

**Lenten Noon Day Homily**  
**Wed., Apr. 1 - 12:10p-12:50p**  
**3301 Beatties Ford Road**  
**Homily: Rev. A. R. Hendricks**

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**

<p>3400 Beatties Ford Road          Charlotte, NC 28216          Office - 704-392-0392          Fax-704-391-5800</p> <p><b>Prayer Line - 704-391-3880</b>          www.friendshipcharlotte.org</p>	<p><b>Worship Services</b>          7:30a; 9:30a; 11:30a</p> <p><b>Junior Worship (k-5)</b>          7:30a; 11:30a</p> <p><b>Youth Worship (6-12)</b>          9:30a; 11:30a</p> <p><b>Church School - 9:30a-10:30a</b></p> <p><b>Adult &amp; Youth Bible Study</b>          Wed., 7:00p</p>
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**Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr.,** Senior Minister

**Intergenerational Sunday,**  
**Baptism, Right Hand of Fellowship**  
**5th Sunday of the Season of Lent**

**March 29, 2009**

**7:30a and 9:30a Services**

**11:15a Service**

**A Celebration of Worship**

**Invocation**  
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**Opening Hymn**  
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**Welcome**  
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**Scripture Reading**  
**Genesis 28:10-22**  
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**Scripture Response**  
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**Intercessory Prayer**  
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**Ministry of Music**  
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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**

**Baptismal Prayer**  
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**New Members Presentation**  
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**Invitation**  
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**Presentation of New Members**  
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**Benediction**  
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**Fellowship Dinner**

*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.*

**Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart**

Rejoice, ye pure in heart;  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing;  
Your glorious banner wave on high,  
The cross of Christ your King.

**REFRAIN:**

**Rejoice, rejoice,  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing**

**(Choir)**

Bright youth and snow-crowned age,  
All those for truth do seek  
Raise high your free, exulting song  
God's wondrous praises speak.

**(Refrain)**

**(Congregation)**

Yes, on through life's long path,  
Still chanting as ye go;  
From youth to age, by night and day,  
In gladness and in woe.

**(Refrain)**

Then on, ye pure in heart;  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing;  
Your glorious banner wave on high,  
The cross of Christ your king.

**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 - Church Choir

9:30a and 11:30a - Children and Youth Choirs and Athletes United for Youth

**FAMILY SUNDAY DINNER**

**TODAY, 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?**

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

Caterer—'Heaven Sent'

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

**WHAT'S FOR DINNER WEDNESDAYS**

Have dinner with us every 1st Wednesday of the month.

**All dinners are \$6 and will be served from 5:30p—6:45p.**

**Tickets on sale now in The Gallery and will be available until 6:30p the evening of the event.**

Menu for **Wed., April 1:**

**Baked Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Squash Casserole, Mixed Salad, Rolls, Beverage, Dessert**



**Family and Friends Celebrating Resurrection Day**

**Sunday, April 12**

**Worship Services  
6:00a, 8:00a, 10:00a**

**No Church School  
No Membership Classes**

**Breakfast Served  
7:30a—9:30a**

Bacon or Turkey Sausage; Pancakes or Biscuits  
Scrambled Eggs, Cinnamon Apples  
Grits, Assorted Cereals  
Orange and Apple Juice  
Coffee, Hot Tea

**\$5 per person - tickets on sale in the Gallery**

## Candidates for Baptism

Miss Timiyah S. Brown	Mrs. Reisha L. Bryan	Miss Lauren Ann Bush
Mr. Keenan A. Caver	Mr. Austin J. Cunningham	Mr. Wil James Cunningham
Miss Vivien P. Dominick	Miss Mariah S. Ellis	Mr. Karl R. Ellis
Mr. Sean Grimbball	Miss Imani Jernigan-Bratton	Mr. Austin S. Jones
Mr. Miles Jones	Mrs. Natasha G. Louder	Mr. Edward G. Miller
Miss Tiffany L. Nixon	Ms. Jami Norman	Miss Serbia Perry
Miss Kaylon Rorie	Mr. Timothy M. Smith	Miss Jeylon Stradford
Mr. Gary Lee Tillman	Mr. Shyhiem White	Mr. Daryl Winston Fletcher
Mr. Julian M. Wright	Ms. Michelle C. Wright	

