

***Watch Night Service - Dec. 31***  
***7:00p - at Friendship***  
***10:00p - Friendship at Mount Carmel***

***Deacons on Call***

Jeffrey Leak	704-992-0131
Claude Mack	704-587-0817
Robert Murray	704-537-4485
Freddie Scales	704-569-8572

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.....

call **704.391.3884** or

e-mail:

**sicknshutin@friendshipcharlotte.org**

***Community food offering for 1st Sunday in January***  
***Beans and Peas (Canned or Dry),***  
***Jiffy Cornbread Mix***

***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

**Church School - 9:30a-10:30a**

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

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

***A Celebration of***  
***Worship***  
***Baby Dedication,***  
***Fourth Sunday of Advent***  
***'Peace'***



Lord God, we light this candle to thank You for Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who is the Prince of Peace.



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

***December 21, 2008***

***Invocation***

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***Opening Hymn***

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***Welcome***

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***Lighting of Advent Candle***

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***Scripture Readings***

Habakkuk 2:1-3, Luke 2:8-15

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***Gloria Patri***

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***Intercessory Prayer***

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***Ministry of Music***

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***Baby Dedication (9:30 and 11:30)***

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***Pastoral Reflections/  
Announcements***

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***Offertory/Ministry of Music***

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***Proclamation***

*Pastor Jones*

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***Invitation***

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***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.*

***From Engagement to Engaged***

## **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

Text: Charles Wesley  
Tune: NETTLETON; Rowland Hugh Prichard

***Come, Thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's Strength and Consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear Desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.  
  
Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.  
Amen.***

### **Music and Arts**

**7:30a - FMBC MASS CHOIR, SHABACH DANCERS**  
**9:30a - ALIVE 4 CHRIST CHOIR, SHABACH DANCERS**  
**11:30a - ALIVE 4 CHRIST CHOIR, VISION DANCERS**

## **Friendship's Employee Profile**



Monty Bennett

[mbennett@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:mbennett@friendshipcharlotte.org)  
704-391-6618

Position: Principal Organist

- Provide organ and/or piano music for all worship services, funerals and weddings
- Direct the Senior Adult Ensemble
- Liaison between Wedding Ministry and Music Ministry

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

*Lillie Canady  
Glen and Pauline Headen  
Betty Matthews  
Lisa Robinson (Melonie)  
Joyce Waddell  
Willie Mae Williams*

*Family, we had HIV testing on 12/07/08 and 45 persons volunteered....YES!  
You must go to MAP after 01/01/09 to receive your results.*

Note contact information below:

*Metrolina AIDS Project [MAP]*

*127 Scaleybark Road, Charlotte, NC 28209 - 2608  
(704) 333 - 1435*

Attention: *Andre Anderson*

*AAnderson@metrolinaaidsproject.org*

*Love ya like being an advocate for self,  
Rev. Michelle Jones*

**THANK YOU!!!!**

*Today's advent candle will be lit by:*

*7:30a - The Brandon Family (Tyrone, Sharon, Stefan, TyNia)*

*9:30a - The Willis Family (Chester, Diatricia, Mychal, Stephen and Georgia Bell)*

*11:30a - The Johnson Family (Doris V. and Kristen)*

# Fitness Ministry Schedule

## **SENIOR CHAIR AEROBICS**

**Thurs., 9:45a—10:30a at 3400 Fitness Center.**

Each session is \$3.

Contact the Seniors Hotline at **704-391-6696** or **just show up.**



## **RAPTURE FITNESS -**

**Mon. and Wed., 6:00p—7:00p – Adult Fellowship Hall**

**Fri. 6:00p—7:00p – McCrorey YMCA.**

New and general members cost is \$240 for 8 weeks, advanced cost is \$160 (2 days a week, Wed. and Fri.). Contact Bro. Robin Austin at **704-241-5322**. Activity level increases during the 8 weeks so new members are admitted at the beginning of each new series. Please contact instructor for specifics.



