



## *Love Lifted Me*

TEXT: James Rowe, 1865-1933

TUNE: SAFETY

***I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,  
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;  
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,  
From the waters lifted me-now safe am I.***

***All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling,  
In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing.  
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best  
songs;  
Faithful, loving service, too, to Him belongs.***

***Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;  
He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves.  
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey;  
He your Savior wants to be-Be saved today.***

### ***REFRAIN:***

***Love lifted me, Love lifted me,  
When nothing else could help,  
Love lifted me***

***Repeat Chorus***

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

***7:30a - Male Chorus; Vision Dancers***

***9:30a - Ladies Choir; Inspiration Dancers***

***11:30a - Alive 4 Christ Choir; Shabach Dancers***



*Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Medical Team  
South Africa 2007*

### **What is the Season of Epiphany (Season of Light)?**

Epiphany begins on **January 6**, the day the Wise Men came to Bethlehem to worship the Baby Jesus. Epiphany is the season of **WORSHIP** and **MISSION**, as the whole world follows the Wise Men to find and honor Jesus. As with most aspects of the Christian liturgical calendar, Epiphany has theological significance as a teaching tool in the church. The Wise Men or Magi who brought gifts to the infant Jesus were the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as "King" and so were the first to "show" or "reveal" Jesus to a wider world as the incarnate Christ. This act of worship by the Magi, which corresponded to Simeon's blessing that this child Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32), was one of the first indications that **Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few.** The day is now observed as a time of focusing on the **mission of the church in reaching others by "showing" Jesus as the Savior of all people.** It is also a time of focusing on Christian brotherhood and fellowship, especially in healing the divisions of prejudice and bigotry that we all too often create between God's children.

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an Internet web site of CRI

**Volunteers Needed**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
 The DeiVision of Children and Youth needs Bible Study teachers for Wed. nights.  
 If interested, please contact Rev. Beauford at **704-391-3876**.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JUNIOR WORSHIP**  
 If you are a lover of God, a follower of Christ, and adore working with children, then the DeiVision of Children, Youth and Singles has the perfect opportunity. We need more volunteers to work **with Junior Worship**. There will be "Junior Worship Training Orientation" sessions on **Tues., Jan 29 from 6:30p—7:30p**.  
 If you have any questions, contact Rev. C. Anthony Jones , Jr. at **704-391-3872** or email at [cajones@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:cajones@friendshipcharlotte.org).

**CMS VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSION**  
**Mon., Feb. 4 at 6:30p**

**Acknowledgements Received from...**

*James Blackmon*

*Yvonne Brown*

**Friendship LED Marquis**

Over the next few days, technicians will be on the Friendship campus to make adjustments to our outdoor marquis.

This will require a replacement sign for approximately eight weeks as modifications will be made to our sign.

We anticipate our marquis to return in early April.

**From the Pastor...**

**"MEMORY LAPSE"**

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; Exodus 3:11-15; Luke 24:28-35

Word for the Month - **"Engaged"**

Scriptures for the Month - Exodus 2:11-25; Acts 1:6-11

Thought for the Month: ***The Folly of Meaningless Engagement!***

**"Additional Readings"**

Monday	Psalm 39:1-5	Today is tomorrow's yesterday.
Tuesday	Psalm 39:6-11	My wealth belongs to whom?
Wednesday	Psalm 40:1-8	Using the past to be a blessing in the future.
Thursday	Isaiah 40:27-31	A reason to wait...
Friday	Isaiah 41:1-10	I am with you, I promise I am.
Saturday	Romans 8:28-39	Equal to the task.

**Point to Ponder** – Time and experience can dull the memory about past personal events. Recall the decisive moment and/or event of your encounter with Jesus Christ as Lord. Is this memory vague? Are these numerous fresh memories? Replenish the spiritual memory bank through prayer and thanksgiving.

**Prayer** – Too often Lord Jesus, we have failed to keep our relationship fresh. Forgive me for personal and professional preoccupation with self and others that I have failed in loving You as I ought. Thank You for the reminders of my dependence upon You. Thank You for eternally remembering me at Calvary. Amen.

