



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

**May 17, 2009**

**Invocation**

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**Opening Hymn**

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**Welcome**

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**Scripture Readings**

Joshua 1:16-18

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**Doxology**

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**Intercessory Prayer**

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**Ministry of Music**

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**Baby Dedication (9:30a & 11:30a)**

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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.*

# A Celebration of Worship

**Senior Sunday, Baby Dedication and  
Sixth Sunday in the Season of Easter**

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

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## ***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***

7:30a - Ladies Choir

9:30a - Church Choir; Senior Ensemble

11:30a - Church Choir; Hymn Choir

## ***Family Fellowship Dinner***



On **Sunday, May 31**  
following the 11:30a worship service,  
plan to have dinner with your family in the  
Conference Center!

This is our monthly “Family Fellowship Dinner”  
where we eat together, meet new members and  
reconnect with others

Cost? **\$8 for adults; \$5 for children 12 and under.**  
Tickets can be obtained in the Gallery

Call your friends and family and plan to meet here for dinner...  
no hassles of cooking in a hot kitchen, no dishes to wash after dinner;  
just eat, enjoy and fellowship with friends and family.

### Menu for the day:

First Roasted Chicken  
Fried Chicken  
Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Savory Green Beans  
Tossed Salad  
Rolls/Butter  
Dessert  
Beverage

Tickets are limited...get yours in the Gallery today!!!

Catered by ‘Chef Henry’

## Friendship's Employee Profile



C. Jennifer Coble

704-391-6697; 704-399-6303—fax  
 jcoble@friendshipcharlotte.org  
 Location: Friendship Annex

Position: Interim Executive Director,  
 Friendship Community Development Corporation  
 (FCDC)

The FCDC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation working in the Beatties Ford Road corridor. Our mission is to serve, facilitate and build community through sustained human development. The Executive Director gives direction and leadership toward the achievement of the FCDC's philosophy, mission, strategy and its annual goals and objectives. Major functions/accountabilities:

- ⇒ Plans, organizes and oversees the FCDC
- ⇒ Manages the human and financial resources of the FCDC
- ⇒ Promotes the mission and vision of the FCDC
- ⇒ Collaborates with key members of the church ministries, parishioners, and community agencies to enhance the presence and services of the FCDC

## Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!

We donated the following non-perishable canned food items from Sun., May 3 to the respective food pantries in Charlotte:

⇒ Loaves and Fishes	720 lbs
⇒ Jacob's Well	420 lbs
⇒ United House of Prayer for All People (Mallard Creek)	600 lbs
⇒ Community Outreach Christian Ministry	590 lbs
⇒ Other	180 lbs
Total pounds of food collected	2,465 lbs
Total cash collected to assist the poor	\$2,831.75

## From the Pastor...

**“Assurance of God's Protection!”**

**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.	Psalm 27:1-6	We can be comforted
Tues.	Psalm 34	Our assurance of God's peace.
Wed.	Psalm 37:1-7	Waiting on God grows our patience.
Thurs.	Psalm 124	There is no assurance if God is not on our side.
Fri.	Psalm 121	We <b>know</b> we are kept...
Sat.	Psalm 150	We must honor God.

**Point to Ponder:** Survey your life. Where has God shown you God's Faithfulness? Has God kept God's promises? Has God let you down? Are you confident in God's protection? Then why not honor God through prayer and praise?

**Prayer:** Lord, in all our request for Your assistance and in all our confidence of Your promise, help us to always remember to honor You, for Your assurance must lead us to offer You thanks. 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 26, 6:30p, Conf. Room C**  
 Working as a Team  
  
**Tues., June 9, 6:30p, Room 356**  
 Team Planning

### **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 TODAY. After this date, Bibles and other lost and found items will be donated to a charitable organization.

### **LITERARY CLUB**

The FMBC Literary Club will discuss ***The Shack*** by *William Hall Young* on  
**Tues., May 26, 6:30p in Room 268.**

Facilitated by Sis. Lillian Burke

For more information, please contact Gaye Bigelow at **704-597-5417** or **gayebigelow@juno.com.**

## Deacons on Call

Otis Burnett	704-536-8041; 704-488-2736
J.B. Gammon	704-510-9350; 980-722-8604
Kenneth Vinson	704-563-9508; 704-763-2522
Randall Willie	704-496-4997; 704-807-2794

## Health and Wellness/Fitness

### **Next Session of Rapture Fitness begins May 27**

Registration starts now - [www.rapturefitness2@yahoo.com](http://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 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.

