

Church Affirmation Service - 2008
Sat., Dec. 13 at 12:00p at 3301 Beatties Ford Road

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

Thank You to the Parents of Marizetta Kerry Child Development Center for
 142.0 pounds of food for the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.

If you or someone you know is going into the hospital.....
 If you have lost 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 Church School - 9:30a-10:30a Adult & Youth Bible Study Wed., 7:00p
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Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr., Senior Minister

***A Celebration of
 Worship
 Communion Sunday,
 Second Sunday of Advent***



Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr.,

December 7, 2008

- Invocation***

- Opening Hymn***

- Welcome***

- Scripture Readings***

- Gloria Patri***

- Intercessory Prayer***

- Holy Communion***

- Pastoral Reflections/
Announcements***

Offertory/Ministry of Music

Proclamation
Pastor Jones

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.

From Engagement to Engaged

O I Want To See Him

Text and Tune: R.H. Cornelius

As I journey thro' the land singing as I go,
Pointing souls to Calvary to the crimson flow,
Many arrows pierce my soul from without, within;
But my Lord leads me on, thro' Him I must win.

When in service for my Lord dark may be the night,
But I'll cling more close to Him, He will give me light;
Satan's snares may vex my soul, turn my tho'ts aside,
But my Lord goes ahead, leads whate'er betide.

When in valleys low I look t'ward the mountain height,
And behold my Savior there, leading in the fight,
With a tender hand outstretched t'ward the valley low,
Guiding me, I can see as I onward go.

When before me billows rise from the might deep,
Then my Lord directs my bark; He doth safely keep,
And He leads me gently on thro' this world below;
He's a real friend to me, O I love Him so.

REFRAIN:

***O I want to see Him, look upon His face,
There to sing forever of His saving grace;
On the streets of Glory let me lift my voice;
Cares all past, home at last, ever to rejoice.***

Music and Arts

***7:30a - Male Chorus
9:30a & 11:30a - Ladies Choir***

Children, Youth and Singles

**For information on all Children and Youth activities,
please contact 704-391-3876 unless otherwise noted.**

**Youth Ministry Planning Team
will meet **TODAY at 1:30p at
3301 Beatties Ford Rd.****

**Youth Worship Leader/Drama Team
will meet **Wed., Dec. 10 from 6:30p-
7:30p at 3301 Beatties Ford Rd.****

**Youth Winter Retreat Parent Meeting will be held **Wed., Dec. 10 from 6:00p-
7:00p at 3400 Beatties Ford Rd. in Conference Center D.****

ESSAY CONTEST - OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

"The Power of Youth" is the official topic of this year's Optimist essay contest. The essay contest is open to students under age 19 as of Dec. 19, 2008-09 school year (12/31/08). Contestants must compose an original essay of 400-500 words with limited guidance from others. You have a chance to win at three competition levels: Club level, winning a medallion; District level, winning a plaque and \$650 college scholarship; International level - 1st place \$6000 college scholarship, 2nd place - \$3750, 3rd place - \$2250 college scholarship. Scholarships will be held until you are ready to go to college.

Please print out and complete the application form online at http://www.optimist.org/Forms/ESSAY_RULES_PAD-e_08.pdf. Mail the completed application and essay to Betty Wilkins at PO Box 560511, Charlotte, NC 28256 on or before Jan. 5, 2009 or by e-mail to bettyw25@aol.com with the subject line: Optimist Essay Contest. For additional information, call Betty Wilkins at 704-596-6960.

Youth Opportunity University (Y.O.U.) 2009

Applications for Y.O.U. 2009 are now available at the East Plaza entrance in the kiosk and welcome desk. Please come by and pick one up today. For questions, please contact Carolyn H. Lloyd or Cynthia Sings at **704-391-6676**.

Friendship's Employee Profile



Arthur (Lee) Burke

704-392-0392 x3111

Position: Maintenance Lead Coordinator

Coordinate and assign responsibilities for buildings to maintenance personnel for their shift. Responsibilities include:

- Cleaning
- Repairs
- Set-ups and break-downs
- Opening and closing building

Health and Wellness



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

Wear comfortable clothes and good walking shoes

Medical clearance from your healthcare provider is strongly recommended.

Candlelight Reflections

To Honor, Hope, and Remember

Mon., Dec. 8, 6:30p in the Sanctuary at 3301 Beatties Ford Road

program sponsored in partnership with the National Alzheimer's Association
and North Carolina Family Support Program

DID YOU KNOW.....

