

Lenten Noon Day Homily
Wed., Mar. 25 - 12:10p-12:50p
3301 Beatties Ford Road
Rev. Cassandra Jones

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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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

4th Sunday of the Season of Lent



Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr.
Senior Minister

March 22, 2009

Invocation

Opening Hymn

Welcome

Scripture Reading

Genesis 28:10-22

Scripture Response

Intercessory Prayer

Ministry of Music

**Pastoral Reflections/
Announcements**

Offertory/Ministry of Music

Proclamation

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.*



Blessed Assurance

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine.
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit,
washed in His blood.

***This is my story,
this is my song,
Praising my Savior
all the day long;
This is my story,
this is my song,
Praising my Savior
all the day long.***

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture
now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above,
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness,
Lost in His love.

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 - Women's Day Mass Choir, Inspirational Dancers
9:30a and 11:30a - Johnson C. Smith University Choir

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.

REMEMBER THE PROMISE?

Years ago, a young man knelt with his pastor and prayed as he committed to God his tithe. His first week's pay was \$10 and the tithe was \$1. As he grew older he became more prosperous and his tithe was \$7 a week, then \$10. He moved to another city and soon his tithe was \$100 a week, then \$200, then \$500.

One day the younger man sent his old friend a wire, "Please come see me." The pastor arrived at the man's house. They had a good time talking over old times. Finally the man came to his point. "You remember that promise I made years ago to tithe. How can I get released?" Why would you want to get released," asked the pastor? "It's like this," replied the man, "When I made the promise I only had to give \$1, but now it is \$500. I can't afford to give away money like that."

The old pastor looked at his friend. "I am afraid we cannot get released from the promise, but there is something we can do. We can kneel and ask God to shrink your income so you can afford to give \$1 again.



From the Pastor...

"Just When You Thought You Were All By Yourself "

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 12:1-6	A question from one who has kept his obligation to God but sees a disparity of the wicked
Tues.	Psalms 49	God's response
Wed.	Jeremiah 12:14-17	A call for change
Thurs.	2 Corinthians 5:11-20	Ambassadors for Christ
Fri.	Luke 19:15-26	Using what has been given
Sat.	Genesis 22:2; John 3:15 Matt. 6:33	IV. Principle of Tithing-From Principle to Practice

Point to Ponder: 7 Things NOT to do when the stock market has cut your retirement in half:

- 1) Move everything to cash if you have a long time horizon—this merely locks in the on-paper losses
- 2) Cash in the account if you're under 59½, since you'll have to pay a 10 percent penalty plus taxes
- 3) Stop adding to your accounts regularly
- 4) Listen to neighbors and friends instead of your financial advisor
- 5) Listen to rumors that cause panic
- 6) Lose patience
- 7) Avoid your financial advisor

Excerpt from "*Surviving Financial Meltdown*" by Ron Blue

Prayer: All knowing God, we are grateful for Your patience! We need Your continued arms of protection around us. When feelings of uncertainty rise up in our thoughts, we ask that You calm down the anxiety of our mind. PEACE BE STILL! Amen.

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 Sun., Mar. 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@worldbeattravel.com or **704-737-2657** to make your deposit. Questions concerning the VBS Jamaica experience, contact Rev. Sandra Williams at swilliams@friendshipcharlotte.org or **704-391-3854**.

Church School

Easter program - **Sat., Apr. 4, 3:00p**

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.

TODAY at 9:30a the topic for the

Youth – middle through high school (1st floor choral rehearsal room)

Envisioning Your Future

Children (preschool through 5th 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.**

Deacons on Call

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

MEG COUPLE'S MINUTE

Stewardship/Honor the Lord

By Mahlon Hetrick- CFC

- ⇒ God tells us that He wants us to honor Him
 How do we do that? Proverbs 3:9 (TLB) instructs,
"Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income."
- ⇒ God is telling us that we have two ways to honor Him. We can give to Him from what we already have, from our reserves, and we can give to Him from our increase.
- ⇒ God says, "I want you to honor me regardless of the economic conditions of the land. And regardless of your personal situation, I want you to put Me first and honor Me. *"But strive first for the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well."* Matthew 6:33 (NRSV)

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



RESCHEDULED FOR TODAY

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.

