

**Mission Statement**  
(Why we exist as a Church)

*We are the people of God,  
Called together to be the Body of Christ,  
Inspired by the Holy Spirit:  
to proclaim God's will,  
to love one another,  
to be instruments of salvation –  
preaching, teaching, worshipping,  
caring, sharing, growing and  
giving service through community outreach.*

Adopted:  
December 1990

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  
Ascension Sunday**



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Senior Minister

**May 24, 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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**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**

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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.*



**H**e ascended into heaven and sits at the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty

## ***Rejoice, the Lord Is King***

Words: Charles Wesley, 1746

Music: John Darwall, 1770

Rejoice, the Lord is King;  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,  
And triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice; again I say: rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior reigns,  
The God of truth and love.  
When He had purged our stains,  
He took His seat above.  
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice; again I say: rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail;  
He rules o'er earth and heav'n.  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv'n.  
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice; again I say: rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice; again I say: rejoice!

### ***Music and Arts***

7:30a - Male Chorus

9:30a - Alive 4 Christ Choir

11:30a - Alive 4 Christ Choir; Inspirational Dancers

## ***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 quarterly "Family Fellowship  
Dinner" where we eat together, meet new mem-  
bers 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:

Fire 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'

## ***Community food offering for Sunday, June 7***

⇒ ***Bottled or Canned Fruit***

⇒ ***Bottled or Canned Juice***



**On Sun., May 31  
3:00p**

*The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Orchestra  
Presents*

*A concert of **Favorite Hymns and Spirituals***

*Sis. Sonja Smith, conducting.*

*Concert is **FREE** and **NO** tickets are required.*

*Invite your family and friends.*

*You won't want to miss this exciting afternoon of music.*

Raleigh Bynum	704-596-6270; 704-231-1897
Wallace Means	704-587-0781; 704-517-1522
Willie Milton	704-542-6443
Debra Prioleau	704-391-2987; 704-763-3511

**Deacons on Call**

Deacons on Call duties include:

- ⇒ assisting families during times of bereavement
- ⇒ delivering communion to those who may request the same
- ⇒ volunteering at least 1/2 day during the week of ministry at FMBC
- ⇒ visiting members in the hospital and nursing homes
- ⇒ assisting church staff wherever needed

**From the Pastor...**

***“The Danger in Forgetting Your Assurance***

**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.	Numbers 13:1-25	Be sure of the promise.
Tues.	Numbers 13:26-30	It just may be true.
Wed.	Numbers 13:31-33	Confidence destroyed when assurance forgotten.
Thurs.	Numbers 14:1-12	How easy it is to forget God when facing challenges.
Fri.	Numbers 14:13-30	God will honor God’s word regardless.
Sat.	Numbers 13:20-25	Assurance forgotten, promises delayed.

***Point to Ponder:*** *Our assurance of God’s presence and power will not come without challenges that seem like giants. What are you facing that challenges your assurance of God’s promise? What will you do when they stand in between you and what God has planned for you?*

***Prayer:*** *Lord, as we face the many challenges of our lives, help us to remember Your assurance despite the size of the giants.*

**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

### FREE Dollars and Sense Money Management Workshop

**Sun., June 14 at 1:30p**  
**Conference Center.**

Light refreshments will be served.

### Church School Promotional Sunday

**Sun., June 14, 9:30a—10:30a**  
**Conference Room A**

### 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.**



<sup>9</sup>After Jesus had said this and while they were watching, he was taken up into a cloud. They could not see him, <sup>10</sup>but as he went up, they kept looking up into the sky. Suddenly two men dressed in white clothes were standing there beside them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Why are you men from Galilee standing here and looking up into the sky? Jesus has been taken to heaven. But he will come back in the same way that you have seen him go."  
 Acts 1:9-11 (CEV)

## 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)

### Youth Development Basketball Camp

June 15-19 for boys and girls ages 7-15  
 \$150 fee; All payments due by June 1.  
 Registration forms located in the kiosks.  
 Contact 704-391-3876 for more information.

### 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)

### Youth Leadership Club Graduation and Reception

Sun., May 31, 1:30p  
 3301 Beatties Ford Road - Sanctuary and Adult Fellowship Hall.  
 Contact 704-391-3876 for more information.

### 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  
 Drama Team: Visual Artist, Actors, Writers, Tech Team.

Kids Zone: plan activities and teach K-5<sup>th</sup> grade.  
 Teams meet every Wednesday night.

### 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**.

## Acknowledgements Received from...

Danita Terrell and Family - Carl, Steven and Danielle

## Health and Wellness/Fitness

### 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.

### Blood Pressure Screening

#### TODAY

In the gym between services.

If you haven't had a blood pressure check recently or tend to have occasional abnormal blood pressure, please get it checked today.

### 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.

## *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)

## In The Gallery

### **Skip the line! Order online!**

Visit [www.thegalleryatfriendship.org](http://www.thegalleryatfriendship.org) to order your worship CDs and other ministry resources including bibles, gloves, and ministry books.

## Adult Membership Classes

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

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

## Seniors

**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**

## Support Groups

**HEALS** [*Helping Each other with the Acceptance of Loss through Spiritual affirmation*] – **Finding Joy Ministry** will be meeting  
**Tues., June 2 at 7:00p in Room 326.**  
 Our topic will be, '*The Land of Oz... Who Are You?.*'

**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 be meeting on **Thurs., June 4 at 6:30p in Room 326.**

Our topic will be, '*First Diagnosis.*'

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

## Friendship's Employee Profile



*Edward Dixon*

704-392-0392 x3111  
 Position: Maintenance/Facilities

This position is responsible for the maintenance of all buildings on the Friendship campus. Duties include:

- Cleaning
- Repairs
- Set-ups and break-downs

## Adults

**MEG (Marriage Enrichment Group)**

**TODAY thru 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](mailto:purposefulfmbc@gmail.com) or  
[meg-fmbc@earthlink.net](mailto:meg-fmbc@earthlink.net).

Sponsored by the Marriage Enrichment Group and Purposeful Singles

### **Marriage Enrichment Group (MEG)**

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

Theme: Love and Respect

**\$400 per couple** if paid in full by July 19;  
**\$450** if paid in full by Aug. 23.  
 (cost includes transportation)

**Non-refundable deposit of \$75** required at initial registration.  
 Installment payments (any amount) can be made until Aug. 23. No money/registrations accepted after Aug. 23

Registration forms located in kiosks.

Payments can be made on the Friendship website or in the Gallery.

For questions, please email  
[meg-fmbc@earthlink.net](mailto:meg-fmbc@earthlink.net).

### **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 **704-598-6242**.

### **New Perspective Women's Retreat**

**Thurs., - Sat., Sept. 3-5**  
 Lake Junaluska, NC

Retreat book: "The Shack" by William Young

**\$225 per person** (double occupancy) includes meals, accommodations, transportation, retreat book and all retreat material

Registration brochures located in the kiosks.  
 Registration and payments can be made online at [www.friendshipcharlotte.org](http://www.friendshipcharlotte.org) or in The Gallery

Contact: Donyell Aycock, 704-965-4415, Sonja Gibson, 704-597-6743 or  
 Alma Wynn Jones, 704-391-3860