## Candidates by Christian Experience

Ms. Mary Caviness	Mrs. Barbara G. Crawford	Mrs. Barbara J. Ellis
Mrs. Patricia B. Givens	Ms. Cheryl Grover	Mr. Roderick B. Howard
Mrs. Yvonne D. Howard	Mr. Kamron T. Kenan	Mrs. Linda McCain
Mrs. Sontaya L. McCall	Mr. Matthew W. Perry	Mrs. Alverta Perry
Min. Warren O. Stukes, Jr.	Mrs. Felesia A. Stukes	Ms. Tina L. Walker

## Candidates By Letter

Mr. Gabriel Seth White	Mrs. Patsy Caldwell-White
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*"Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder which you do not require is needed by others. The extras of the rich are the necessities of the poor. Those who retain what is superfluous possess the goods of others."*

St. Augustine

## From the Pastor...

### "A Landmark Moment"

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 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 13:1-14	A lesson from jars
Tues.	Jeremiah 13:15-17	The warning against pride
Wed.	2 Corinthians 9:1-9	Attitude during giving
Thurs.	Proverbs 15:22; 27:17 Galatians 6:1-5	Accountability helps us keep obligation
Fri.	Luke 21:1-3	Two mites that were major
Sat.	Psalm 25:1-7	A Psalm of hope

**Point to Ponder:** *As believers we must embrace our obligation to encourage our youth!! We must never become too busy with our day to day life that we miss an opportunity to invest in the development of our leaders of tomorrow. This week, encourage a child!!*

**Prayer:** *All knowing God, we are grateful for Your steadfast love. Help us to affirm our youth in ways that will impact their lives positively. Give our parents strength to continue on, even in the midst of lean times. In Jesus' name. AMEN!*

**Community food offering for next Sunday, April 5**

⇒ **Canned Goods**

⇒ **Toiletries - i.e., toothbrushes/paste, bar soap, shampoo/conditioner, lotions, sanitizer, deodorant, combs, Kleenex**

**Seniors and Volunteers**

**Your help is needed to pack the community food boxes on Mon., Apr. 6, 10:00a - Sanctuary**

## 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)  
 (Book - *Lord Teach Us* by William H. Willimon and Stanley Hauerwas)



**Vacation Bible School – 2009**  
**Staff Development Calendar**

**Tues., Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>**

Me, a ministry leader? Becoming a Christian, and Discipleship  
**6:30p, Room 268**

**Tues., Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>**

Learning Styles and Age-Level Characteristics, **6:30p, Room 356**

**Tues., Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>**

Exceptional Children and Discipline  
**6:30p, Conference Center-C**

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

**TODAY at 9:30a**

*Topic: Stewardship/Biblical Advice for Couples Putting Money in its Place*

Contact Rev. O.T. Tomes, **704-391-3840**

***Church School***

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

## Friendship CDC

BB&T Bank

**Information Session on becoming employed in a down economy**

Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> 11:00a – 1:00p

Conference Center C

Cornerstone Career Development Center (formerly Re-Entry to Employment)

**2-week Employment Readiness Class (including 1 wk computer training)**

Mar. 30 – Apr. 9, 8:30a – 11:30a

Room 360

CPCC Sponsored

**On-going GED Classes**

Monday – Thursday, 1pm – 4pm

Room 360

Contact: Kimberley Harrison **704-391-6695** for more information.

