

**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**

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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

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

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

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

# A Celebration of Worship

**Women's Day, Baby Dedication,  
3rd Sunday of the Season of Lent**



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

**March 15, 2009**

**Invocation**

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**Opening Hymn**

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**Welcome**

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**Scripture Reading**

Genesis 28:10-22; 29

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**Scripture Response**

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**Intercessory Prayer**

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**Ministry of Music**

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**Baby Dedication**

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**Pastoral Reflections/  
Announcements**

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**Offertory/Ministry of Music**

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**Proclamation**

7:30a - Rev. Stephanie Speller-Henderson

9:30a - Rev. Sandra Caldwell-Williams

11:30a - Rev. Michelle A. 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.

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

**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.***

**Music and Arts**

7:30a - Congregational Singing; Friendship Ringers, *Diatricia Willis*, soloist.  
9:30a and 11:30a - Women's Day Mass Choir, Orchestra, Inspirational Dancers

**FAMILY SUNDAY DINNER**

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



**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.**

**Deacons on Call**

Calvin Colson	704-523-1030; 704-614-4067
Edward Fox	704-568-8519
Tonya Hudson	704-766-1111; 704-616-9646
Douglas Jones	704-375-8188; 704-578-8827

**Acknowledgments Received From**

Leola G. Crosby and Family

The Family of the late Mrs. Elease Glover Williams  
(Sean D. Williams and Family)

**Concentrate on this sentence:**

*'To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did.'*  
When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better.

**Concentrate on this sentence:**

*'The Will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.'*

**MEG COUPLE'S MINUTE**

**Identify The Problem**

By Mahlon Hetrick- CFC

**You cannot solve the problem until you identify it.**

If your car will not start, you need to identify the problem and treat the cause of the problem before it is solved. The same is true with finances.

**What kind of problems do we have?**

Our problem falls into two general categories: ignorance and wrong attitudes.

**Ignorance**

We went to school and learned all the skills to earn a living, but most of us were not required to take even one course on how to manage after we have earned it. We are not dumb, but we are ignorant. A budget is a written plan to determine how income will be allocated in a proper balance to meet all one's needs and goals.

**Wrong Attitudes**

We are made up of two things: our attitudes and our actions. Great philosophers have said, "We become what we think." God says in Proverbs 23:7 "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." We do what we think; our actions are a result of our thinking. We don't have a money problem - we have an attitude problem regarding money and money matters.

Comments & questions about MEG'S Minute should be directed to:  
otomes@friendshipcharlotte.org or 704-391-3840



Please join us as we dedicate **The Stitt House TODAY at 2:30p**. This home was gifted to the church by Sister Clara Stitt at her death.

We dedicate this home as a way to provide housing to those in need and to glorify the Lord for this gift of shelter from one of His faithful servants.

The house is located at 1913 Grier Avenue in the Lincoln Heights Community.

Directions from the church: South on Beatties Ford Road for 1.7 miles. Make a left onto Russell Avenue (right in front of Northwest School of the Arts) . Take the first right and then the first left which will be Grier Avenue. The house is on the right.

Parking is limited, so please carpool, if possible.

Thank you.

**From the Pastor...**

**"A Vow of Obligation"**

Genesis 28:10-22; 29

**Word** for the Month - "Obligation"

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

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

**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 11:1-17	A broken obligation
Tues.	Jeremiah 11:18-23	Request for Divine payback
Wed.	1 John 3:11-21	Obligation to love one another
Thurs.	Romans 10:1-13; Matthew 16:13-20	III. Principle of Tithing—We have a unique unparalleled relationship to God in Christ as members of the church
Fri.	Philippians 4:6-7	SLOW DOWN!
Sat.	2 Corinthians 9:1-9	How will you sow?

**Point to Ponder:** Are your co-workers aware that you attend church? Christ encourages us to be contagious Christians wherever we go. Invite a co-worker to attend church this week.

**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 what You have called us to become. We choose to refocus our lives, making You and Your ways our priority and meeting our obligations as Your children with joy. Amen.

