



## ***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 - Congregational Singing, Friendship Ringers**  
*Kathleen Tunson, Soloist*

**9:30a and 11:30a - Women's Day Choir, Women's Day Orchestra;**  
***Inspirational Dancers***

If you or someone you know is going into the hospital.....

If you have lost 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:**

**sickshutin@friendshipcharlotte.org**

### ***Friendship Campus Security & Parking Reminders***

Make sure your headlights are turned off and lock your vehicle.  
Secure electronic equipment (cell phones, ipods, gps devices, etc.) out of sight.

**Do not** park within fifteen feet of fire hydrants  
**Do not** park in areas designating "NO PARKING"  
**Do not** park in spaces marked "RESERVED"  
**Do not** park in driveways or on sidewalks  
**Do not** move traffic cones

Help make the Sunday experience at Friendship a pleasant one!

### ***Acknowledgements Received from...***

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## Dr. Teresa L. Fry Brown

**Teresa L. Fry Brown** currently serves as Associate Professor of Homiletics at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. She obtained a Doctorate of Philosophy in Religious and Theological Studies from the Iliff School of Theology and the University of Denver, with an emphasis in Religion and Social Transformation. Additionally, she earned a Master of Divinity from Iliff School of Theology, a Master of Science degree and a Bachelor of Science degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology from the University of Central Missouri (formerly Central Missouri State University) in Warrensburg, Missouri.



Dr. Fry Brown has over thirty years teaching experience in academic and ecumenical settings across the United States and internationally. She has presented numerous workshops and seminars including those in homiletics, church administration, African American health and family issues, ministerial relationships, voice and diction and worship. Additionally, she has served as guest preacher and lecturer at a variety of religious and secular seminars, educational conference, revivals, special events and ecumenical worship services.

A prolific author, Dr. Fry Brown's books include *Can A Sister Get a Little Help: Advice and Encouragement for Black Women in Ministry*, Pilgrim Press (forthcoming Spring 2008); *Delivering the Sermon*, Fortress Press (forthcoming, Spring 2008); *God Don't Like Ugly: African American Women Handing on Spiritual Values* Abingdon Press (2000); *Weary Throats and New Song: Black Women Proclaiming God's Word* Abingdon Press (2003) and *The 2006 African American History Devotional*, Abingdon Press (2006). Additionally, she has published "The Future of Black Preaching" in *Homiletix* November 2007, five sidebars for the Wesley Study Bible (forthcoming Fall 2008), "Mother's Day/Pentecost" *African American Pulpit Lectionary* (2008), *African American History Month Devotions* (Abingdon 2006), "Preaching the Lesson, *Lectionary Homiletics*, (five entries 2006), Abingdon Press *African American Pulpit Library*, (eight entries 2006), Kirk Byron Jones, editor, *A Letter From Jarena Lee* in 1999; "Remember Who Made Us" in *Those Preaching Women*, vol. 3, Ella Mitchell, ed, Judson Press, 1996; "Easter Sunday" and "Easter 4" in *Abingdon Women's Preaching Annual*, Series 1, Year C, Abingdon Press, 1997 and many more.

Dr. Fry Brown is an Associate Minister at New Bethel A.M.E. Church, Lithonia, Georgia. She is an ordained Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

A native of Independence, Missouri, Dr. Fry Brown is the second oldest of seven children of William and Naomi Fry. She is married to Frank David Brown and is the mother of Veronica Nadyne Tinsley.

Dr. Fry Brown's life is guided by the words of the prophet, Isaiah "**Those whose hope is in the Lord gain new strength.**"

## Health and Wellness

### WALK TEAM MINISTRY

The Walk Team invites you to join them in the Multiple Sclerosis-MS Walk on **Sat., Mar. 29 at Symphony Park near South Park Mall at 9:00a.** You can opt for a 2.5 or 5 mile route. All monies raised go to support programs for local clients living with MS and MS research. For more information, contact Mary Ann Harrington at **704-882-0928.**

### Chair Aerobics

Please join us for another six week session of chair aerobics! 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). Additional details will be discussed during the first session.

### HEALTH AND FITNESS VENDORS INVITED

...to the **Family Fitness Marathon** on Apr. 26 8:00a to 5:00p. Fees are the same as last year - \$75 for Friendship and McCrorey YMCA members \$100 for non-members. Items must be related to healthy lifestyles. Items may be sold at your booth. Friendship will not endorse any products or information. Applications and fees must be received by April 18.

