

IN AN AGE OF TWISTED VALUES

Text: Martin E. Leckebusch b.1962 *Tune: HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D.*

Stanza 1

In an age of twisted values we have lost the truth we need.
In sophisticated language we have justified our greed
By our struggle for possessions we have robbed the poor and weak.
HEAR OUR CRY AND HEAL OUR NATION;
Your forgiveness, Lord, we seek.

Stanza 2

We have built discrimination on our prejudice and fear.
Hatred swiftly turns to cruelty if we hold resentments dear.
For communities divided by the walls of class and race,
HEAR OUR CRY AND HEAL OUR NATION;
Show us, Lord, Your love and grace.

Stanza 3

When our families are broken, when our homes are full of strife,
When our children are bewildered,
when they lose their way in life,
When we fail to give the aged all the care we know they need,
HEAR OUR CRY AND HEAL OUR NATION;
Help us show more love, we plead.

Stanza 4

We who hear Your Word so often choose so rarely to obey.
Turn us from our willful blindness;
Give us truth to light our way.
In the power of Your Spirit
Come to cleanse us, make us new;
HEAR OUR CRY AND HEAL OUR NATION;
Till our nation honors You.

Music and Arts

7:30a - Church Choir; Shabach Dancers

9:30a - VOICE OF EDEN (UNCC); Vision Dancers

*11:30a - JOHNSON C SMITH UNIVERSITY CHOIR;
Inspirational Dancers*



FAMILY *SUNDAY* DINNER

March 16, 2008 ~ 1:30 p.m.

~ Conference Center

We will celebrate Palm Sunday, Women's Day, Baby Dedication, Baptism and presentation of the newest additions to the Friendship Family! What better way to express our joy than sharing a meal together?

The menu?

*Southern Fried and Baked Chicken
Macaroni & Cheese ~ Green Beans
Tossed Salad w/ Dressings
Desserts ~ Tea and Lemonade*

Tickets are only **\$5.00 for children; \$8 for adults** and can be obtained in the Gallery TODAY.

Mark the date on your calendar; bring your family and friends to share and plan to attend the 4 p.m. service that celebrates Baptism and the Right Hand of Fellowship as we welcome and rejoice with our new brothers and sisters!



SAVE THE DATE !!

2008 Wedding Extravaganza

Mar. 29, 2008

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Mark your calendar, contact your friends, family and make them aware that this event will explore innovative wedding technology in addition to stimulating topics of interest to prospective brides AND grooms.

Pre-Registration is strongly advised in order to secure your space for this FREE event! Prospective vendors are also urged to secure space early.

All registration forms are available in the kiosks TODAY!!

Pre-Registration ends on March 21st. On-site registration is limited.

The registration deadline for all vendors is March 15th.
Please watch the bulletin for announcements.

Women's Day Activities

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Amazing Women of the Bible!
MISSIONS AND MINISTRY FAIR
Sun., Mar 2 - 4:00p—5:00p

Join us at our annual event that showcases all New Perspective ministries and their out-reach projects. Ministry leaders will be available to explain projects and recruit volunteers. Each ministry will also portray an amazing woman of the Bible.

FUN NIGHT WITH NEW PERSPECTIVES
Fri., Mar. 14 - 6:00p—9:00p

Come out for an evening of fun and fellowship, The young ladies from Elon Homes, Florence Crittenton and Anita Stroud Foundation will be joining us. Great entertainment, food and your presence will add to this wonderful atmosphere.

PRAYER BREAKFAST
Sat., Mar 15 - 7:00a

The New Perspective will host the March prayer breakfast. After worship, please join us for breakfast and fellowship.

WOMEN'S DAY
Sun., Mar. 16

Join us for the culminating event of Women's Month. Come and hear a phenomenal preacher, Dr. Teresa Fry Brown, as she shares the gospel message.

All women are asked to wear white.

For additional information, please contact Sis. Willie Mae Williams at
704-399-1630.

