

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!

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

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

A Celebration of Worship

**Mother's Day,
Health Emphasis and the
Fifth Sunday in the Season of Easter**



Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr.
Senior Minister

May 10, 2009

Invocation

Opening Hymn

Welcome

Scripture Readings
Joshua 1:10-15

Doxology

Intercessory Prayer

**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.*



IF JESUS GOES WITH ME

Text: C. Austin Miles, 1868-1946

Tune: IF JESUS GOES, 7 6 7 6 6 6 6 5 with refrain; C. Austin Miles, 1868-1946

It may be in the valley, where countless dangers hide;
It may be in the sunshine that I, in peace abide:
But this one thing I know – if it be dark or fair,
If Jesus is with me, I'll go anywhere!

REFRAIN:

***If Jesus goes with me, I'll go. Anywhere!
'Tis heaven to me, Where e'er I may be,
If He is there! I count it a privilege here, His cross to bear;
If Jesus goes with me, I'll go – Anywhere!***

It may be I must carry the blessed word of life
Across the burning deserts to those in sinful strife;
And though it be my lot to bear my colors there,
If Jesus is with me, I'll go anywhere!

(Refrain)

But if it be my portion to bear my cross at home,
While others bear their burdens beyond the billow's foam,
I'll prove my faith in Him – confess His judgments fair,
And, if He stays with me, I'll go anywhere!

(Refrain)

It is not mine to question the judgments of my Lord,
It is but mine to follow the leadings of His word;
But if to go or stay, or whether here or there,
I'll be, with my Savior, content anywhere!

(Refrain)

Music and Arts

7:30 - Church Choir; Hymn Choir
9:30a and 11:30a - Male Chorus; Orchestra

The New Swine Influenza A (H1N1)

Be Aware and Take Precautions to Avoid Illness & Spread of the Disease

Symptoms: (vary in severity from mild to severe)

Fever	Cough
Sore Throat	Body Aches
Headaches	Chills
Fatigue	Less frequently vomiting and diarrhea
Severe illness with pneumonia, respiratory failure & death	

Call your doctor if these symptoms become severe or if worried about other chronic medical conditions that may increase your risk

Infected persons spread flu virus to others by:

- coughing
- sneezing
- touching objects contaminated with flu droplets from their nose or mouth

(Influenza virus is spread when respiratory droplets are propelled through the air to another person's mouth or nose, or rests on objects infected by their unwashed hands)

Home care for persons with mild symptoms:

- Stay home for 7 -10 days after start of illness and fever is gone
- Get plenty of rest
- Drink clear liquids (water, broth, sports drinks, electrolyte beverages for infants)
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Wash hands with soap and water frequently
- Avoid close contact with others – do not go to work or school while ill
- Check with your healthcare provider if you are pregnant, diabetic, have heart disease, asthma or emphysema.
- Check with your healthcare provider about taking antiviral medications.
- Use over-the-counter meds for fever (Tylenol) and body aches (Advil, Motrin, Nuprin). Do not use combination medications if possible to prevent overdosing.

NEVER GIVE ASPIRIN TO CHILDREN OR TEENAGERS WITH SUSPECTED FLU SYMPTOMS (they may develop a serious illness called Reye's Syndrome)

Prevention - household precautions:

- Handwashing!
- Throw away all disposal items used by a sick person and wash your hands after touching infected items
- Clean surfaces with a household disinfectant that kills viruses
- Wash linens and potentially infected laundry in hot water with regular laundry soap and dry on hot (do not hold dirty laundry close to body to prevent contamination)
- Wash eating utensils in hot soapy water or by dishwasher.

Guidelines have changed. School closings no longer recommended. Check with your office on business protocols for widespread cases. Stay updated as recommendations are issued by the CDC. Go to www.cdc.gov/flu/swine or pandemicflu.gov.

Health and Wellness/Fitness

Next Session of Rapture Fitness begins May 27

Registration starts now - www.rapturefitness2@yahoo.com or Robin Austin at 704-241-5322. Cost - \$240 (\$10/wk) for 8 weeks.