Black men represent 50% of the new AIDS cases among men
Black women represent 66% of new AIDS cases among women
74% of Black women get HIV/AIDS from heterosexual contact
Today 10,000

Adolescents and teen will get an STD

55 will contract HIV

2,400 will become pregnant

Black youth ages 13-24 are 63% of HIV cases

AIDS is the number one cause of death for African American men and women aged 25
to 44, before heart disease, cancer and homicide

African American children represent almost 62% of all reported pediatric
AIDS cases

Black senior citizens represent more than 50% of HIV cases among person
over age 55

HIV/AIDS is STILL devastating the African American Community. People are feeling
afraid, lonely, and isolated. They need to experience the love of God through God's
church. You can help stop the terrible tide of HIV infection by providing emotional,
spiritual, and practical support to people living with HIV/AIDS. Do you want to learn
how you can become a part of this critical and significant ministry at Friendship
Missionary Baptist Church?

Please join us on Tue., Jan. 20 at 6:30p in Room 304.

Questions? Please contact Rev. Michelle Jones at 704-391-352 or
mjones@friendshipcharlotte.org

From the Pastor...

“A TESTIMONY ABOUT HIM!”

Exodus 33:1-6; Ecclesiastes 12:1

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. 8	Ecclesiastes 12:1-6	Don't forget in practice - your God.
Tues., Dec. 9	Exodus 33:1-6	Going forward...where is God?
Wed., Dec. 10	Deuteronomy 9:1-6	You are blessed, not because of you.
Thurs., Dec. 11	Deuteronomy 9:7-21	Remember, learn from your past.
Fri., Dec. 12	Acts 10:1-8	An answer to prayers is oft found in others.
Sat., Dec. 13	John 1:29-34	Merry Christmas!

Point to Ponder: Brain food - being grateful!

Prayer: Gracious God, throughout this Christmas season, please accept my prayer of thankfulness for being my God as experienced in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Deacons on Call

Regina Brandon	704-577-9414
Melvin Caldwell	704-541-0771; 704-877-0154
Bob Johnson	704-866-9096; 704-460-5387
Robert Walker, Jr.	704-921-0543; 704-649-2645

Seniors and Volunteers

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

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—3:30p** **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)

CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

"The Very Best Christmas Gift"

**Christmas program - TODAY
 from 4:00p—6:00p**

For additional information, contact Maxine McGill at **704-649-4859**

Helen Kimbrough, author of the children's book **Ocean Waves and Other Tales**, will be in the Gallery at Friendship on Sun., Dec. 14 after each worship service for a book signing. Please stop by the Gallery, purchase a copy of **Ocean Waves and Other Tales** and meet the author Helen Kimbrough, who is also a member of our Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Family.

Adult Membership Classes

Class 101	TODAY 9:30a, Room 357	Class 301	TODAY 9:30am Room 360
Class 201	Sun., Dec. 14 9:30a, Room 357	Class 401	Sun., Dec. 14 9:30a, Room 360
Class 101	Sun., Dec. 21 9:30a, Room 360	Class 301	Sun., Dec. 21 9:30a, Room 357
Class 201	Sun., Dec. 28 9:30a, Room 357	Class 401	Sun., Dec. 28, 9:30a, Room 360

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

For questions concerning baptism or receiving the right hand of fellowship, please contact:

Rita Franklin, 704-391-6624, rfrankin@friendshipcharlotte.org.
 Andrea Betaudier, 704-391-3864, abetaudier@friendshipcharlotte.org.
 Phylliss Caldwell, 704-391-3866, pcaldwell@friendshipcharlotte.org

Seniors' Ministry

SENIOR CHRISTMAS SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP

Tues., Dec. 9, 10:30a

**REMINDER: DON'T FORGET YOUR
 HOMEMADE DESSERTS**

Registration required

SENIOR COMPUTER CLASS - 2009

Two **Beginners Class:**

Mon., Jan. 26 - 4:05p—5:55p
 or

Tues., Jan. 27 - 2:00p—4:00p
 (Tues. class is full - wait list only)

Intermediate Class:

Mon., Jan. 26 - 2:30p—3:55p

All classes are eight weeks. FREE!!

Registration required

BYOB BIBLE STUDY will resume
Tues., Jan. 13, 10:30a

**THE SENIORS HAVE A NEW
 HOT LINE NUMBER
 FOR REGISTRATION**

Contact **704-391-6696** or email
seniors@friendshipcharlotte.org

New Perspective Ministry

Please join New Perspective and
 Our First Lady

**TODAY at 4:00p in
 Conference Room A** as we close out the
 year of 2008.

We will be paying tribute to our outgoing
 chairperson, Sis. Willie Mae Williams and
 other ministry leaders.

This will be our holiday meeting.

Brotherhood Ministry

Monthly Meeting

Tues., Dec. 9, 7:00p—8:30p

Contact Randy Waymer at **704-540-3731**



What's your HIV IQ?

**Come to Room 209
 TODAY
 after each worship service for the
 answer.....**



Today's advent candle will be lit by:

7:30a - Patricia Foster, Brenda Price, Kathy Worthy, Glynis Brooks

9:30a - Kim Craig and son, Andrew Ramseur

11:30a - Marvan and Bertha Pettiford