CALLING ALL "SINGING" LADIES OF FRIENDSHIP & THE COMMUNITY! COME SING WITH US!

The DeiVision of Music and Arts invites all "**singing sisters**" to join us for this year's **Women's Day Celebration Mass Choir**. Choir membership is not necessary. There is no voice placement required.

Registration is required.

There are **four (4) rehearsals** planned - Mondays—Feb., 25, Mar. 3, Mar. 10 and Thursday, Mar. 13. **Participants are required to attend three (3).** Deadline for registration is **Monday, March 3.**

Please contact **Sis. Rita L. Franklin** (Administrative Assistant, DeiVision of Music & Arts) at
704-391-6624 or e-mail: rfranklin@friendshipcharlotte.org
 for your rehearsal dates and registration.

We look forward to seeing you at the first rehearsal, **Monday, Feb. 25 at 7:00p** in the Choir Rehearsal Room.

From the Pastor...

"THE RESPONSIBILITY OF WEALTH"

Ecclesiastes 2:24-26; Acts 2:37-40

Word for the Month - "**INFORMED**"

Scriptures for the Month - Exodus 2:11-25; Ecclesiastes 2; Acts 8:26-40

Thought for the Month: **Beyond Ethnology to Christology**

"Additional Readings"

Monday	Ecclesiastes 2:1-12	In search of the good life.
Tuesday	Luke 12:13-21	The danger of a bad investment.
Wednesday	Luke 12:22-30	A good investment.
Thursday	Luke 12:31-34	Hidden treasure.
Friday	Ephesians 2:13-22	We are all benefactors.
Saturday	I Timothy 6:17-19	In the will.

Point to Ponder – How much do you enjoy receiving? What feelings are energized and maintained after receiving? How long does receiving keep you happy? How broad is your smile? You can answer all these questions for someone else by ———giving!

Prayer – Lord Jesus, You have placed a broad smile on my face. You gave Your life and now I have eternal life through You. I am going to say "thank you" to someone who needs a smile. Amen.

Deacons on Call

Ada Meador	704-535-3703
Willie Milton	704-542-6443
Robert Person	704-536-1708

LENTEN NOON DAY SERVICES

Wed., Feb. 27

Meditation - 11:45a; Service - 12:15p - 3301 Beatties Ford Road

Discipleship and Christian Education



Bible Study is offered on various days and times during the week. Please come and share with us as we learn more about the Bible, about God and understand more clearly God's will for our lives.

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday for **Seniors** - **10:30a** (Book of Revelation)
 Wednesday Evenings - **7:00p - 8:15p** (Daniel)
 Wednesday Evenings for **Children/Youth** - **7:00p - 8:15p**
Children (k-5) - "The First Lady: Eve"
Youth (Middle/High School) - "Approach is Subtle: LOOK OUT!"
 Thursday - **11:30a - 12:30p** (I Chronicles)
 Thursday Evenings - **7:00p - 8:30p** (Genesis)
 Every 1st and 3rd Saturday for **Women** - **3:00p** (Titus)

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!!

Please join us as we resume Senior High (grades 9,10,11 and 12) Church School on **Sun., Mar. 9 (every Sunday except 5th Sundays) in Room 268 from 9:30a-10:30a.** "Bring Spirituality to the World's Reality". For questions or additional information, please contact Rev. Sandra Caldwell-Williams at 704-391-3854 or swilliams@friendshipcharlotte.org.

THE FRIENDSHIP LITERARY CLUB

will discuss '72 Hour Hold' by Bebe More Campbell on **Mon., Feb. 25 at 6:30p in Room 268.** Please contact Gaye Bigelow at 704-597-5417 or gayebigelow@juno.com for more information.

