

Seniors and Volunteers

***Your help is needed to pack the community food boxes on
Mon., May 4, 10:00a - Sanctuary***

Deacons on Call

Madelyn Mebane	704-875-7765
Eric Nelson	704-394-1243; 704-258-3472
Robert Person	704-536-1708
Robert Scott	704-948-0626; 704-281-9572

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

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

A Celebration of Worship

**Holy Communion, Senior Month
 and the
 Fourth Sunday in the Season of Easter**



Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr.
Senior Minister

May 3, 2009

Invocation

Opening Hymn

Welcome

Scripture Readings

Joshua 1:1-9

Gloria Patri

Intercessory Prayer

Holy Communion

***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.*

Embracing the Promise - From Mecklenburg Throughout North Carolina

HE AROSE

Text: Negro Spiritual

Tune HE AROSE, 7 6 7 6 7 6 9 with refrain; Negro spiritual; arr. by Valeria A. Foster

Refrain:

**He 'rose, (He 'rose,) He 'rose, (He 'rose,)
He 'rose from the dead,
He 'rose, (He 'rose,)
He 'rose, (He 'rose,)
He 'rose from the dead, He 'rose (He 'rose,)
He 'rose, (He 'rose,)
He 'rose from the dead.
And the Lord will bear my spirit home.**

They crucified my Savior and nailed Him to the cross.
They crucified my Savior and nailed Him to the cross.
They crucified my Savior and nailed Him to the cross.
And the Lord will bear my spirit home.

(Refrain)

Joseph begged His body and laid it in the tomb.
Joseph begged His body and laid it in the tomb.
Joseph begged His body and laid it in the tomb.
And the Lord will bear my spirit home.

(Refrain)

Mary, she came running, and looking for my Lord.
Mary, she came running, and looking for my Lord.
Mary, she came running, and looking for my Lord.
And the Lord will bear my spirit home.

(Refrain)

An angel came from heaven and rolled the stone away.
An angel came from heaven and rolled the stone away.
An angel came from heaven and rolled the stone away.
And the Lord will bear my spirit home.

(Refrain)

Music and Arts

7:30a - Alive 4 Christ Choir
9:30a and 11:30a - Ladies Choir

Dear Family, *The 2009 State of the Church Address* is on our website, www.friendshipcharlotte.org, on the front page. Please review and familiarize yourselves with what we have planned and are doing for 2009 as it relates to ministry and mission. If you do not have computer access, please notify the church office at **704-391-3864** for a hard copy. Thank you for what you do and continue to do for God's kingdom!

Walk Team Ministry

**Fri., May 15
Relay for Life**

West Charlotte High School
6:00p—10:30p;
Survivor reception—6:30p
Luminaries ceremony—9:00p

Sat., May 16

Multiple Sclerosis

Symphony Park at South Charlotte
Registration at 8:00a.
walk begins at 9:00a
2.5 and 5 miles

For further information on any walk,
please contact
Mary Ann Harrington at **704-882-0928**

Heals Finding Joy Ministry

HEALS [*Helping Each other with the
Acceptance of Loss through Spiritual
affirmation*] - **Finding Joy Ministry** will
be meeting **Tues., May 5 at 7:00p in
Room 326**. Our topic will be, '**Healing
Your Mind, Body & Spirit When You're
Grieving**.' Questions, contact Rev. Michelle
A. Jones at 704-391-3852 or
mjones@friendshipcharlotte.org.

Support Groups

CROSS [*Cancer survivors Reaching out
Offering Sisterly Support*] **Ministry** is a
support group for women that have been
diagnosed, survivor or a caregiver. We will
meet on **Thurs., May 7 at 6:30p in
Room 326**. Our topic will be, '**Helping
Through the Journey**.' Questions, con-
tact Rev. Michelle A. Jones at 704-391-
3852 or mjones@friendshipcharlotte.org.

Chronic Health Support Group
will meet **Sat., May 9 from 11:00a—
1:00p in Room 135**.

**Men's Prostate Cancer Support
Group**
will meet **Tues., May 12 from 6:30p—
8:30p** in the Conference Room at
3301 Beatties Ford Road

My Sister (Multiple Sclerosis)
will meet **Sat., May 16 from 1:00p—
2:30p in Room 133**

For additional information on the support
groups, please contact
Sis. Cassandra Harding at **704-391-3856**

Friendship's Employee Profile



Rev. J.R. Covington, Jr.

704-391-3848, 704-391-5801 – fax
jcovington@friendshipcharlotte.org

Position: DeiVision Minister of Spiritual Guidance and
Wellness ministerial responsibilities include:

- Counseling
- Hospital Visitations
- Funerals
- Weddings
- Preaching

Children, Youth and Singles

EOC/EOG Family Review Game Day **Sat., May 16 at 2:00p**

“Are You Smarter Than Your School Student?”

EOC/EOG Review Games by grade level.

Special guest speaker is Dr. Curtis Carroll on “Effective Test Taking Strategies”

Call to register at **704-391-3876** or on line youthregistrtrtions@friendshipcharlotte.org



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**.

Youth Opportunity University—Y.O.U

Youth Opportunity University has a few limited available slots in kindergarten for the summer session. If you are interested in applying for Y.O.U., please contact Chancellor Carolyn Lloyd or Vice-Chancellor Cynthia Sings before registering at **704-391-6676**.