Make checks payable to the church. You may pay on line at our website [www.friendshipcharlotte.com](http://www.friendshipcharlotte.com). You may also pick up applications in the kiosk at the front and rear of the sanctuary or contact the Cassandra Harding, Parish Nurse at **704-391-3856, [charding@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:charding@friendshipcharlotte.org).**

### CANCER SURVIVORS SHARE YOUR JOURNEYS...

The Health and Wellness Ministry is looking for persons interested in forming cancer support groups for both men and women. If you would like to share your cancer journey with others and support those still recovering or in treatment, please contact the Cassandra Harding, Parish Nurse at **704-391-3856 or [charding@friendshipcharlotte.com](mailto:charding@friendshipcharlotte.com)**

## Volunteer Opportunities

Do you have a **SMILE**. Do you have a **HEART TO SERVE?**

If so, **The Gallery at Friendship needs YOU!!!**

The Gallery is now seeking volunteers! We ask that you can commit to one Sunday per month or one or both of the shifts available - 8:30a–11:30a and/or from 10:30a–1:30p.

No previous retail experience necessary.

Please stop by The Gallery today or contact us at **704-391-3858 or [thegallery@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:thegallery@friendshipcharlotte.org).**

Thank you, volunteers of the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System, for your commitment to serve.

**Training orientations are as follows:**

<b>Wed., Mar. 19</b>	<b>6:00p–7:00p</b>	<b>Conference Center D</b>
<b>Wed., Mar. 26</b>	<b>6:00p–7:00p</b>	<b>Conference Center D</b>

Please contact Bronnie Barfield at **704-391-3850** for additional information.

## Children, Youth and Singles

### 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 TODAY.**

Final Payments—Due March 31st

**Only 20 Spots Left!!!**

For more information please contact the  
DeiVision of Children Youth and Singles at  
**704-391-3876.**

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BASKETBALL TEAMS!!!!

**10-12 year old girls team** and coach  
Larry Griffin and staff for a second  
consecutive title in the Mecklenburg  
Ministries Youth Basketball League.

**Boys Senior Teams** won the CAA Division  
Championship

**Boys Junior Team** won the CAA Division  
Championship

**Mites and Pee-Wees** placed 2<sup>nd</sup> over all in  
the Division

### INTERESTED IN INTERNING WITH THE NAACP YOUTH & COLLEGE DIVISION?

The NAACP Youth & College Division has  
partnered with the AT&T Foundation to host  
a six-week fellowship and internship  
program during the summer of 2008. The  
program will run from June 14 to July 25th.  
This program will provide undergrad and  
graduate students with the opportunity to  
work in the NAACP offices in Baltimore, MD,  
New York, NY, or Washington, DC. All  
NAACP/AT&T Fellows and Interns will  
receive a stipend and lodging assistance may  
be available. Transportation to and from the  
internship city will not be provided. Contact  
the DeiVision of Children and Youth at  
**704-391-3876** for more information.

American Dream Scholarship, in  
partnership with the United Negro College  
Fund, the **AMERICAN DREAM  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** is open to  
African Americans with financial need.

Applicants must be a US Citizen or  
permanent resident, who meet Pell Grant  
eligibility criteria and are enrolled full-time  
at an approved, accredited, undergraduate  
institution. Student must have a minimum

GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Scholarship range from \$500-\$5000.

Applications— [www.uncf.org](http://www.uncf.org)

**Deadline: April 15, 2008**

### ATTENTION CURRENT, FORMER AND INTERESTED JUNIOR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS (for kindergarten-5th grade)

Please plan to attend an important ALL  
STAFF meeting on **Sat., Mar. 29 from  
10:00a-12:00noon. Your help is greatly  
needed and appreciated.** For more  
information, please contact Barbara James at  
**704-549-9141**

## 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) - Who is Melchizedek**

**Youth (Middle/High School) - The Ways of the World**

Thursday - **11:30a - 12:30p** (I Chronicles)

Thursday Evenings - **7:00p - 8:30p** (Genesis)

Every 1st and 3rd Saturday for **Women - 3:00p** (Titus)

