

***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***

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***Opening Hymn***

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***Welcome***

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***Scripture Readings***

Joshua 1:1-9

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***Gloria Patri***

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***Intercessory Prayer***

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***Holy Communion***

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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.*

***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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:mjones@friendshipcharlotte.org).

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

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**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**

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**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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—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., 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.

<b>Class 101</b>	<b>TODAY 9:30a</b>	<b>Class 301</b>	<b>TODAY 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,**  
**Phylliss 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**