### **Chair Aerobics for Everyone!**

**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.

## **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.

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

To register contact Cassandra Harding, Parish Nurse at **704-391-3856** or [charding@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:charding@friendshipcharlotte.org)

### **CPR and First Aid Classes**

If you are in need of community CPR certification and First Aid, the next class will be **Sat., June 6 from 8:30a—11:30a** Fitness Center at 3400 Beatties Ford Road.

Contact Cassandra Harding, Parish Nurse, **704-391-3856** to register.

Cost of class is \$20 which includes CPR, First Aid and AED.

## Children, Youth and Singles

### Graduate Sunday June 14



For graduating Pre-K through Graduate school.

Forms located in kiosks and Friendship's website, [www.friendshipcharlotte.org](http://www.friendshipcharlotte.org).  
Contact Dr. Daisy R. Walker at [trulydaisy@bellsouth.net](mailto:trulydaisy@bellsouth.net)

### Mecklenburg General Baptist Association James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest

**Sat., June 13** at Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church

Registration required and due by May 30.

Forms located in the kiosks and the DeiVision of Children and Youth office at  
704-391-3876

### Friday Night Hangout 2009

A program designed to provide young people with a safe, fun, and Christian alternative activity for the summer months.

#### **We need volunteers.**

All interested please fill out the registration form located in the kiosks or DeiVision of Children/Youth Office.

**June 19<sup>th</sup>-Aug 14<sup>th</sup>** (Fridays only)  
McCorey YMCA

Training/Orientation Classes (must attend one) **May 29 6:30p or June 6 10:00a** at McCorey YMCA.

For more information please contact the DeiVision of Children/Youth 704-391-3876 or register at [fnhcharlotte.com](http://fnhcharlotte.com)

### 2009 Youth Revival Planning Team

Youth and Adults interested in helping to plan & lead Youth Revival 2009

#### **JOIN A TEAM TODAY**

Logistics: Registration Security and Hospitality, Greeters, Worship & Music Team  
Drama Team: Visual Artist, Actors, Writers, Tech Team

### Parent Ministry Meeting

The Parent Ministry topic will be  
"Gangs and Sex ting"  
with the cell phones.

**Wed., May 27 in Room 135, 6:00p.**

### Lott Carey Youth Seminar

**June 20-June 26** on the campus of Shaw University

Cost: \$300.00 with a \$50 deposit due now to hold your spot. Registration will end on June 1 and remaining balance will be due. Registration forms are located in the kiosks. For more information, please contact the DeiVision of Children/Youth **704-391-3876**.

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Vickie, Jamelia and Jessica Tillman

## Adult Membership Classes

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

<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>		
<b>Children Class 101 Wed., June 3, 7:00p</b>					
<b>Adult Classes 101, 201, 301, 401 and 501 Sat., June 6 - each class begins at 9:00a</b>					
<b>Class 101</b>	<b>Sun., June 7 9:30a</b>	<b>Class 301</b>	<b>Sun., June 7 9:30a</b>		
<b>Class 201</b>	<b>Sun., June 14 9:30a</b>	<b>Class 401</b>	<b>Sun., June 14 9:30a</b>		
<b>Class 101</b>	<b>Sun., June 21 9:30a</b>	<b>Class 301</b>	<b>Sun., June 21 9:30a</b>	<b>Class 501</b>	<b>Sun., June 21 9:30a</b>
<b>Class 201</b>	<b>Sun., June 28 9:30a</b>	<b>Class 401</b>	<b>Sun., June 28 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](mailto:ajones@friendshipcharlotte.org)**  
or **[www.friendshipcharlotte.org](http://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](mailto:rfranklin@friendshipcharlotte.org).**  
**Andrea Betaudier, 704-391-3864, [abetaudier@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:abetaudier@friendshipcharlotte.org).**  
**Phyliss Caldwell, 704-391-3866, [pcaldwell@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:pcaldwell@friendshipcharlotte.org)**