EASTER REHEARSAL AND PROGRAM DATES

Sat., Mar. 1 10:00a-12:00p
 Sat., Mar. 8 10:00a-12:00p
 Easter Program March 9 4:00p

All rehearsal dates subject to change. Any questions, please contact Sis. Maxine McGill at 704-649-4859 or 704-566-3998

ADULT MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Mon., Feb. 25	Class 201; Class 301	6:30p
Sat., Mar. 1	Classes 101, 201, 301, 401	9:00a
Mon., Mar 3	Class 101; Class 401	6:30p
Mon., Mar 10	Class 201; Class 301	6:30p
Mon., Mar 31	Class 101; Class 401	6:30p

All classes must be taken in sequence beginning with C.L.A.S.S. 101.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CLASSES
 Alma Wynn Jones, 704-391-3860 or www.friendshipcharlotte.org

Friendship Community Development Corporation

Public Meeting to get YOUR input on the Master Plan for Park and Rec.
 Want a larger Sportsplex at Friendship? Want more land purchased for parks?
 Need a park in your neighborhood?
 Then come out and share your opinion at the public meeting to be held on
Feb. 25 at 6:30p.
 For more information, please go to www.friendshipcdc.net.

Great Things

GREAT THINGS! END OF SEASON SALE!!!

Great Things! will be having an **END OF WINTER SALE EXTRAVAGANZA** on **Sat., Mar. 1 from 9:00a - 4:00p at Friendship in Conference Center A.** Come by and shop til' you drop! We will have fall/winter clothing for men, women and children available for purchase. All proceeds will benefit the Teen Academy of Business and Leadership and Summer Youth Employment Program.

Want to help? **Volunteers** are needed Tues. Feb. 26 through Sat. Mar. 1 to help set up, sort/hang clothes, and help customers on the event date. Please contact Lil Canady at 704-609-6538 to sign up with your dates and hours of availability. As always, Thank You for Helping Us, Help Others!

Volunteers Needed

S.E.E.D TUTORIAL is looking for volunteers to help tutor students. Students range in grades 3-12 and generally need help with math or literacy. If this is something that you would be interested in please contact the DeiVision of Children and Youth at 704-391-3876.

Financial Statements

If you have not received your financial statement by now, they may have been returned to the church because of an incorrect mailing address.
Please call the church office at 704-392-0392 to update your information.

Adults

First Monthly Prayer Circle for 2008 hosted by

SINGLES NEVER MARRIED GROUP OF THE SINGLES MINISTRY AT FRIENDSHIP

Mar. 1 - 10:00a
3400 Beatties Ford Road

A time to reflect on the challenges we face and seeking God in providing strength, wisdom, and understanding to face our daily giants on a monthly basis. We will have prayer, praise and worship, fellowship, and discussions. We will come up with a strategic plan to deter the enemies' work. Any single persons who would like prayer and to fellowship with other single brothers and sisters are welcomed.

If any questions to either event, please contact Fayola Delica at **305-905-9071** or email at **snmfmbc@gmail.com**.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing all our singles there.

Please join the Marriage Enrichment Group as they begin an elective study of "The Five Love Languages." The classes, for **married couples**, will start at **9:30a-10:45a beginning Sun., Mar. 2 through Apr. 27 in Room 360**. Those who are not able to attend on Sunday may attend classes on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

Contact Rev. OT Tomes at **704-391-3840** for questions.

ATTENTION LADIES

The **CIAA Luncheon/Fashion Show** will be held on **Sat., Mar. 1 at the Charlotte Convention Center at 11:00a**. This year's show will also feature a fur show. So come prepared to have fun and fellowship while watching the latest in fashion with the Ebony Fashion Show models. For ticket information, please contact Sister Carolyn H. Lloyd at **704-806-0724**.

H.E.A.L.S. - Finding Joy Ministry

H.E.A.L.S. - FINDING JOY MINISTRY will meet **Tues., Mar. 4 at 7:00p in Room 133**. The topic for the evening is "*Loving Self Through the Grieving Process*".

If you have questions, please contact Rev. Michelle Jones at **704-391-3852** or **mjones@friendshipcharlotte.org**.