Payments may be made in full, in halves or thirds. Class meets 3 times a week from 6:00p – 7:00p

Mondays & Wednesdays at Friendship

Fridays at McCrorey YMCA.

Contact instructor about free required orientation and assessment dates

Advanced students can register for the Advanced Class for \$160 for 8 weeks. Meets Wednesdays & Fridays for \$160. The classes meet at the same time and place.

Chair Aerobics for Everyone!

Ongoing classes every **Tuesday and Thursday evenings 3400 Gym for the month of May**

Join any time! Instructor Mitchell Smith
Class starts at **6:00p – 7:00p**

Cost - \$3.00 per class.
Bring a friend, bottle of water and towel.
Also bring light weights if you have them.

Chair Aerobics for Seniors

Ongoing classes every **Thursday morning 3400 Exercise Room**

Join any time! Instructor Mitchell Smith
Class starts at **9:45a–10:30a**

Cost - \$3.00 per class.
Bring a friend, bottle of water and towel.

Just Eating?

Come! Take a faith walk and study ways of being honorable and fair in our dealings with each other and the world. Let us thoughtfully reflect on the daily routine of eating and use of it as a vehicle to practice our faith.

Sponsored by the Health and Christian Education Ministries of Friendship.

Starts Saturdays – **June 6, 13, 20 and 27 11:00a to 1:00p**
3400 Beatties Ford Road

To register contact Cassandra Harding, Parish Nurse at **704-391-3856** or charding@friendshipcharlotte.org

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**

From the Pastor...

“What We Can Fully Count On!”

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.	Isaiah 42	Our relationship is Assured.
Tues.	Psalms 46	Our protections is Assured.
Wed.	Psalms 1	Our place is Assured.
Thurs.	I John 2	Our forgiveness is Assured.
Fri.	Psalms 46	Our very present help is Assured.
Sat.	2 Chronicles 20:15-17	Our victory is Assured.

Point to Ponder: *The world in which we have placed much of our confident is not as solid as we once thought. It is astounding to think of the few things that we can count on, even beyond our own capacity to believe. What is the source of your Assurance? Has it failed you? Does it depend on you or on a Power that is beyond you?*

Prayer: *Lord, in a world where so much is not Assured, thank You for granting us a Blessed Assurance in You. Amen.*

Baptism

*Family, starting **Sun., May 31**, Baptism will begin at 11:15a until further notice.*
Candidates for baptism need to be present by 10:45a 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

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.



Sat., May 16
7:00a

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

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.



Deacons on Call

Matthew Evans	704-629-2723
Carl Flamer	704-535-4344; 980-722-0026
Willie Garris	704-596-4894; 704-451-4234
Mary Starnes	803-547-4023; 704-349-1808

Marriage Enrichment Group

MOTHER DAY MINUTE *Children of Tears*

Women received back their dead, raised to life again.
Hebrews 11:35, NIV

One thing we painfully learn throughout life, either by direct experience or observation, is that rebellious children can come from any type of home. But even as they run from God and from us, and even in our anguish and frustration, we must hold them before God in prayer, trusting Him to lead them home.

One of the greatest examples of this is Monica, the **mother** of Saint Augustine. She watched him spend his teenage and young adult years rejecting her Christian faith while outdoing his friends in seeking sinful pleasures.

At one point she persuaded him to meet with an unnamed bishop from North Africa. The bishop refused to speak to Augustine because he considered him as yet unteachable. Even though the meeting proved unsuccessful, the bishop comforted Monica in her distress, saying, *"It is impossible that the son of so many tears should perish"* (from *Confessions*, St. Augustine).

The Lord dramatically converted Augustine in his Roman garden, urging him to "take and read" the words of the Scriptures that would open his eyes to the wickedness of sin and the promises of Christ. Only the **mother** of a prodigal can quite understand the joy in Monica's heart when she held her now-grown son in her arms, rescued by God's grace and a **mother's** prayerful tears. She died nine days later- her purpose in living fulfilled. And Augustine went on to become one of the most influential figures in Church history.