## May is Older Americans Month

- Tues., May 19 10:30a**     **MONTHLY GATHERING AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**  
*featuring R. Monty Bennett performing highlights from "The Phantom of the Opera"*  
 Sanctuary  
**(LUNCH HAS BEEN CANCELLED)**
- 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*
- Tues., May 26 10:00a**     **SENIORS' HEALTH EMPHASIS**  
**SENIORS' BIBLE STUDY**
- Wed., May 27 10:00a-12:00noon**  
**HEALTH FAIR**  
**McCrorey YMCA**
- 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**

*Seniors citizens are a group to adore,  
 Just keep looking and learning and you will see more.  
 They are a unique group, precious ones I love  
 They are funny and very wise  
 The older they get, more wisdom they have  
 Look around you, it could be your mother or dad.  
 I am a senior and learn from my peers  
 We all grew up in the very lean years.  
 Often we tell you, about the good ole days  
 The honest ones remember it was very tough  
 All of us are thankful that we did not have all this stuff.  
 It made us stronger to do without  
 Now you want all that we have, that took many years!  
 To have the money and things that we hold dear  
 Just listen to the Seniors and you will see,  
 Don't rush your life to be like me  
 What we have now, came with a fee*

## Adults

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| <p><b><u>MEG (Marriage Enrichment Group)</u></b><br/>                 Beginning <b>TODAY thru June 28</b><br/> <b>9:30– 11:00a</b><br/> <b>Second floor Conference Room 240</b><br/>                 MEG will provide a forum for <b>Husbands:</b><br/> <b>Space to develop and Grow in a Positive Environment.</b></p>  | <p><b><u>Business Solutions Ministry</u></b><br/> <b>Wed., May 20</b><br/> <b>6:00p in Room 135</b><br/>                 Contact Judge Collier at <b>704-942-8599</b><br/> <b>or <a href="mailto:judgethomas@yahoo.com">judgemarcus@yahoo.com</a></b><br/>                 or<br/>                 Cheryl Waymer at <b>704-540-3731</b><br/> <b>or <a href="mailto:cwaymer@carolina.rr.com">cwaymer@carolina.rr.com</a></b><br/>                 or<br/> <b>businesssolutions</b><br/> <b>@friendshipcharlotte.org</b></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SAVE THE DATE!!!</u></b><br/> <b>Sat., Aug. 8, 9:00a—3:00p</b><br/> <b>Friendship Missionary Baptist Church</b><br/> <b>Conference Room D</b><br/> <b>FREE</b> seminar for single and married individuals.<br/> <i>"Making Relationships Work...God's Way"</i><br/>                 Child care provided. Registration required.<br/>                 Forms are located in the kiosks and can be submitted to the Gallery or register via email:<br/> <a href="mailto:purposefulfmbc@gmail.com">purposefulfmbc@gmail.com</a> or<br/> <a href="mailto:meg-fmbc@earthlink.net">meg-fmbc@earthlink.net</a><br/>                 Sponsored by the Marriage Enrichment Group and Purposeful Singles</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Marriage Enrichment Group (MEG)</u></b><br/>                 Save the Date!!!<br/>                 Annual retreat scheduled for <b>Oct. 2-4</b> at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Hotel and Convention Center.<br/>                 Theme: Love and Respect<br/>                 Watch bulletins for more information.</p>   |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>FMBC Women's Prison Ministry</u></b><br/> <b>"Fight Crime With Literacy"</b><br/>                 The FMBC Prison Ministry will launch a book and bible collection during the month of May. If you have books and/or bibles in <i>new or near new condition</i>, 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 <b>704-598-6642</b>.</p>   |  |

## Baby Dedications

- 9:30a Service
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| <b>Yahzmin Marie Fox</b>        | Bro. & Sis. Fox (Moses, III & Tiffany) |
| <b>Kendall Montgomery Ellis</b> | Bro. & Sis. Ellis (Hendrick & Diane)   |
- 11:30a Service
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| <b>Matthew Christopher Johnson</b> |   |
| <b>John Caleb Johnson</b>          |   |
| <b>Nicholas Hines Johnson</b>      | Bro. & Sis. Johnson (Chris & Neely Renee) |