of the World
Arr. Monty Bennett

Invocation

Opening Hymn

O to Be Like Thee

Welcome

Scripture Readings

Galatians 2:20-21

Gloria Patri - #654

Intercessory Prayer

Holy Communion

Communion Response

Holy, Holy, Holy - #329

Pastoral Reflections

Offertory/Ministry of Music

Proclamation

Invitation

Benediction

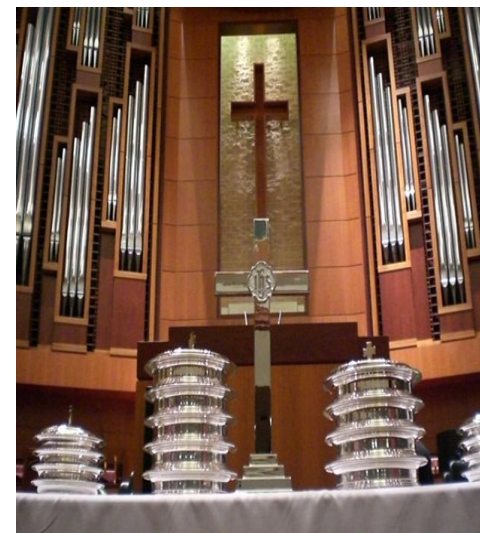
Postlude

March of the Magi Kings
Theodore Dubois

*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

*Communion Sunday
and the Season of Epiphany*



"FROM SELF TO SALVATION"

Community Food Offering for Sunday...

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

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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

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O to Be Like Thee

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960
Tune: CHRISTLIKE William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838-1921

O to be like Thee! Blessed Redeemer, this is my constant longing prayer;
Gladly I'll forfeit all of earth's treasures, Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear.

***O to be like Thee! O to be like Thee, Blessed Redeemer,
pure as Thou art!
Come in Thy sweetness, come in thy fullness; stamp Thine own
image deep on my heart.***

O to be like Thee! Full of compassion, loving, forgiving, tender and kind,
Helping the helpless, cheering the fainting, seeking the wandering sinner to find!
(refrain)

O to be like Thee! Lowly in spirit, holy and harmless, patient and brave;
Meekly enduring cruel reproaches, willing to suffer others to save. (refrain)

O to be like Thee! Lord, I am coming, now to receive th'anointing divine;
All that I am and have I am bringing. Lord, from this moment all shall be Thine.
(refrain)

O to be like Thee! While I am pleading, pour out Thy Spirit, fill with Thy love;
Make me a temple deemed to receive You: fit me for life and heaven above.
(refrain)

Holy, Holy, Holy - Hymn No. 329 (1st & 4th verses)

Text: Reginald Heber (1783-1826) Tune: NICÆA John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee:
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Ministry of Music and Arts

7:30a, 9:30a—Male Chorus
11:30a—Alive 4 Christ

*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;
Terance Patterson, Percussionist; Willie Walker II, Bass Guitarist

HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 2011

Highlighted Major Events:

- 1/2 First Communion & Community Table
- 1/9 Affirmation of New Church Leadership/State of the Church
- 1/16 Annual Mission Sunday
- 1/17 MLK Holiday (Church closed)
- 1/22 Annual Leadership Workshop
- 1/22 Prayer Breakfast (3rd Saturdays)
- 1/23 Baptism/Right Hand of Fellowship (4th Sundays)
- 1/29 Y.O.U. Registration & Uniform Measuring
- 1/31 Intergenerational Sunday (5th Sundays)



GOD BLESS YOU THIS YEAR

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. Our webpage will have the most recent updated information.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT GROUP (MEG-COUPLES') MINUTE

January 2011

Parenting/ Blended Family

When you marry and form a nuclear family, you usually have one set of in-laws and one set of children. Marrying into a blended family, however, is like jumping head first into chaos.

You can imagine some of the tangled conversations: "A fishing trip Saturday sounds great, T.C. But wait. I can't seem to remember if we had my kids two weekends ago or three. If it was two, we'll be there. If it was three, my kids will be here and I'd just as soon not be away. But then again, we'd have to get a sitter for J and Bob anyway- that is, if they don't go to their dad's this weekend."

The possible number of family combinations and relationships in blended families can be mind-boggling. Both parents may or may not have custody of children and may have children of their own. If the father or mother has children from two previous marriages the combinations become even more complex.

As if keeping the logistics straight isn't enough, there are times a stepparent feels he/ she just can't win. He/ she works hard at being Mr. /Mrs. Wonderful for the kids who respond by murmuring for the kids who respond by murmuring, "Get out of my life."

'Blending' is a process of building relationships; learning to accept (this is the first step), respect, and eventually care for each other. Sometimes the 'feeling' of love develops in the step relationship, other times it does not. However, you can still choose to accept each other.

On occasions this requires self sacrifice or putting aside your own desires, to do what is in the best interests of your partner and couple relationship. It may be that you have to entertain one of their family members when you'd rather not. Your response to this indicates your willingness to firstly accept significant others in your partner's life and from this point you can work towards building peaceful relationships. Keep in mind your goal of experiencing a long-term fulfilling relationship with your partner and it will help motivate you get through the challenges that come along.

Be patient, be realistic. Don't expect your new, blended family to function like a picture-perfect, Cosby unit now- or ever. Be flexible. Be realistic. Let your relationship with your spouse's children develop slowly. As weeks turn into months and month into years, natural bonds will grow properly.