Stewardship is not just a question of checkbooks, but a question of how a person lives day by day. We're all stewards of God's bounty, including love and consideration, helpfulness and even courtesy. Stewardship embraces a sort of volunteer attitude. It is a natural characteristic of Christians, but it takes practice and awareness.

In The Gallery

TODAY in The Gallery....Stop in for a 'chat' with Friendship member Sis. "Chatty" Hattie Leeper. Sis. Leeper will be available to personalize copies of her book, Chatty Hatty: The Legend.

Come in and let us extend excellent service....because *Quality* matters!

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

Contact Sis. Phyliss Caldwell at pcaldwell@friendshipcharlotte.org or **704-391-3866** no later than Fri., Mar. 27.

Rev. J.R. Covington is scheduling plans for a visit by the new President, Dr. Ron Carter.

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



Cedric Neely

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

Adult Membership Classes

Class 201	TODAY 9:30a	Class 401	TODAY 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
or **friendshipcharlotte.org** (click on registration/class)

All classes must be taken in sequence (with the exception of Biblical Stewardship—501) 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.
Andrea Betaudier, 704-391-3864, abetaudier@friendshipcharlotte.org,
Phyliss Caldwell, 704-391-3866, pcaldwell@friendshipcharlotte.org

Women's Month Activities

Sat., Mar. 28 ***Fun Nite, 6:00—8:00p***
Fun, Skits, Refreshments
Conference Rooms C & D

New Perspective Women's Retreat

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

Retreat book: '***The Shack***' by William Young

Brochures located in kiosks

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

Children, Youth and Singles

DON'T FORGET! **Youth Having Worship**

Every Sunday, 9:30a and 11:30a
For Middle and High School Youth
Choir Room
Contact Rev. Trevor Beauford at
704-392-3875

Carolina's Community Youth Mural Project

is currently recruiting students.
For program application, please contact
704-391-3876.
For more information, contact Devaugh
Johnson at **980-205-0246**

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**



Graduate Sunday **June 14**

For graduating Pre-K through Graduate school.
Forms located in kiosks and Friendship's website, www.friendshipcharlotte.org.
Contact Dr. Daisy R. Walker at trulydaisy@bellsouth.net.

Seniors

Tues., Mar. 24, 10:30a

Bible Study
Conference Room

Senior Ensemble Rehearsal - 12:15
Choir Rehearsal Room

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.

Support Groups

CROSS (Cancer survivors Reaching out Offering Sisterly Support) Ministry

For: Women diagnosed, survivor or a caregiver.
Topic: "So, What!!"

Thurs., Apr. 2 at 6:30p in Room 326.

Contact Rev. Michelle A. Jones at
704-391-3852 or
mjones@friendshipcharlotte.org

Sign Language Classes

Now—May 26

6:30p—8:30p
Room 359 and 360

For adults and children (ages 5 and above)

Contact Del Savage at
savedel@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

CMPD Recruitment **Information Session**

Mar. 26, 11:00a—1:00p

Contact Kimberly Harrison at
704-391-6695

Health and Wellness

Weight Management Program **For Youth with a Family-Based Approach**

Informational session and registration
Tues., Mar. 21 at 6:00p

Contact **704-564-8112 or 704-568-5869**

Walk Team Ministry

Upcoming Walks:

Sat., Apr. 4 - 16th Annual Walk for AIDS
Belmont; check in at 9:00a
3 mile walk starts at 10:00a

Sat., Apr. 18 - JDRF Walk at Carowinds
Sign in at 4:00a
4 mile walk starts at 8:30a

Sat., Apr. 25 - March of Dimes Walk
Uptown, Corner of Trade & Tryon
Sign in at 9:00a
3.5 mile walk starts at 10:00a

Tues., Apr. 28
Avon Foundation Walk the Course Against
Domestic Violence
Quail Hollow Club, Forest Hill Church
7224 Park Road
Sign in at 4:00p, walk starts at 5:00p
5 mile walk, 18 holes starts at 5:00p
Registration fee - \$25
Sign in at 5:00p, walk starts at 6:00p
2.5 mile walk, 9 holes
Registration fee - \$20

For further info, please contact
Mary Ann Harrington at 704-882-0928