## **WALK AWAY THE POUNDS WITH REV. HUGHES**

**Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:00p-8:00p; Fridays, 5:00p—6:00p**  
in the Adult Fellowship Hall at 3301 Beatties Ford

Low impact aerobic to old school R & B and Gospel greats.  
Contact Rev. Paxton Hughes at 704-391-3882 or just show up.

## **CHAIR AEROBICS**

**Tues. and Thurs. from 6:00p—7:00p in the Adult Fellowship Hall.**

Each session \$3, contact Bro. Mitchell Smith at **704-606-1018** or just show up.

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Classes are ongoing but may have periodic breaks over holidays and major church events, so please contact instructors for class schedules. Please get medical clearance and wear comfortable and appropriate activity wear and athletic shoes for all classes.

Don't forget to bring a bottle of water and a towel. All other equipment provided.

## **Overeaters Anonymous (OA)**

Is food a problem for you?

- ⇒ Have you been worried about the way you eat?
- ⇒ Is your weight affecting your health or the way you live your life?
- ⇒ Do you resolve to go on a diet tomorrow, only to fail again and gain?

You are not alone.  
Overeaters Anonymous can help.  
No dues, no fees, no weigh-ins.

There is an OA meeting at **Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 3301 Beatties Ford Road on Thursday mornings at 11:00a.** Call the OA ReachLine at 704-319-1625 to locate additional meetings and information.

## ***From the Pastor...***

### ***“THE CHRISTMAS LIGHT!”***

Habakkuk 2:1-3, Luke 2:8-15

**Word** for the Month - **“CHARGED”**

**Scriptures** for the Month - Exodus 33:12-23; Ecclesiastes 12:1-14; Acts 10:9-48

**Thought** for the Month: ***We are all God's favorite!***

**Invitational Hymn** for the Month: ***Joy to the World***

**Pastor's Book of the Month: *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!***  
**by Dr. Seuss**

### ***“Additional Readings for the Week”***

Mon., Dec. 22	Psalm 46:1-3	Christmas affirms the presence of God.
Tues., Dec. 23	Exodus 33:12-23	The reward of persistence.
Wed., Dec. 24	Isaiah 9:1-8	What the believer is given in Christ.
Thurs., Dec. 25	Isaiah 11:10-12	Something special for us... A Saviour
Fri., Dec. 26	Isaiah 7:13-17	A sign for the time...Immanuel.
Sat., Dec. 27	Luke 1:67-79	A new song for the Grinch!

**Point to Ponder:** *What is Christmas really about? Answer...The Light! Let your light shine today for someone is walking in darkness.*

**Prayer:** *In the midst of all that is occurring in our world and immediately around me Lord, I am so grateful for Your presence daily. During this Advent season, use me as one of Your lights in Jesus' name. Amen.*

P.S. Lord, I don't have to be on top of the tree!

***Wednesday Night Bible Study, Dec. 24 and 31 — Cancelled***  
***Church Closed Thursday, Dec. 25 and Friday, Dec. 26***

***Have a Merry Christmas and Blessed Holidays***

***Pastor Jones***  
***and the Staff of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church***

## Discipleship and Christian Education



Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday for **Seniors - 10:30a** (Lord's Prayer)  
 Wednesday Evenings - **7:00p** - (Romans)  
 Wednesday Mornings - **11:30a—3301 Beatties Ford Rd** (II Chronicles)  
 Wednesday Evenings for **Children/Youth - 7:00p**  
 Thursday Evenings - **7:00p - 8:30p** (Genesis)  
 Every 1st and 3rd Saturday for **Women - 3:00p** (Psalm 23)

### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT ELECTIVE

Join Rev. O.T. Tomes and the Marriage Enrichment Group as they study "*The Five Languages of Apology*" **TODAY at 9:30a** in the **2nd floor Conference Room** and **again on Dec. 28**. If you are not able to attend the Sunday classes, the class is offered on **Mon., Dec. 29 at 7:00p** at the 3301 Beatties Ford Road location.