**Parent Orientation is scheduled for Thurs., May 14 at 6:00p
in the Conference Center.**

Proctors Needed for State Tests

Volunteers are needed at all Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools to serve as proctors for End-of-Grade and End-of-course tests.

Those interested in serving need to register as a CMS volunteer online at www.cmsvolunteers.com.

To help serve, please contact the school of your choice or choose a school listed below:

Ranson Middle, 5850 Statesville Rd.; May 18-22 from 8:30a—12:00p
Contact Perry Owen at 980-343-5547 or perryh.owen@cms.k12.nc.us

Carmel Middle, May 18-20; May 27; June 2-4. 8:15a proctor training for testing
9:00a-12:00p.
Contact LeAnn Conyers at leanne.williams@cms.k12.nc.us

Wilson Middle, 7020 Tuckaseegee Road; May 18-22 from 8:30a—12:30p
Contact Jaida Time at 980-343-6070, ext 246

West Charlotte High, June 2-5 (20 volunteers); make-up test June 8-9 (2 volunteers)
7:00a—11:30a
Contact Stacey Clark at 980-343-6060 or Stacey.clark@cms.k12.nc.us

West Mecklenburg High, June 3-5; June 8-9 from 7:15a—11:30a

From the Pastor...

“Assured With His Power and Presence”

Word for the Month - “Assure”

Scriptures for the Month - Jeremiah 14-15; Joshua 1:1-18, Acts 1:8

Thought for the Month: *Promise, God is Present in ALL Situations!*

Invitational Hymn of the Month: *Blessed Assurance—#508*

Pastor’s Book of the Month:

Becoming a Contagious Christian by Bill Hybels, Mark Mittelberg

Youth Book of the Month:

Do Hard Things: A Teenage Rebellion Against Low Expectations

by Alex Harris

“Additional Readings for the Week”

Mon.	Jeremiah 1:1-18	Say What God Said, How God Said
Tues.	Joshua 1:1-3	God ASSURES Moses.....
Wed.	Luke 4:14-29	The Power of truth leads some to doubt
Thurs.	Mark 16:1-20	Are you sharing your testimony?
Fri.	Acts 2:14-40	Just tell THE story and YOUR story
Sat.	Acts 17:22-34	The story does not change. How you TELL it might

Point to Ponder

The word of God has been given to us. Let us read and embrace what is divinely inspire from the Lord and our revival is assured. Assured because God is present in all situations.

Prayer

Lord, I pray that this is a time when your people embrace commitment to you in obeying your commands. Then Lord send your uplifting blessings among us! Amen.

Baptism

*Family, starting **Sun., May 31**, Baptism will begin at 11:15a until further notice.*

Candidates for baptism need to be present by 10:45 to enter the Sanctuary.

Discipleship and Christian Education



Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday for **Seniors - 10:30a** (Revelation)

Wednesday Evenings - **7:00p** - (Romans)

Wednesday Mornings - **11:30a—3:01p** **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., May 12, 6:30p, Room 356
Integrating Technology

Tues., May 26, 6:30p, Conf. Room C
Working as a Team



Sat., May 16
7:00a

Prayer, praise, song, testimony,
And fellowship,
followed by a delicious country-style
breakfast.
Sanctuary, Conference Center

M.E.G. (Marriage Enrichment Group)

DVD: *"Straight Talk: Effective Communications Between Couples in Difficult Times Financially"*

TODAY at 9:30a in Room 246 (2nd Floor Conference Room)
Contact Rev. O.T. Tomes, 704-391-3840

FREE Dollars and Sense Money Management Workshop

Sun., June 14 at 1:30p
Conference Center.
Light refreshments will be served.

Bibles in Lost and Found

Do you know where your Bible is? If you have lost your Bible, please check on the **2nd Floor East Plaza** at the **"Lost and Found"** table. Lost/misplaced Bibles can be found there until Sun., May 17. After this date, Bibles and other lost and found items will be donated to a charitable organization.



New Perspective

Baptist Women United (BWU)'s monthly meeting

TODAY immediately following 11:30a service.

Guest speaker: *C. Jennifer Coble*, Interim Executive Director of the Friendship Community Development Corporation.

Contact Marlena Pickens Young at 704-517-3515 or Tiffany Allen at 704-503-4993.

Join the women of **New Perspective Ministries** as we honor our Seniors and Mothers at our monthly meeting

TODAY from 4:00p—6:00p.

Adult Membership Classes

Please report to the Welcome Desk on the lower level for class room locations.

Class 101	TODAY 9:30a	Class 301	TODAY 9:30a		
Children Class 101 Wed., May 6, 7:00p					
Class 201	Sun., May 10 9:30a	Class 401	Sun., May 10 9:30a		
Class 101	Sun., May 17 9:30a	Class 301	Sun., May 17 9:30a	Class 501	Sun., May 17 9:30a
Class 201	Sun., May 24 9:30a	Class 401	Sun., May 24 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 **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

Prison Ministry

FMBC Women's Prison Ministry "Fight Crime With Literacy"

The FMBC Prison Ministry will launch a book and bible collection during the month of May. If you have books and/or bibles in **new or near new condition**, please bring them to church any Sunday in May. There will be collection barrels at both entrances.

For details about this ministry project, contact Charlene Price Patterson at 704-598-6642.

Men's Bible Study

Join the **Brotherhood Ministry** for

Devotion/Men's Bible Study

Sat., May 16
9:00a—11:00a in Room 359