

**Sermon Notes**

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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  
**Church School** - 9:30a-10:30a  
**Adult & Youth Bible Study**  
Wed., 7:00p

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

**A Celebration of  
Worship**  
**Health Emphasis and  
Girl Scouts Sunday,  
2nd Sunday of the Season of Lent**



NEW FOOD PYRAMID



**Embracing the Promise - From Mecklenburg Throughout North Carolina**



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

**March 8, 2009**

**Invocation**

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**Opening Hymn**

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**Welcome**

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**Scripture Readings**

Genesis 28:10-22

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**Gloria Patri**

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**Intercessory Prayer**

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**Pastoral Reflections/  
Announcements**

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**Offertory/Ministry of Music**

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**Proclamation**

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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.*

**Give Of Your Best  
To The Master**

Text: Howard B. Grose, 1851-1939  
Tune: BARNARD, 8 7 8 7 D with refrain;  
Charlotte. A. Barnard, 1830-1869

Give of your best to the Master,  
Give of the strength of your youth;  
Throw your soul's fresh,  
glowing ardor into the battle for truth  
Jesus has set the example  
Dauntless was He, young and brave;  
Give Him your loyal devotion,  
Give Him the best that you have.

Give of your best to the Master,  
Give Him first place in your heart;  
Give Him first place in your service,  
Consecrate ev'ry part.

Give, and to you shall be given  
God His beloved Son gave;  
Gratefully seeking to serve Him,  
Give Him the best that you have.

Give of your best to the Master,  
Naught else is worthy His love;  
He gave Himself for your ransom,  
Gave up His glory above;  
Laid down His life without murmur,  
You from sin's ruin to save;  
Give Him your heart's adoration, Give  
Him the best that you have.

**REFRAIN:**

***Give of your best to the Master,  
Give of the strength of your youth;  
Clad in salvation's full armor,  
Join in the battle for truth.***

**You Can't Beat God Giving**

Should we receive and never give?  
The Savior died that we might live.  
His life on Calvary He gladly gave,  
Our sinful souls to save.

He gives me health,  
He keeps me strong,  
He guides me when I would go wrong,  
He gives me everything that I need,  
My ev'ry hunger feeds.

He gave me peace, He made me whole,  
And when in sin He saved my soul.  
And what I give would  
never be compared  
With the blessing that I share.

**REFRAIN:**

***You can't beat God giving,  
no matter how you try.  
And just as sure as you are living  
and the Lord is in heaven on  
high,  
The more you give,  
the more He gives to you  
Just keep on giving  
because it's really true  
That you can't beat God giving,  
no matter how you try.***

**FAMILY SUNDAY DINNER**

**Mar. 29, 1:30p, Conference**



**We will celebrate Baptism and the Right Hand of  
Fellowship with the newest members of the  
Friendship Family!**

**What better way to express our joy than sharing a meal together?**

**Bring your family and friends to share and plan to attend the 11:30a  
worship service.**

**Menu: Savory Baked Chicken, cabbage, candied yams,  
Rolls, Dessert, Beverage**

**Caterer—'Heaven Sent'**

**\$8.00 Adults ~ \$5.00 Children (12 years and under)**

**Tickets can be obtained in our Gallery.**

***Acknowledgements Received From...***

Carole Bailey and Family  
The Family of Juanita McClettie  
Wilbert R. McGowan, Jr.  
Debra Prioleau and Family

***Congratulations To...***

Jeffrey and Renee Leak on the birth of their son,  
***Rylan Jeffrey Leak***, born Jan. 31.

Roderick and Stephanie Williams on the birth of their daughter,  
***Laurn Camille Williams***, born Feb. 2.

***Music and Arts***

7:30a - Male Chorus; Hymn Choir  
9:30a and 11:30a - Church Choir; Orchestra

## FINANCIAL BONDAGE

You know you are in financial bondage when:

- ⇒ You are not putting God first with your tithe.
- ⇒ You are borrowing to buy a want or a luxury.
- ⇒ You are not able to pay all your bills on time.
- ⇒ Your outgo exceeds your income.
- ⇒ You do not have a balanced budget.
- ⇒ You are receiving delinquent letters or phone calls.
- ⇒ You are not saving for the future.
- ⇒ You borrow from one lender to pay another lender.
- ⇒ You are not being honest about your finances.
- ⇒ You are using your reserves to pay for your overspending.
- ⇒ Money problems are destroying your marriage.