**Deacons on Call**

Sarah Blackwell	704-399-9676
Raleigh Bynum	704-596-6270; 704-231-1897
Mack Canady	704-395-6095; 704-516-5329
Drake Tunson	704-392-3257; 980-254-7327

## Baptism Candidates

Bro. DaLord S. Caldwell	Bro. Canaan McKenzie
Bro. Evan Friday	Bro. Nicholas L. Murphy
Sis. Dawn Fyler	Sis. Amber Ragland
Sis. Page M. Gammon	

## Right Hand of Fellowship Candidates

Bro. Melvin D. Branham, Jr.	Sis. Dawn Fyler	Bro. Nicholas L. Murphy
Sis. Lori A. Brown	Sis. Paige M. Gammon	Sis. Tameka L. Pate
Sis. Maggie L. Brown	Bro. Clinton C. Hicks	Bro. Claude E. Pickett, III
Bro. Wilbert Brown	Sis. Sylvia F. Hicks	Bro. Bradford L. Picot
Sis. Shari Buford	Bro. Norman G. Hopkins	Sis. Amber Ragland
Sis. Barbara M. Caldwell	Sis. Chetara L. King	Bro. Richard W. Riley
Bro. DaLord S. Caldwell	Sis. Jeannie T. King	Sis. Tommie B. Riley
Bro. Joseph L. Caldwell	Sis. Coretta L. Lattimore	Sis. Michelle S. Tabor
Sis. Norma J. Davis	Sis. Betty D. Lockett	Sis. Mary D. Watts
Sis. Lynda W. Duncan	Sis. April McDonald	Sis. Tracy E. Wimbush
Bro. Leland L. Drinkard	Sis. Arie S. McHoney	Sis. Shellie D. Woodberry
Bro. Evan Friday	Bro. Hasani D. McHoney	Sis. Debra Wright
Sis. Berlin V. Funderburke	Bro. Canaan McKenzie	

## Evangelistic Report

Joined Friendship Missionary Baptist Church & Fellowshipped by:	Dec. 07—	Total
<b>Baptism</b>	7	7
<b>Christian Experience</b>	28	28
<b>Letter</b>	3	3
<b>Restoration</b>	0	0
<b>Watchcare</b>		
<b>Grand Total</b>	38	38

## Adults

### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT GROUP (MEG) VALENTINE'S BANQUET

“Discovering Your Love Language”

Come and enjoy dinner, music and great conversation!  
**Fri., Feb. 8, 2008, Conference Center, 6:30p-10:30p**

The cost is \$50/couple and registration tables will be available after church services.

The deadline for registration and payment is Sun., Feb. 3, 2008.  
**Child care will be provided.**

### NEW PERSPECTIVES MINISTRY

Meeting on **Sun., Feb. 3 at 4:00p in the Conference Center.**  
 African-American Heritage Ministry will present fashion show, drummers, dancing and poetry. Looking for your presence as we “Celebrate” us!



**2008 Women's  
Health  
Symposium**

**February 16, 2008**

**Ladies, What's Under Your Hats?**

**Refresh Your Body, Mind and Spirit**

**Friendship Missionary Baptist Church**  
 Conference Center  
 Prayer Breakfast 7-9 am  
 Conference 9 am to 2 pm

**Registration Fee \$15. Deadline Feb. 8, 2008**  
**Early Bird Registration deadline Jan. 25, 2008**

**Gift Certificates Available.**  
**Child Care Not Provided**

**www.friendshipcharlotte.org or call 704-391-3856**

### QUILTING MINISTRY

The next meeting is scheduled for **Sat., Feb. 2 in the Adult Fellowship Hall at 3301 Beatties Ford Road.**

**Beginners class - 10:30a—12:00noon**  
**Regular class - 10:30a - 5:00p.**

For additional information, contact Deborah at **704-712-2026 or e-mail dmclendon2001@yahoo.com**

Want to develop your communication and presentation skills? Want to think quickly and clearly on your feet? Interested in building strong leadership abilities? Toastmasters can help! Join the **FRIENDSHIP TOASTMASTERS** (formerly Brotherhood Toastmasters) on the **first and third Friday night at 7:00p in Rm. 356.** Everyone is invited.

For more information, **call 704-688-0515.**

**Adults**

**GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH**

The FMBC Brotherhood, in partnership with Comprehensive Genealogical Services (CGS), will sponsor a three-part series in genealogical research at the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church (3400 Beatties Ford Road).