Walk Team Ministry

The **WALK TEAM MINISTRY** invites you to their monthly meeting on **Sat., Mar. 1 from 9:00a-10:00a** with a 2-4 mile walk after the meeting behind 3301 Beatties Ford Road. For more information, please contact Mary Ann Harrington at 704-882-0928.

Black History Facts - Contemporary Sunday

At this time, at the start of the 21st century, people of African descent, having been kidnapped from their native land, have lived in America for nearly 400 years. America in 2008 is vastly different for blacks than it was in 1619, the year of our arrival, or in 1865, the year slavery was abolished, or even in 1964, the year of the first modern Civil Rights Act. We live in a changed society largely due to the efforts of our ancestors. For example, thirty years ago, many in America would have never dreamed that an African American would be a viable candidate for President of the U.S. The success of Barack Obama and the scores of other blacks in elected offices rests on the shoulders of ancestors who blazed a trail in the political arena. During the Reconstruction period, 1865 through 1877, black North Carolinians, such as Robert B. Elliott and Robert Smalls, were elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. In state politics, blacks were just as active. Black congressmen in the South Carolina State Legislature were responsible for many accomplishments including initiating a tax supported state public school system for blacks and whites, the first in the South; authorizing universal suffrage for all S.C. males; and abolishing imprisonment for debt. The 20th century saw such political pioneers as Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., the first black congressman from the East, representing New York; Shirley Chisolm, the first black woman to serve in the U.S. House and the first woman to run for president; and Barbara Jordan, U. S. senator from Texas. One legacy of black elected officials is the capacity of blacks to force changes in American society that not only benefit blacks, but also make the ideal of American democracy approach a reality. In the 21st century, blacks can freely exercise our right to an education, based on the trailblazing efforts of educators such as Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee Institute and Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of what is now Bethune Cookman College. The nearly 100 historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) provided a college education for thousands of blacks at a time when blacks were denied admission to majority schools. Today, HBCUs still provide not only a quality education, but also the opportunity for African American students to fully develop their human potential and to receive mentoring from faculty, a total package often unavailable at majority schools. The leadership of early educational pioneers and the existence of the HBCUs ensure the promise of education as a strategy for upward mobility and success for blacks. Today, African Americans and, indeed, all Americans, enjoy an unprecedented level of comfort and convenience in our daily lives based on the creativity and genius of black inventors and scientists. Our lives have been enriched by the contributions of inventors such as Jan Matzelinger, who invented the shoe lacing machine, changing shoe making from an individual craft to an industry of mass production; Norbett Rillieux, who invented the multiple-effect vacuum evaporator, revolutionizing the processing of sugar, a process which is basically the same today; and Frederick McKinley, who invented the first truck refrigeration unit, radically improving the safe transport of food. Medical science owes a debt to black scientists such as Charles Drew, who developed the blood bank for storing blood plasma; Percy Julian, a chemist who synthesized a drug to treat glaucoma as well as a cortisone to treat rheumatoid arthritis; and Daniel Hale Williams, who was a pioneer in open heart surgery. Dating back to the period of enslavement, America has enjoyed the fruits of black genius in almost every area of life. Though we are far removed from some of our history, we are the beneficiaries of the work done by our ancestors who hoped that the fruits of their labor would have far-reaching consequences for their descendants. African Americans can not rely on anyone else -- not the public schools or any other American institution-- to be responsible for telling **our** history. We must be ever vigilant in teaching each new generation about our past. The voluminous resources available today, beyond the traditional American history books, yield a wealth of information about our inspirational and glorious history. Armed with knowledge, we will not only celebrate who we are in February, we will also live with the certain knowledge of a proud past all year long!