### A GREAT WAY TO PREVENT MONEY PROBLEMS

Adopt the following attitude:

**Use it up! Wear it out! Make it do! Or do without!**

Comments & questions about MEG'S Minute should be directed to:  
[otomes@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:otomes@friendshipcharlotte.org) Phone 704-391-3840

## From the Pastor...

### “The Dream after a Nightmare”

Genesis 28:10-22

**Word** for the Month - “Obligation”

**Scriptures** for the Month - **Genesis 28:10-22, Acts 1:8**

**Thought** for the Month: **The Lord's Tithe**

**Song of the Month: You Can't Beat God's Giving**

**Pastor's Book(s) of the Month: The Urban Guide To Biblical Money Management. Urban Ministries, Inc. 2002 by Oteia Bruce  
Putting Money in its Place. by Doug Britton**

**Website(s) of the Month: <http://www.businessthreadonly.com/>**

### “Additional Readings for the Week”

Mon.	Jeremiah 10:1-10	The Idols that block our Obligations
Tues.	Jeremiah 10:22-23	Jeremiah's Prayer
Wed.	Malachi 3:1-10	The Tithe Test
Thurs.	Genesis 1-2	II. Principle of Tithing-God can be Trusted
Fri.	Genesis 28:10-16	A Dream of Hope
Sat.	Psalms 73: 20-26	A Promise From God during tough times

**Point to Ponder:** The word “obligation” can be a heavy burden for some of us. However, when we notice how the day to day necessities weigh on others, it is our obligation to help provide for a lighter load. The obligation that we have as believers is the one that has already been provided for us by the Creator. Are you being your brother's—and your sister's—keeper?

**Prayer:** All knowing Lord, we are grateful for the resources you have given to us. We realize that you have made us as well as the things we sometimes place before you. We affirm our desire to reprioritize our lives to line up with the things of God. We choose to refocus our lives, making You and your ways our priority and meet our obligations as your children with joy. Amen.

**Lenten Noon Day Homily**  
**Wed., Mar. 11 - 12:10p-12:50p**  
**3301 Beatties Ford Road**  
**Rev. J.R. Covington, Jr.**

## Discipleship and Christian Education



Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday for **Seniors - 10:30a** (Revelation)  
 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** (Exodus)  
 Every 1st and 3rd Saturday for **Women - 3:00p** (The Lord's Prayer)

### Church School

Easter program **rehearsal** -  
**Saturdays, Mar. 14, Mar. 21;**  
**12:00 noon.**

Easter **program** - **Sat., Apr. 4 from**  
**3:00p—7:00p (includes repast)**



**Sat., Mar. 21**  
**7:00a**

Prayer, praise, song,  
 testimony, fellowship,  
 country-style breakfast

Sanctuary, Conference Center

### M.E.G. (Marriage Enrichment Group)

**TODAY**

**and Sundays, Mar. 15, 22, 29, 9:30a**  
*Topic: Stewardship/Biblical Advice for*  
*Couples Putting Money in its Place*  
 Contact: Rev. O.T. Tomes, **704-391-3840**

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2009

Interest meeting

**Tues., Mar. 17, 6:30p in Room 268**

Roles: registration/greeters, teachers,  
 assistants, music, drama, science, storytell-  
 ers, arts and crafts, P.E., kick-off, snacks

Contact: Bro. James Garvin at  
 jgarvin@carolina.rr.com

## You Can't Beat God Giving

The cash donation collected on **February 1, 2009** for feeding and helping those in severe need in the Charlotte community was \$2,331 and which was forwarded to Crisis Ministries. The Friendship family donated 3,950 lbs of food that was distributed to the following food pantries:

Loaves & Fishes	2,208.00
Hyaets Ministry	47.75
Liberty Baptist, 3000 Sam Wilson Road, Charlotte	282.80
Helping Hands Development, 2420 Celia Avenue, Charlotte	462.60
Care to Share Outreach Center, 6600 The Plaza, Charlotte	904.00
Friendship Family	44.60

The following Charlotte-Mecklenburg food pantries received the following from the **March 1, 2009** Community Table and \$515 cash donations were received to feed the hungry.