**Part I is designed for beginners** and will be conducted for three consecutive **Monday evenings: Jan. 28, Feb. 4 and Feb. 11 from 6:00p-8:30p in Room 356** with *local presenters and historians* as resource leaders. Part I will cover basic genealogy research techniques and will focus on the time period from the Civil War to the present.

**Part II is designed for intermediates** with a focus on research in “enslaved genealogy.” It too will be conducted on **Monday evenings: Feb. 18 and Feb. 25 in Room 356 from 6:00p - 8:30p** with *Dr. Vernon M. Herron* serving as resource leader.

**Part III is designed for all researchers** who wish to understand the techniques in researching Black genealogy prior to the Civil War. This sixth and final session of the workshop will be held **Sat., Mar. 1 from 9:00a - 12:00 noon in the Choir Room** with renowned Genealogist, *Ms. Helen Leary* as the guest lecturer.

Learn how to research and write your family history for presentation at your next family reunion or to pass on to your children and other descendants.

FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION, CALL **704-503-1701 or 704-583-0560.**  
**THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRI. JAN. 25 !!**

**LEARN MICROSOFT FROM THE PROS**

in a hands-on self-paced environment.

**Jan. 29, 30 and 31 from 6:30p—8:00p**

MicroSoft engineers will be on hand to help you learn XP or Vista applications.

**Deadline for registration is Fri., Jan 25.**

Please contact Konrad Broussard at **704-277-3280** or  
Terrence Bamberg at **704-968-4799** for registration.

**FEBRUARY IS AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

Please join the African American Heritage Committee in celebrating our history.

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| <b>Sun., Feb. 3</b>                | Please wear <b>African attire</b>   |
| <b>Sun., Feb. 10, Slave Sunday</b> | <b>Slave attire</b> requested:<br>Overalls, aprons, jeans, etc.                               |
| <b>Sun., Feb. 17</b>               | <b>1920's—1950's</b><br>Ladies - Large Sunday hats and gloves<br>Gents - Zoots and sharp hats |
| <b>Sun., Feb. 24</b>               | <b>Contemporary Sunday</b>  |

**Please see our display in the back and front reception areas of the church.**  
**See what inventions we have contributed to our society.**

For information concerning the African American Heritage Ministry, please join our **meeting on Sat., Feb. 9** or contact Joyce Reece-Thomas at **704-649-6929.**

**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)

**Seniors in the Spotlight**

***Upcoming Events!!***

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| <b>Mon., Jan. 28 - 2:30p-3:30p<br/>3:30p and 6:00p</b> | <b>Advanced Computer Class<br/>Computer Classes for Beginners</b> |
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- All classes are 8 weeks in duration

Registration **required** for Computer Classes to Alma Wynn Jones, **704-391-3860**

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| <b>Tues., Feb. 12, 12:00p</b> | <b>Senior Ensemble Rehearsal</b><br>(new members welcomed) |
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**SENIORS' ANNUAL VALENTINE DAY FASHION SHOW AND CELEBRATION**



**Thurs., Feb. 14, 2008 - 1:00p**

Live Music Entertainment, Door Prizes, Light Refreshments, Line Dancing  
and of course - our most talked about fashion show

**Limited Seating**

**Admission invitation and one (or more) canned good(s)**  
**(or cash donation) for Second Harvest is required**

**Reservations and Admission invitations are**  
**available Mon.—Fri., 9:00a—5:00p**  
**No phone call reservations, please.**

Contact Alma Wynn Jones at **704-391-3860** for questions

## Health and Wellness/Fitness

### YOGA IS BACK ON A NEW DAY!

Join Yoga at any class. Bring a yoga mat, towel and a light wrap. Fees: \$35 for 6 weeks or \$7 per class. **Contact N'shape with 'N at [www.nshapewithn.com](http://www.nshapewithn.com) or Nettie Reeves at 704-334-4848**

### EXERCISE CAN BE FUN!

#### TRY CHAIR AEROBICS

Have you ever thought the words exercise and fun would go together? Do you need to get moving and get motivated in 2008? Then try our Chair Aerobics class. Sit and express yourself! We will have 12 sessions which **began January 24**. The class will be held in the Adult Fellowship Hall on **Thursday evenings 6:00p – 7:00p**, and **Saturday mornings 9:00a – 10:00a** at **Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 3301 Beatties Ford Rd.**

Join us for a comfortable workout suitable for all ages and all levels. Bring a large towel and weights (if you have them).