For information concerning MEG, Premarital, Post marital, Family Counseling, please contact Rev. O. T. Tomes at 704-392-3840 or email otomes@friendshipcharlotte.org.

From the Pastor...

Word of the Month - CHRISTLIKENESS

Scriptures for the Month: Galatians 2:20-21; Mark 1:7-4:41

**Book of the Month: Strength to Love
by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Thought for the Week:

The birth for the Christian was at Calvary through the crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Thank you Friendship Family for your kindness, love, support and generosity for The **Spirit of Christmas** event. Your donations, in-kind services and volunteerism were a tremendous blessing to approximately 800 children and families. Thank you for all you do in God's name in service to others.

Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered. *Proverbs 11:25*

*Pastor Jones and Genesis Charitable Fund
for Catastrophe Relief Ministry*

To each and everyone who supported the Culinary Ministry during the Spirit of Christmas weekend: To say that we are overwhelmed for your time and energy is an understatement. It is because of the kind support of people like you that made a difference.

Alma Wynn Jones, Sarah Blackwell, Culinary Ministry

**Deacons
on Call for
the Week**

Don Jordan	704-517-5505; 704-759-3714
Melvin Riddick	704-895-4930
Pamela Welborn	704-394-7992; 704-717-3885

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—3:01p 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

Jan. 9

Dedication and Affirmation of Ministry Leaders

Sat., Jan. 22

7:00aa - Monthly Prayer Service and Breakfast

**9:00a—12:30p - Leadership Workshop
Conference Center**

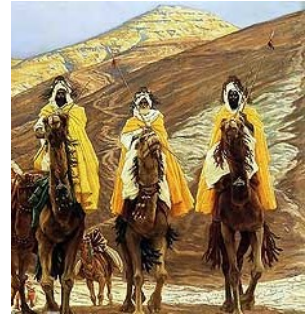
REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY FOR ALL CLASSES.

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,**

EPIPHANY

This commemorates the revealing or 'showing forth' of the Divine Nature first to the Wise Men from the East. It is observed on January 6. The Sunday after Epiphany celebrates the Baptism of Jesus.



MEG (MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT GROUP) BIBLE STUDY 2011

The greatest challenge facing the Christian church in the next century is the subject of sexuality. It is a battle equal to the dangers of terrorism waged against the church by the lies and attacks of Satan in our culture. To this end we are 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 I will attempt to address the above concern beginning in 2011. **Watch your bulletin for date and time.**

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.

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, 704-351-6571 or Nina Newton at 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.

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.

The first Walk Team meeting of 2011 is scheduled for **Sat., Jan 8 at 8:00a** in the gym.

We will stretch, walk, run and workout with Erika Scott-Richardson. If you would like to join us, contact Mary Ann Harrington at 704-882-0928.

GENEALOGICAL WORKSHOPS

As a part of Black History Month, the FMBC Brotherhood in partnership with Comprehensive Genealogical Services (CGS) will be offering a series of Genealogical Workshops one for Beginners (Fundamental Ancestry Research), one for Intermediates (Deciphering Wills & Documents, etc.) and one for Advanced Genealogists.

Class date(s) & time(s) for groups are Tuesday's: 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22 from 6pm till 8:30pm in Rooms 358, 359 & 360. Class Fee is \$25

Registration information for the conference will be available by phone 704-892-7611 OR one can register on the web at www.CGSweb.org now through January 24, 2011. Class size(s) are limited so register today!!

NEW PERSPECTIVES MINISTRY

Please join the women of Friendship as we begin the New Year. Saturday January 8, 2011. (1:30—3:00pm) All are welcome.

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

C.L.A.S.S. 101	Sun., Jan. 2	9:30a
	Sat., Jan. 8	9:00a
	Sun., Jan. 16	9:30a
	Sun., Jan. 30	9:30a
C.L.A.S.S. 201	Sat., Jan. 8	9:00a
	Sun., Jan. 9	9:30a
	Sun., Jan. 23	9:30a
C.L.A.S.S. 301	Sun., Jan. 2	9:30a
	Sat., Jan. 8	9:00a
	Sun., Jan. 16	9:30a
	Sun., Jan. 30	9:30a
C.L.A.S.S. 401	Sat., Jan. 8	9:00a
	Sun., Jan. 9	9:30a
	Sun., Jan. 23	9:30a
C.L.A.S.S. 501	Sat., Jan. 8	9:00a
	Sun., Jan. 16	9:30a

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

Sat., Jan. 8	9:00a
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Ways you can register for Membership C.L.A.S.S....

CALL 704-391-3850	E-MAIL ajones@friendshipcharlotte.org	WEBSITE www.friendshipcharlotte.org
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Ministry Events and Announcements

SENIORS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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.**

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.**

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, 10:30a (every 1st and 2nd Thursday)

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

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/combo combination snowboarding & ski pass

REGISTRATION DEPOSIT of \$50 due NOW to reserve place. Cash, checks, money orders and credit cards are accepted in The Gallery, at electronic payment centers, www.friendshipcharlotte.org. For further information, contact: Rev. Trevor Beauford at 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. All practices and games will take place on Saturday evenings.

Parents interested in getting their kids involved can contact Ronald Sifford at

FMBCbasketball@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.

● 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 or **704-371-4922**, ext. 23.