Stough Memorial Baptist/Manna House Food Pantry	527.10lbs
Vision Home Care, Inc	358.39lbs
Angel House Maternity Home	301.31lbs
God's Outreach Ministry	468.22lbs
Hyaet's Ministry	152.83lbs
Metropolitan Unity Church of Charlotte	342.15lbs

## Health Emphasis

### Motivating Your Child

The mental and emotional health of children is critical to learning. Parents and teachers are constantly challenged to keep children motivated to learn. Nurturing a child's self-confidence and curiosity as he or she grows, while fostering self-discovery and safety with boundaries, can be a challenge. Many parents feel ill equipped to do this well, esp. when dealing with pre-schoolers and teens. Through schools and teachers, children develop social skills and beliefs about their learning abilities as well as how to cope with new situations. Expectations learned by children from adults can affect their motivation profoundly. A lack of success and reward can cause their attitudes towards learning to deteriorate and they may cease to try at all. Finding balance is critical for long term self-esteem and continuous learning.

Here are tips to help you encourage and motivate your child:

- ⇒ Provide a caring, supportive environment creating a sense of belonging
- ⇒ Believe that every child has the ability to learn and achieve
- ⇒ Involve your child in decision-making involving rules and consequences
- ⇒ Emphasize your child's strengths; do not dwell on weaknesses
- ⇒ Learn your child's interests, goals, and ways of learning
- ⇒ Be consistent with discipline
- ⇒ Never embarrass or ridicule your child
- ⇒ Raise the status of "doing one's best" and provide recognition for it
- ⇒ Teach your child coping strategies to deal with frustration
- ⇒ Provide intangible rewards for unusual effort or success (e.g. extra computer or play time, vs. money or new purchases)
- ⇒ Provide leading thoughtful questions to help problem-solve rather than stepping in and assisting
- ⇒ Use tangible rewards sparingly, emphasize that learning is its own reward
- ⇒ Provide opportunities for your child to learn new things
- ⇒ Allow your child to be the leader in some activities

[www.kellybear.com](http://www.kellybear.com)

## HIV/AIDS Ministry

Will meet

**Tues., Mar. 17 at 6:30p in Room 304.**

Guest speaker: **Dr. Tammy Jones** of Meridian Medical Group

Topic: *The truths and myths of HIV and AIDS*

Contact Rev. Michelle Jones at **704-391-3852** or

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

## Sign Language Classes

**Mar. 27–May 26**  
**6:30p–8:30p**

For adults and children  
(ages 5 and above)

## Adult Membership Classes

<b>Class 201</b>	<b>TODAY</b> 9:30a, Rm 357	<b>Class 401</b>	<b>TODAY</b> 9:30a, Rm 360		
<b>Class 101</b>	<b>Sun., Mar. 15</b> 9:30a, Rm 357	<b>Class 301</b>	<b>Sun., Mar. 15</b> 9:30a, Rm 360	<b>Class 501</b>	<b>Sun., Mar. 15</b> 9:30a, Rm 204
<b>Class 201</b>	<b>Sun., Mar. 22</b> 9:30a, Rm 357	<b>Class 401</b>	<b>Sun., Mar. 22</b> 9:30a, Rm 360		
<b>Class 101</b>	<b>Sun., Mar. 29</b> 9:30a, Rm 357	<b>Class 301</b>	<b>Sun., Mar. 29</b> 9:30a, Rm 360		

## Health and Wellness

### MedAssist of Mecklenburg

Application office now at Friendship at 3301 Beatties Ford Road

Appointments: **704-391-6603** or **704-536-1790**

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- ⇒ Mecklenburg County resident
- ⇒ Cannot have Medicare, Medicaid or prescription drug insurance
- ⇒ Income must be under 200% of Federal Poverty Level

#### Bring with you:

- ⇒ Last month's check stub
- ⇒ Latest Federal tax return
- ⇒ Written prescriptions from your doctor

**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](mailto:ajones@friendshipcharlotte.org)**  
or **[friendshipcharlotte.org](http://friendshipcharlotte.org)** (click on registration/class)

**All classes must be taken in sequence** (with the exception of Biblical Stewardship) 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](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)**

## Friendship's Employee Profile



Mariel Thompson

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

704-391-6672

Position: Accounts Receivable Clerk

- ⇒ Process approved vendor payments for all Friendship entities.
- ⇒ Reconcile credit accounts, field vendor inquiries and maintain vendor relations.
- ⇒ Primary responder for all contribution inquiries and point-of-contact for department mass mailings.
- ⇒ Assist with The Gallery at Friendship operations and event financial management.

## 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

## TODAY

### 1st General Blood Pressure Screening of the Year

in the gym starting after the 7:30a service

### In The Gallery

Author drop-in with Friendship member **Sis. Pat Schulz**. Sis. Schulz will also be available to personalize copies of her inspiring book 'Making Sweet Lemonade'.