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS (OA)**  
At **FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**3301 Wellness Resource Center**  
**Thursdays from 11:00a– 12:00p**

NO dues – NO fees - NO weigh-ins - NO diets - WE are a Fellowship  
Contact **704-319-1625** or for more information.

## Walk Team Ministry

The **WALK TEAM MINISTRY** invites you to their meeting on **Sat., Feb. 2 from 9:00a–10:00a**. You are also invited to join them in their first walk for 2008.

Stride-N-Ride Walk  
**Mar. 8 - Concord Mills**

Registration begins at 8:00a, walk at 9:00a  
Muscular Dystrophy Association's Annual Walk to benefit international research initiatives. Teams or individuals are asked to raise at least \$170.  
Contact Cassandra Hardin at **704-391-3856** for more information.

## H.E.A.L.S. - FINDING JOY

**H.E.A.L.S. - FINDING JOY MINISTRY** will meet on

**Tues., Feb. 5 at 7:00p in Room 133.**

Topic: **"Who Am I?"**

If you have further questions, please contact Rev. Michelle Jones at **704-391-3852** or **[mjones@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:mjones@friendshipcharlotte.org)**.

## Music and Arts

### **FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH DANCE MINISTRIES AND NC DANCE THEATRE**

Invite you to join us for a  
**FREE** Master Dance Class led by former principal Alvin Ailey dancer,  
**Dwight Rhoden**  
on **Fri., Feb. 8 from 6:30p–8:00p** at **NC Dance Theatre Studios**  
622 East 28th Street., Suite 113  
For more information, please e-mail  
Nina Newton at **[nnewton@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:nnewton@friendshipcharlotte.org)** or  
Call the DeiVision of Music and Arts—**704-391-6624**.

## Children, Youth and Singles

### SINGLE PARENTS' MINISTRY

Single Parents' Ministry meeting scheduled  
for **Sun., Feb. 3, from 1:30p-3:30p** in  
**Room 211**.

### ALL PARENTS OF YOUTH AGES *Ages 0–19*

The DeiVision of Children, Youth and  
Singles will hold a Parent's Information  
Session on **Sat. Feb. 9 from 10:00a –  
11:30a in the 3301 Sanctuary**. We will  
discuss the DeiVision calendar and ministry  
initiatives for all nursery, children, youth,  
and parent activities for 2008.  
Your attendance is **NEEDED!**

### FREE SAT PRACTICE TEST

Give your child an edge over the SAT test  
with a **FREE** SAT practice exam on  
**Feb., 16 from 8:30a–12:00noon** with  
the **follow-up** session held on **Feb. 19  
from 6:00p–7:00p**. There are only 50  
spots available so please register your child  
as soon as possible by sending an e-mail to  
**[youthregistrations@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:youthregistrations@friendshipcharlotte.org)**  
by Feb. 10. For more information, contact  
the DeiVision of Children, Youth and Singles  
at **704-391-3876**.

### CHILDREN & YOUTH BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!!

This year Children and Youth will be  
studying the **Great Men, Women, and  
Youth of the Bible**. These exciting  
lessons will give our children and youth the  
basic knowledge of major biblical characters  
and how God uses **ORDINARY PEOPLE TO  
DO EXTRAORDINARY THINGS! MAKE  
BIBLE STUDY A FAMILY EVENT!**  
**Wednesday nights at 7:00p.**  
Second floor classrooms.

### FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH BASKETBALL INFO

Check the Friendship website Youth Ministry  
page at **[www.friendshipcharlotte.org](http://www.friendshipcharlotte.org)** for up  
to date game time and location information,  
scores and ranking in the CAA, YMCA and  
Metrolina Youth Basketball Leagues.  
To volunteer with Saturday games,  
please contact Rev. Y. Trevor Beauford at  
**704-391-3876** or  
**[tbeauford@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:tbeauford@friendshipcharlotte.org)**.

## Support Group

### WEIGHT WATCHERS MEETING

every Tuesday evening at 5:45p – Room 357 at 3400 Beatties Ford Road