Oh, how the grief that can well up inside of us when we watch a child push God away! But many of us have found comfort as our concern and tears were routed to God through prayer, knowing that He never stops seeking their restless hearts.

Prayer

Beg the Lord to redeem His wayward children, by whatever means will get them back. And pray that you will have hearts whose hope is in God.

Comments & questions about MEG'S Minute should be directed to
otomes@friendshipcharlotte.org or 704-3913840

May is Older Americans Month

Tues., May 12 **10:00a** **CARE TEAM MINISTRY**
10:30a **SENIORS' BIBLE STUDY** - Conference Center
12:15p **SENIORS' ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL** - Choral Rehearsal Room

Sun., May 17 **SENIOR SUNDAY**
7:30a, 9:30a, 11:30a

Tues., May 19 **10:30a** **MONTHLY GATHERING AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION/LUNCH**
with Bishop Spaugh Community Academy featuring R. Monty Bennett performing "The Phantom of the Opera" and the Inspirational Dancers
 Sanctuary and Conference Center
Registration required for lunch - 704-391-6696

Sat., May 23 **7:00p** **ROCKAWAY REVUE, INC. presents "This Is It"** sponsored by Second Ward High School National Alumni Foundation, Inc.
 West Charlotte Senior HS Auditorium
\$12 per person in advance; \$15 at the door
 Contact **704-391-6696**

Tues., May 26 **10:00a** **SENIORS' HEALTH EMPHASIS**
SENIORS' BIBLE STUDY

Thurs., May 28 **1:00p** **MOVIE DAY**
 Admission \$1—includes beverages and popcorn

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues., June 16 **SENIOR PICNIC**
 Departing Friendship at 9:45a
 W.R. Davies Park—Pineville
 Seniors are asked to bring canned sodas, water, **HOMEMADE** cakes, pies or cookies
Registration required - 704-391-6696

Adult Membership Classes

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

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

Friendship's Employee Profile



Rev. Paxton Hughes

704-391-3882, 704-391-5801 – fax
phughes@friendshipcharlotte.org

Position: Executive Minister

The Executive Minister works closely with the Sr. Minister. This position assumes the primary management and oversight duties with most of the ministerial staff. Duties include:

- Preaching
- Bible Study
- Congregational Care
- Ministerial Budgets

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

Adults

Join the **Brotherhood Ministry**
 for

Devotion/Men’s Bible Study

Sat., May 16
9:00a—11:00a in Room 359

MEG (Marriage Enrichment Group)

Beginning **Sun., May 17 – June 28**
9:30– 11:00a
 Second floor Conference Room 240

MEG will provide a forum for **Husbands:**

***Space to develop and
 Grow in a Positive Environment.***

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Sat., Aug. 8, 9:00a—3:00p
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Conference Room D

FREE seminar for single and married *individuals.*

“Making Relationships Work...God’s Way”
 Child care provided. Registration required.
 Forms are located in the kiosks and can be submitted to the Gallery or register via email:
 purposefulfmbc@gmail.com or meg-fmbc@earthlink.net.

Sponsored by the Marriage Enrichment Group and Purposeful Singles

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.

Business Solutions Ministry

Wed., May 20

6:00p in Room 135

Contact Judge Collier at **704-942-8599**
or judgemarcus@yahoo.com

or
 Cheryl Waymer at **704-540-3731**
or cwaymer@carolina.rr.com

or
businesssolutions
@friendshipcharlotte.org

Marriage Enrichment Group **(MEG)**

Save the Date!!!

Annual retreat scheduled for **Oct. 2-4**
 at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Hotel and Convention Center.

Theme: Love and Respect

Watch bulletins for more information.

In the Gallery

TODAY (and Wed., May 13) in The Gallery:
 Friendship member and self-taught jewelry designer
Carin Ross-Johnson will be featured.

Sis. Johnson’s small business, Pink Ladybug Custom Jewelry, creates unique accessories using semi-precious stones and natural materials. Be sure to visit The Gallery to see Sis. Johnson’s collection and customize your own pieces or purchase exquisite pieces already in stock. Great way to surprise mom this Mother’s Day!