**Lenten Noon Day Homily**

**Wed., Mar. 18 - 12:10p-12:50p**

**3301 Beatties Ford Road**

**Rev. Dabble Garner**

## Discipleship and Christian Education



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

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

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

**Attention!** The cost for the **Jamaica VBS** trip has a new low price, thanks to a change in air fare. The new price is **\$875** per person, double occupancy. This price includes transportation and lodging at Rooms Ocho Rios Resort. A \$150 non-refundable deposit holds your space, with the final payment due May 15. Contact [bonita@worldbeatravel.com](mailto:bonita@worldbeatravel.com) or **704-737-2657** to make your deposit. Questions concerning the VBS Jamaica experience, contact 704-391-3854 or

### Vacation Bible School 2009

Interest meeting for registration/greeters, teachers, assistants, music, drama, science, storytellers, arts and crafts, P.E., kick-off, snacks  
**Tues., Mar. 17, 6:30p in Room 268**  
 Contact: Bro. James Garvin at [jgarvin@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jgarvin@carolina.rr.com)

### Church School

Easter program **rehearsal - Sat., Mar. 21, 10:00-12:00noon.**  
 Easter **program - Sat., Apr. 4, 3:00p**



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

Prayer, praise, song, testimony, fellowship, country-style breakfast.  
 Sanctuary, Conference Center

### Literary Club

**Tues., Mar. 24, 6:30p, Rm. 268**  
 Topic: *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd  
 Contact: *Gaye Bigelow, 704-458-4590*

The **Friendship Finance Academy** is winding down for the month of March.

### **Sun., Mar.15 at 9:30a**

Youth – middle through high school (1<sup>st</sup> floor choral rehearsal room)  
 Adults (Conference Center A)

**Saving for a Rainy Day: All the Ways to Save and What to Save For.**  
 Children preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in their regular church school classes and begin talking about **Things I Can Do, When I Have a Plan...** (helping young people think about how their spending and saving shapes their future).

### **Sun., Mar., 22 at 9:30a** the topic for the

Youth – middle through high school (1<sup>st</sup> floor choral rehearsal room)

### **Envisioning Your Future**

Children (preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade regular classrooms)

### **Visions of My Future**

Children and Youth will write a vision statement and make vision boards, that help them visualize their hopes, dreams and aspirations.

Adults (Conference Center A) will discuss **Insurance – Life, Health, Car, Disability, Burial and more; Wills – Planning for the Inevitable.**

## 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

### Rapture Fitness - New Session

Beginning week of Mar. 16

Initial assessment, **Fri., Mar. 20 for new members**

Orientation and registration will be done the first day of class

Session runs Mon., Mar. 23—Fri., May 16

Contact Robin Austin at **704-241-5322** or [rapturefitness2@yahoo.com](mailto:rapturefitness2@yahoo.com)

## Concert

### International Children's Outreach Ministry

Featuring Monty Bennett, organist  
 Assisted by Sam McKelton, tenor, Terri McKelton, soprano,  
 Carolyn H. Lloyd, narrator

**Sun., Mar. 29, 3:30p**  
 3400 Beatties Ford Rd.

Music of African, African-American, and Afro-British composers.  
 A free-will offering will be taken for the 2010 South African Honors Choir tour.

## Friendship's Employee Profile



Rev. Trevor Beauford

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

3301 Beatties Ford Road

704-391-3894, 704-393-9094 - fax

Position: DeiVision Minister Children, Youth & Singles

- ✦ Responsible for planning fiscal management, and overall supervision for Friendship Nursery, Children (K-5), Youth (6-12), College Outreach, Parents & Singles Ministries
- ✦ Management of Recreation Ministry
- ✦ Plan and preach Youth Having Worship every Sunday at 9:30a and 11:30a
- ✦ Supervise the implementation of Junior Worship every Sunday at 7:30a and 11:30a services

## HIV/AIDS Ministry

**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. 17–May 26**

**6:30p–8:30p**  
**Room 359 and 360**

For adults and children (ages 5 and above)

Contact Del Savage at  
[savagedel@bellsouth.net](mailto:savagedel@bellsouth.net)

## Greeters Ministry

Do you have a warm smile and  
 welcoming spirit?  
 Are you searching for a ministry in  
 which to serve?

Orientation classes on  
**Sat., Mar. 28 in Room 139**  
 or **Sat., Apr. 4**

Contact Patricia Wilson at 704-717-8786

## Seniors

**Tues., Mar. 17, 10:30a**  
**Monthly Gathering/  
 Birthday Celebration**

**Diabetic Workshop**  
 Great Info, Freebies, Lunch

**Thurs., Mar. 26, 1:00a**  
**Movie Day**

Featured Movie:  
 Tyler Perry's The Family That Preys

**Admission \$1**  
 Refreshments

**Seniors Hot Line - 704-391-6696**

## 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@friendshipcharlotte.org**

## Adult Membership Classes

Class 101	TODAY 9:30a	Class 301	TODAY 9:30a	Class 501	TODAY 9:30a
Class 201	Sun., Mar. 22 9:30a	Class 401	Sun., Mar. 22 9:30a		
Class 101	Sun., Mar. 29 9:30a	Class 301	Sun., Mar. 29 9:30a		