Seniors in the Spotlight

**Tues., Feb. 26, 10:00a
NURSE**

HEALTH EMPHASIS WITH PARISH

10:30a

SENIOR BIBLE STUDY

**SENIOR ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL
(Following Bible Study) - New Members
welcomed)**

Thurs., Feb. 28, 11:00a—2:00p

**MCCROREY YMCA BLACK HISTORY
CELEBRATION - FREE**

SENIORS ARE GOING TO ATLANTA

- When?** Thursday and Friday - **July 24, 25, 2008**
- Why?** Broadway's Sensation - **THE COLOR PURPLE** and the **BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL**
- Cost?** **\$215 per person** (based on double occupancy)
- Includes?** Transportation via motor coach, hotel accommodations for one night, breakfast, lunch, fine evening dining, Broadway show tickets and the Blacks Arts Festival
- Deposit?** **Non-refundable deposit of \$75 due by March 1**
Balance must be paid by **June 1**
DEPOSIT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION.

Limited Seating - Only a few left

Please contact Alma Wynn Jones at **704-391-3860** for registration.

Health & Wellness

RAPTURE FITNESS REGISTRATION - BEGINS NOW!!!

New Member Orientation - **Mon., Feb. 25 from 7:00p—8:00p**

3301 Conference Room

Assessments - Fri., Feb. 29 at McCrorey YMCA 6:00p - 7:00p

Class runs Mar. 10 - May 7, 6:00p in the Adult Fellowship Hall
3301 Beatties Ford Road

Cost for class \$240 beginners, \$160 advanced.

Please contact Robin Austin at **704-241-5322** or rapturefitness2@yahoo.com

Children, Youth and Singles

The College Outreach Ministry will have their annual College Outreach Sunday **TODAY for both 9:30a and 11:30p services.** Join us as we worship with our local college students from UNCC and Johnson C. Smith University. Both of their gospel choirs will be ministering. For more information please contact the DeiVision of Children and Youth at **704-391-3876.**

Remember there is Youth Worship every Sunday in the Choir Rehearsal Room for 9:30a and 11:30a services. This is for all middle and high school students. Also Junior Worship service is available for 7:30a and 11:30a services for all elementary school students.

TO ALL PERSONS THAT LOVE AND WORK WITH CHILDREN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Parents Ministry in collaboration with our DeiVision of Spiritual Guidance and Wellness is offering a two-session seminar that parents, teachers, workers and lovers of children should not miss.

The topic for the seminar is,

"RECOGNIZING AND UNDERSTANDING DEPRESSION IN CHILDREN".

Our very own Rev. J.R. Covington, a certified pastoral care specialist, will be the facilitator. The last session is **Wed., Feb. 27 at 6:00p in Room 268.**

We welcome all parents, workers, teachers, and mentors to children and youth to come and share in the discussion. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Cara Brown at 704-391-3876 or cbrown@friendshipcharlotte.org.**

ANNUAL YOUTH SPRING BREAK RETREAT

April 5th-9th, 2008

Tuskegee, AL
Montgomery, AL
New Orleans, LA
Tentative Activities

College Tours:

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama State University
Xavier University and Southern University
Mission Projects in New Orleans
Recreation and lodging on campus of Xavier University

Worship at Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church

Outlet shopping & boat ride

Tours of Tuskegee Airman Museum
Black History Museum

Ages: 13 and up

Tentative Total Cost: \$275.00

Includes transportation, lodging, most meals, admissions to all museums, all recreation activities

Payment Plan

\$75.00-Non Refundable

Deposit/Reservation Fee Due NOW

Last Day to Register is March 1st.

Final Payments—Due March 31st

Only 45 Spots Available!!!

For more information please contact the DeiVision of Children Youth and Singles at

704-391-3876.

JUNIOR WORSHIP PARENT'S OPEN HOUSE

Parents, mark your calendars for the JUNIOR WORSHIP PARENT'S OPEN HOUSE that will be held on Sun., Mar. 9 during the 7:30am and 11:30am service. ALL PARENTS of children in kindergarten—5th grades are invited to come and experience Junior Worship with our children. NEW PARENTS and CHILDREN are WELCOME! For more information contact DeiVision of Children, Youth, and Singles at **704-391-3876.**