### Featured Books in The Gallery

Michelle Obama: First Lady of Hope  
Sisterhood of Blackberry Corner

### Baptist Women United (BWU)

Monthly meeting, **Sun., Mar 8**, following 11:30a service in the Orchestra Rehearsal Room  
Contact Marlana Pickens Young at **704-517-3515** or Tiffany Allen at **704-503-4993**.

## Women's Month Activities

**Sun., Mar. 15**

### Women's Day - "Our Obligation to Faithful Services"

Rev. Stephanie Speller-Henderson,  
Rev. Sandra Caldwell-Williams, Rev. Michelle Jones  
Women are asked to wear white (if they have it)

**Sat., Mar. 21**

### Monthly Prayer Breakfast, 7:00a—9:00a

### Day of Caring and Sharing with Our Sisters Workshop, 9:00a—2:00p, FREE

**Register TODAY.**

## Seniors

**Tues., Mar. 17**

**Care Team Ministry, 10:00a**  
**Bible Study, 10:30a**  
**Senior Ensemble Rehearsal, 12:15p**

### Cliff Jones' Senior Games and SilverArts

Age 55 and up  
Various activities  
Watch for more information or contact  
Alma Wynn Jones, **704-391-3860**.

## Children, Youth and Singles

### SACAC (The Southern Association for College Admission Counseling

Mini-Camp, **Sat., Mar. 21**

Queens University

Register online at

[sacac.org/hr/campcollege.html](http://sacac.org/hr/campcollege.html)

### Parent University: Preparing for the End-of-Grade Tests

**Wed., Mar. 11, 6:30p—8:00p**

3400 Beatties Ford Rd

Register: **980-343-0318**

### Cub/Boy Scouts at Friendship

**Cub Scouts** meet the **1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays from 10:00a—11:30a**

**Boy Scouts** meet **every Tuesday from 6:30p-8:00p**

Contact Deacon Ed Holland,  
**704-391-6650**.

### 2009 Spring Break/College Tour

**Apr. 4—9**

Philadelphia, New York, Rehobeth Beach  
\$325—Students; \$175—Chaperone  
\$75 non-refundable deposit/registration due today. Final payment due Mar. 15  
Contact: **704-391-3876**

### Parents' Ministry/Parent University Meeting

**Wed., Mar. 11; Mar. 25, 6:00p, Rm. 135**  
Contact Merl Jones, **704-957-4157**

### Single Parent's Ministry

Needs donation of a vacuum cleaner for the Angel House (a home for unwed young ladies).

Contact April Pride at **704-649-0889** or [apride@hipage.com](mailto:apride@hipage.com)  
Visit their web site at [angelhousematernityhome.org](http://angelhousematernityhome.org)

### Graduate Sunday - June 14

For graduating Pre-K through Graduate school.

Forms located in kiosks and Friendship's website, [www.friendshipcharlotte.org](http://www.friendshipcharlotte.org).  
Contact Dr. Daisy R. Walker at [trulydaisy@bellsouth.net](mailto:trulydaisy@bellsouth.net).

## Adults

### Big Brothers Big Sisters

"Connecting People of Faith With Children of Promise"

**Tues., Mar. 24 from 6:00p—7:00p**

Contact Konrad Broussard at  
**704-277-3280**. Look for flyers in kiosks.

### Business Solutions Ministry

**Wed., Mar. 18**

**6:00p in Room 135**

Contact Judge Collier at **704-942-8599**  
or [judgemarcus@yahoo.com](mailto:judgemarcus@yahoo.com)

or

Cheryl Waymer at **704-540-3731**

or [cwaymer@carolina.rr.com](mailto:cwaymer@carolina.rr.com)

or

**businesssolutions**

### New Perspective

### Women's Retreat

**Thurs.—Sat., Sept. 3-5**

**Lake Junaluska, NC**

Brochures located in kiosks or contact

Donyell Aycock, **704-965-4415**,  
Sonjia Gibson, **704-597-6743**,

### Are You a Member of Friendship and a Johnson C. Smith University Alumnae?

Contact Sis. Phyliss Caldwell at  
[pcaldwell@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:pcaldwell@friendshipcharlotte.org) or  
**704-391-3866** no later than Fri., Mar. 20.  
Rev. J.R. Covington is scheduling plans for a visit by the new President, Dr. Ron Carter.