**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** (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)**

## Baby Dedications

### **9:30a Service**

**Dominic Turner McLean** Bro. & Sis. McLean (Myron & Laura)  
**Cayden Jacob Pittman** Bro. & Sis. Pittman (Perry & Dorene)

### **11:30a Service**

**Siaka Argrett Bynum** Bro. & Sis. Bynum (Zerrick & Fati)

## Women's Month Activities

**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.**

**Sat., Mar. 28**      ***Fun Nite, 6:00—8:00p***  
 Fun, Skits, Refreshments

### ***New Perspective Women's Retreat***

**Thurs.—Sat., Sept. 3-5, Lake Junaluska, NC**

Brochures located in kiosks or contact  
 Retreat book: ***'The Shack'*** by William Young

Donyell Aycock, **704-965-4415**, Sonjia Gibson, **704-597-6743**,  
 Alma Wynn Jones, **704-391-3860**

***Women's Day Mass Choir Director,***  
***Mrs. Cassandra Poole***

A songwriter once said that "I sing because I'm happy, and I sing because I'm free..." I would like to humbly add that I sing, I play, I arrange and compose, I teach, I give because this is what is inside of me. I have been given the gift of music. Music is a ministry in my life. I became a music therapist because I believe music can heal. Music is a universal language that seems to permeate boundaries. It can soothe; It can stir; It can encourage. First and foremost music is in my heart and it is me.

**Education:** Baccalaureate of Science, Music Education, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee. Completed coursework for Master of Science, Music Education and Music Therapy, University of Kansas, Lawrence Master of Science, Educational Leadership and Administration, Nova University, Ft. Lauderdale

Mrs. Poole has served and is still serving as the minister of music for the Maranatha Seventh Day Adventist Church for nearly twenty years. She concurrently served as the minister of music for the Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church for nineteen years; then minister of music for the Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church for five years. She is now the minister of music for the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, where her pastor is the Reverend Dr. R. B. Holmes Jr., President of the National Baptist Convention USA, Congress of Christian Education. Mrs. Poole holds numerous professional certifications and licenses as a music therapist and educator. She is nearly complete with the requirements for her doctoral degree in education leadership.

The Lord has blessed Mrs. Poole with opportunities throughout America to visit and minister with her gift of music. A talented composer, Mrs. Poole has arranged numerous pieces, updating and tailoring them for such a time as this. She is married and has been blessed with a daughter.

## 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)**

### ***Parents' Ministry***

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

### ***2009 12th Congressional District Summer Internship Program***

College students only  
 Public service jobs with federal government.  
 Submit interest, resume and writing sample to [wattresume@mail.house.gov](mailto:wattresume@mail.house.gov)  
 Deadline, Mar. 23  
 Contact Tawana Wilson-Allen,  
**704-344-9950** or  
[tawana.allen@mail.house.gov](mailto:tawana.allen@mail.house.gov)

***Friendship Youth Entrepreneur's Club***  
 Accepting applications for 2009 Summer Club, Youth 11-17  
 Applications available in the kiosk  
**Contact Althier Jones at 704-717-7306**

### ***The Hampton University Alumni Association***

is sponsoring a bus trip for **high school students** to

Hampton University's High School Day

**Fri., Sat., Apr. 3 and 4**

\$120 per student due by Mar. 27

Contact Cristal Watson at **704-248-6181** or  
[cwatson11@yahoo.com](mailto:cwatson11@yahoo.com)

### ***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 TODAY!  
 Contact: **704-391-3876**

### ***Mecklenburg Country Parks and Recreation***

Non paid volunteer opportunities for teens  
 Contact Lori Saylor at **704-319-9556** or  
[lori.saylor@mecklenburgcountync.gov](mailto:lori.saylor@mecklenburgcountync.gov)

### ***Shaw University "Admit Days"***

for prospective college students

**Sat., Mar. 28, 10:00a—3:00p**  
 Great Galilee Baptist Church  
 501 W. Park Ave.  
 Contact Dr. William Booth at  
**919-719-1983**

### ***Park Ministries Elevate Youth Conference***

Ages 13-17

**Sat., Mar. 21, 8:00a—4:00p**  
 The Park Ministries, 6609 Beatties Ford Rd  
 Youth meet at The Park Ministries at 7:45a



### ***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)**.

*Giving gives far more than we intend.  
 In everything we do is what we are,  
 Vastly different than we comprehend,  
 Importunate as any morning star.  
 No one ever loves for some clear end,  
 Gripped by grace that grieves beyond the bar.*

N. Gordon