***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., Apr. 3.

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

## Deacons on Call

Tolly Kennon	704-333-2935; 704-332-1591
Andrew Ladd	704-573-8898; 704-458-2333
Sylvester Owens	803-374-1198; 803-323-2145
Marvin Stallworth	704-882-7557; 704-363-0733
William Stanley	704-650-2719; 704-400-6207

***Acknowledgements received from...***

*The Family of Theresa Kitchens  
 The Family of the late Troy L. Myrick  
 Jackie Nicholson  
 Samuel and Margaret Perry*

**STEWARDSHIP/ MEG COUPLES' MINUTE**  
**Conversion of the Purse - is tithing a priority for you?**  
 Submitted by Rev. O.T. Tomes

Malachi 3:8-10, Religious reformer Martin Luther observed that there are three conversions necessary: the conversion of the heart, the mind and the purse. Of the three, the purse can be the most difficult. Agreeing on money matters can be tough, and, for many couples, agreeing on tithes and offerings presents a special challenge.

A fundamental shift in attitude toward giving took place in our home when we changed the question we were asking each other. Rather than, "How much of our money should we give God," we learned to ask, "How much of God's money should we spend on ourselves?" The difference between these two questions was monumental for us. It helped us to remember that our financial resources are not partly ours and partly God's. Our income is **all** God's (see Exodus 19:5-6; Job 41:11; Psalm 24:1).

Although having this attitude is sometimes hard, especially when the bills pile up and the car needs to go to the mechanic - again! But if we trust in God, he will surely provide what we need to pay the bills... and then again some.

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

## Seniors

### Senior Computer Classes

Eight week classes - **FREE**

- Students MUST complete outside reading assignments.
- Extensive lab exercises are used to enhance the learning experience
- Students will learn to use word processing, spreadsheets, the Internet, and email.
- Students will graduate with a personal email account.

#### Beginners Class:

**Mon., Apr. 6** from 4:05p - 5:55p;

or

**Tues., Apr. 7** from 2:00p—4:00p

#### Intermediate Class:

**Mon., Apr. 6** from 2:30p—3:55p

Classes are held in the Computer Lab on the 2nd Floor at 3400 Beatties Ford Road

**Classes are limited to 6-8 people**

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

### Church Basement Ladies

Barn Dinner Theater, Greensboro  
\$60 per person includes transportation,  
dinner buffet and show  
Tues., May 5

Few seats still available.

**Deadline for final payment is  
Tues., Apr. 7**

### Cliff Jones' Senior Games and SilverArts

**Age 55 and up** - Various activities

- Participate in health and wellness activities.
- Have an opportunity to compete.
- Encourage and expand creative skills through SilverArts.
- Be involved.
- Have FUN, FUN, FUN!

Watch for more information or contact  
Alma Wynn Jones, **704-391-3860**.

## Prison Ministry

Are you a woman interested in participating in the **Friendship Women's Prison Ministry**? A special training session will be held on **Sat., Apr. 4 at Jail Central**. For more information, contact Charlene Price Patterson at 704-598-6242.

## Friendship's Employee Profile



*Phyliss Caldwell*

pcaldwell@friendshipcharlotte.org  
704-391-3866, 704-391-5801-fax

Position: Administrative Assistant to Executive Minister and  
Spiritual Guidance and Wellness

- Prepares/responds to all routine correspondence
- Coordinates supervisor's calendar
- Assists with list for sick and shut-in
- Liaison between Deacons and families in bereavement

## Adult Membership Classes

**Children Class 101 -  
Wed., Apr. 1, 7:00p**

**Adult Classes 101, 201, 301, 401, 501  
Sat. Apr. 4 - Each class starts at 9:00a**

<b>Class 101</b>	<b>Sun., Apr. 5 9:30a</b>	<b>Class 301</b>	<b>Sun., Apr. 5 9:30a</b>		
<b>Class 101</b>	<b>Sun., Apr. 19 9:30a</b>	<b>Class 301</b>	<b>Sun., Apr. 19 9:30a</b>	<b>Class 501</b>	<b>Sun., Apr. 19 9:30a</b>
<b>Class 201</b>	<b>Sun., Apr. 26 9:30a</b>	<b>Class 401</b>	<b>Sun., Apr. 26 9:30a</b>		