### ADULT MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

<b>Mon., Mar. 31</b>	Class 101; Class 401	6:30p
<b>Sat., Apr. 5</b>	Classes 101, 201, 301, 401	9:00a
<b>Mon., Apr. 7</b>	Class 201; Class 401	6:30p
<b>Tues., Apr. 8</b>	Class 101	6:30p
<b>Mon., Apr. 14</b>	Class 301; Class 101	6:30p
<b>Tues., Apr. 15</b>	Class 201	6:30p
<b>Mon., Apr. 21</b>	Class 201; Class 401	6:30p
<b>Tues., Apr. 22</b>	Class 301	6:30p
<b>Mon., Apr. 28</b>	Class 301; Class 101	6:30p
<b>Tues., Apr. 29</b>	Class 401	6:30p

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CLASSES**  
Alma Wynn Jones, 704-391-3860 or [www.friendshipcharlotte.org](http://www.friendshipcharlotte.org)

**All classes must be taken in sequence beginning with C.L.A.S.S. 101 and all  
classes are required before receiving the Right Hand of Fellowship.**

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**Upon completion of Classes 101, 201, 301 and 401  
and baptism (if applicable), you will be eligible to receive the Right Hand  
of Fellowship June 2008**

## Seniors in the Spotlight

Tues., Mar. 18 10:30a **MONTHLY GATHERING/  
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**  
**RED CROSS PRESENTS**  
**Preparing for Emergencies and Disasters**  
Free Survival Bags  
Come Early  
Birthday celebration immediately following presentation

Tues., Mar. 25 10:00a **SENIORS' HEALTH EMPHASIS**  
*How to Understand Screenings*  
10:30a **SENIORS' BIBLE STUDY**  
12:15p **SENIORS' ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL**

### ON-GOING ACTIVITIES:

Mon, and Fri. 9:00a **Seniors' Sewing Classes - \$1 per session**  
Mon. 2:30p, **Seniors' Computer Class— watch for schedule**  
3:30p & 6:00p  
Wed. 10:00a **Seniors' Arts and Crafts**  
Thurs. 10:30a **Seniors' Line Dancing**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Seniors' Chair Aerobics - watch for details**

May 20 10:00a **Seniors' Health, Education and  
Wellness Fair**

June 17 **Seniors' Picnic - watch for details**

### **Reminder:**

**All payments for Color Purple/Black Arts Festival  
are due by Sunday, June 1 2008  
Itinerary will be given after June 1**

## HIV/AIDS Outreach

HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry meeting will be **Mon., Mar. 17 6:30p in Room 304**. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Michelle Jones at **704-391-3852** or [mjones@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:mjones@friendshipcharlotte.org)

**Women's Day Flowers  
Donated by Flowers by Lois**

## Purposeful Singles

For anyone dealing with the unpleasant experience of separation or divorce, the Purposeful Singles Ministry will host a **DIVORCE CARE SEMINAR** on **Mon., Mar. 17 from 7:00p—8:30p**. The topic will be "The Road to Healing/Finding Help". For more information, please email **Lisa Blackwell** at [fmbsca@gmail.com](mailto:fmbsca@gmail.com).

The **Single Never Married** area of the Purposeful Singles Ministry invites you to attend the **Prayer Circle meeting and book discussion** on **Sat., Mar. 29 at 10:00a**. For the month of March, we are discussing the book, "*Your Best Life Now*" by Joel Osteen. All single persons are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Fayola Delica at **305-905-9071** or email [snmfmbc@gmail.com](mailto:snmfmbc@gmail.com).

## Colemon W. Kerry Scholarship

Colemon W. Kerry Scholarship applications are now available for college undergraduate and technical school students. First time applicants as well renewing applicants should return the completed form and other pertinent information to the church no later than April 30. Applications will be available at the FMBC Welcome Center and the FMBC website at [www.friendshipcharlotte.org](http://www.friendshipcharlotte.org). You may call the church office to request the forms as well. Contact Sister Valerie Wade at **704 391-6632** if you want the forms emailed or faxed to you

## Voter Registration

Voter registration will be available after the 9:30 worship services.

This opportunity is available for individuals who are not registered to vote as well as voters who need to make address or name changes to their current registration.

Members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Rho Psi Omega Chapter are the voter registration volunteers and will be in the Atrium, 2nd floor, and the Narthex immediately after the 9:30a worship service.

## Baby Dedications

9:30a	<i>Yasmine Denise Carter Chandler Amir Hunter</i>	Bro. & Sis. Carter (Michael & Kathleen) Bro. & Sis. Hunter (Vernon & Andrea)
11:30a	<i>Nathan Freeman Legette Travis Seabrook Pearson</i>	Bro. & Sis. Legette (Tyron & Imana) Bro. & Sis. Pearson (Corey & Seabrina)