**Child care will be provided.**

The Five Languages of Apology is available for purchase in the Gallery.  
 For more information, contact Rev. O.T. Tomes at **704-391-3840** or **otomes@friendshipcharlotte.org**.

## Adult Membership Classes

<b>Class 101</b>	<b>TODAY</b> <b>9:30a, Room 360</b>	<b>Class 301</b>	<b>TODAY</b> <b>9:30a, Room 357</b>
<b>Class 201</b>	<b>Sun., Dec. 28</b> <b>9:30a, Room 357</b>	<b>Class 401</b>	<b>Sun., Dec. 28,</b> <b>9:30a, Room 360</b>
<b>Classes 101, 201, 301, 401</b> <b>Sat., Jan. 3, All classes start at 9:00a</b>			
<b>Class 101</b>	<b>Sun., Jan. 4</b> <b>9:30a</b>	<b>Class 301</b>	<b>Sun., Jan. 4</b> <b>9:30a</b>

### Children Class 101 **Wed., Jan. 7, 7:00p**

All classes must be taken in sequence 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 and 401 and Baptism (if applicable), you will be eligible to receive the Right Hand of Fellowship.

### REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY **FOR C.L.A.S.S. 101, 201, 301, AND 401**

**Contact:**

**Alma Wynn Jones, 704-391-3860 or [www.ajones@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:www.ajones@friendshipcharlotte.org)**

**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](mailto:rfranklin@friendshipcharlotte.org).**  
**Andrea Betaudier, 704-391-3864, [abetaudier@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:abetaudier@friendshipcharlotte.org).**  
**Phyliss Caldwell, 704-391-3866, [pcaldwell@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:pcaldwell@friendshipcharlotte.org)**

## Baby Dedications

9:30a *Clarke Maren Hollier* Bro. & Sis. Hollier (Dwight & Chandra)  
 11:30a *Kendrick Duane Howell* Bro. & Sis. Howell (Derrick & Kenya)

## Baptist Women United

Baptist Women United (BWU) will hold their monthly meeting on **Sun., Jan. 11 in the Orchestra Rehearsal Room immediately following the 11:30a service**. Special Guest will be *Rev. Sandra Caldwell-Williams*. For more information, please contact Marlene Young at **704-517-3515** or Tiffany Allen at **704-503-4993**.

## Friendship Toastmasters

Start your 2009 goal developing your communication, presentation and leadership skills. Join Friendship Toastmasters (Toastmasters International's 2008 President's Distinguished Club) at its new date and time every first and third Wednesday at 6:00p in Room 135. Everyone is invited. For more information, call **704-688-0515**.

## Children, Youth and Singles

**DigiGirlz High Tech Camp** - Microsoft is proud to present the 4<sup>th</sup> annual "DigiGirlz High Tech Camp" in Aug. 2009. The camp is specifically geared toward high school girls that are currently in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grades. The goal is to educate women about the numerous jobs that are available in the field of Information Technology. The camp will include hands-on sessions, speakers, tours of the Microsoft Charlotte campus, workshops, and employee panels. This is an excellent opportunity for high school girls to interact with individuals that currently hold positions as team and program managers, support engineers, testers, field engineers, and much more. The camp is free of charge. If you are interested please contact Rev. Trevor Beauford for details at **704-391-3876**.

### Math Madness and Write On

Enrollment forms for Math Madness and Write On for students in grades 2—12 are now available in the kiosk. Completed enrollment forms may be returned to the Gallery. For questions, please contact Cynthia Sings at **704-391-6692**.

Calling all persons willing to share their interest in math and/or writing with students in grades 2 - 12. Math Madness and Write On needs an hour and a half of your time for two Saturdays a month. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Cynthia Sings at **704-391-6692**.