**Adult Classes 101, 201, 301, 401, 501  
Sat., May 2 - each class starts at 9:00a**

<b>Class 101</b>	<b>Sun., May 3 9:30a</b>	<b>Class 301</b>	<b>Sun., May 3 9:30a</b>		
<b>Children Class 101 Wed., May 6, 7:00p</b>					
<b>Class 201</b>	<b>Sun., May 10 9:30a</b>	<b>Class 401</b>	<b>Sun., May 10 9:30a</b>		
<b>Class 101</b>	<b>Sun., May 17 9:30a</b>	<b>Class 301</b>	<b>Sun., May 17 9:30a</b>	<b>Class 501</b>	<b>Sun., May 17 9:30a</b>
<b>Class 201</b>	<b>Sun., May 24 9:30a</b>	<b>Class 401</b>	<b>Sun., May 24 9:30a</b>		

**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 **www.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**

## ***Children, Youth and Singles***

### **2009 Youth Revival Planning Team**

Youth and adults needed for:  
visual artist, drama cast, crew members,  
worship team  
**Wed., Apr. 15, 6:30p**  
3301 Sanctuary

### **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**

### **Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation**

Non paid volunteer opportunities for teens  
Contact Lori Saylor at **704-319-9556** or  
lori.saylor@mecklenburgcountync.gov

### **Managing Behavior Through Positive Discipline**

Presented by CMS and  
FMBC Parents' Ministry  
**Wed., Apr. 15, Room 133**  
To register call **980-343-0318**  
or **www.cms.k12.nc.us**

### **Don't Forget! Youth Having Worship**

Every Sunday at 9:30a and 11:30a  
Choir Room (1st Fl. East Plaza)  
Contact Rev. Trevor Beauford at  
**704-391-3876.**



### **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.**

### **C. W. Kerry Scholarship**

Applications may now be submitted for scholarships from the Coleman W. Kerry Scholarship fund. Applications may be obtained from the church website ([www.friendshipcharlotte.org](http://www.friendshipcharlotte.org)) or they may be picked up at the Welcome Center. Completed applications should be mailed or delivered to:

C.W. Kerry Scholarship Fund  
Church Administration, 2nd Floor  
3400 Beatties Ford Road  
Charlotte, NC 28216.

The deadline to submit applications is Apr. 30. Questions regarding the scholarships should be directed to Deacon Ed Holland at **704-391-6650.**

### **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**

## ***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 304.**

Contact Rev. Michelle A. Jones at  
**704-391-3852** or  
[mjones@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:mjones@friendshipcharlotte.org)

## ***Health and Wellness***

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

The Charlotte Links, Inc., in partnership  
with Friendship, is committed to address-  
ing obesity in children and families.

Informational session and registration  
**Tues., Mar. 31 at 6:00p**

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



### **HEALTHCO (Helping Educate and Lead Toward Health Career Occupations)**

Our teen health career club is taking  
applications for new members NOW!  
Limited slots are available. Program  
updated for less classroom time. New class  
begins **Apr. 25<sup>th</sup>** for the Summer and early  
Fall. The program includes:

- \* Peer mentoring from previous graduates
- \* Group learning activities and outings
- \* Panels of health professionals
- \* Fun, Food and Serious Commitment

Take advantage of this opportunity to learn  
about health careers from the ones who do  
it daily.

Contact Sis. Cassandra Harding  
**704-391-3856.**

## ***H.E.A.L.S***

### **H.E.A.L.S (Helping Each other with the Acceptance of Loss through Spiritual affirmation) - Finding Joy Ministry**

will meet **Tues., Apr. 7 at 7:00p in  
Room 326.** Our topic will be **'Drawing  
from Resurrection Power.'**

Questions, contact Rev. Michelle A. Jones  
at **704-391-3852** or  
[mjones@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:mjones@friendshipcharlotte.org).

## ***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