

**LAST CHANCE!!!**

You have an opportunity express your love and congratulations to Pastor and the First Family by purchasing a patron space in the souvenir booklet for

**Pastor Jones' 25 Anniversary.**

A committee representative will be available at the designated anniversary tables in between services or register in the Gallery.

You may also contact John at 704-453-9131 or Dee at 704-517-1521 for questions.

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:  
sicknshutin@friendshipcharlotte.org

**About Friendship Missionary Baptist Church**

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Charlotte, NC 28216  
Office - 704.392.0392  
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**Worship Services**  
7:30a; 9:30a; 11:30a

**Church School - 9:30a-10:30a**

**Adult & Youth Bible Study**  
Wed., 7:00p

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

**A CELEBRATION  
OF WORSHIP  
Health Emphasis**



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Senior Minister

**October 12, 2008**

**Invocation**

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**Opening Hymn**

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**Welcome**

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**Scripture Readings**

*Ecclesiastes 10:8-11; Isaiah 38:9-19*

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*Praise God from Whom All  
Blessings Flow*

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**Intercessory Prayer**

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**Pastoral Reflections/  
Announcements**

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**Offertory/Ministry of Music**

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**Proclamation**

*Pastor Jones*

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**Invitation**

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**Benediction**

Food Pyramid



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.

**From Engagement to Engaged**

## **Higher Ground**

Text: Johnson Otman, Jr., 1860-1948

Tune: HIGHER GROUND, LM with refrain; Charles H. Gabriel, 1856-1932

I'm pressing on the upward way,  
New heights I'm gaining ev'ry day;  
Still praying as I'm onward bound,  
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

My heart has no desire to stay  
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;  
Though some may dwell where these abound,  
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.

I want to live above the world,  
Though Satan's darts at me are hurled;  
For faith has caught a joyful sound,  
The song of saints on higher ground.

I want to scale the utmost height,  
And catch a gleam of glory bright;  
But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,  
"Lord, lead me on to higher ground.

### **REFRAIN:**

***Lord, lift me up, and let me stand  
By faith, on heaven's table land;  
A higher plane than I have found,  
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.***

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

7:30a - Church Choir; Hymn Choir  
9:30a and 11:30a - Ladies Choir; Orchestra

*Today's altar flowers are given by Carolyn Lilly Nelson and Family (Danya, Jerome, Nia and Marquise) in loving memory of her parents and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Webster Lilly, Sr. (Margaret) and Mrs. Cara Lilly Hardy.*

## **HISTORY OF ABCOTS**

The Reverend J. B. Herrin, Program Associate with the American Baptist Home Mission Society was named as the Associate General Secretary for Work in the South from 1959-1971. Sometime during that period he wrote, "**our distinctive role in the South (as American Baptist) may well be to encourage and expand an integrated Christian fellowship.**" Rev. Herrin pioneered ABC relationships with the Baptist churches, black and white, in the South that wished to develop a more inclusive witness across the divisive barrier of race.

The churches involved also wished to expand their role in the support of higher education as it is carried out through American Baptist related black colleges in the South. Further, these churches were committed to working with the National Council of Churches, the Southern Inter-agency Council and the Fellowship of Southern Churches.

Other persons who pioneered in the development of American Baptist relationships in the South, as "**Executive Ministers for Work in the South**" were Dr. Paul Stagg, in Valley Forge, 1969-1971 and Rev. Henry Marion Steele, in Atlanta, 1969-1971.

An anonymous grant of \$10,000 made in the late 1950's made it possible to study the feasibility of forming an organization of American Baptist Churches in the South. A special committee consisting of twenty-five pastors and laypersons from churches in the South was formed. This committee put together a program and an agenda for an organizational meeting of the American Baptist Churches of the South.





**American Baptist Churches of The South  
Area III Meeting  
October 24-25, 2008**

**Friday Session begins at 11:00a**

Plenary Session with

**Rev. Clifford Matthews, Pastor**

Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC

**Bible Study 1:20p**

**Rev. Samuel Lewis, Pastor**

First Calvary Baptist Church, Columbia, SC

**Family Reunion Luncheon 12:10**

**Dr. H. Stephen Shoemaker, Pastor**

Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC

**Mission Banquet 6:15p**

**Dr. Peter Wherry, Pastor**

Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC

**Organ Recital 7:30p**

**R. Monty Bennett, Principal Organist FMBC**

**Evening Worship Service 8:00p**

**Dr. Gregory Moss, Pastor**

Saint Paul Baptist Church

**Saturday Session begins at 8:30a**

**Worship & Youth Oratorical Contest**

**Hosted by Friendship Missionary Baptist Church**

**Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Senior Pastor**

**From the Pastor...**

***“The Testing of Faith is Determined by Pits and Snakes!”***

**Word for the Month - “ENDURED”**

**Scriptures for the Month - Exodus 12:17-32; Ecclesiastes 10:1-20; Acts 27:13-44**

**Thought for the Month: *Riding Out the Storm!***

**Invitational Hymn for the Month: “I’ll Be Alright”**

**Pastor’s Book of the Month: *The Book of Job***

**“Additional Readings for the Week”**

Mon., Oct. 13	Ecclesiastes 10:5-11	Is this really true?
Tues., Oct. 14	Job 33:12-30	Listen and watch your dreams.
Wed., Oct. 15	Genesis 37:1-11	Sometimes you can’t say all you see.
Thurs., Oct. 16	Genesis 37:12-28	The price of jealousy and greed.
Fri., Oct. 17	Jeremiah 38:4-13	Let down and lifted up!
Sat., Oct. 18	Matthew 15:10-20	A global crisis. Attitudes.

**Point to Ponder:** *Planning for the unexpected is always a challenge. What is your plan? Oh...remember the faith factor.*

**Prayer:** *Dear Lord, sometimes my only comfort is the assurance that You know what is in front of me. As much as possible, tell me what I need to know as You are still teaching me faith in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

*We are grateful for the Friendship family who continues to answer the clarion call to help feed 5,000 families in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. For the month of October, your community gift collected was 2,227.5 lbs of baby food and items and \$1,420 in cash to be distributed among the following food pantries in Charlotte: Bread of Life Deliverance Church, Angel House Maternity, C.U.P., and God’s Outreach Ministry.*

## Discipleship and Christian Education



Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday for **Seniors** - **10:30a** (Lord's Prayer)  
Wednesday Evenings - **7:00p** - (Romans)  
Wednesday Mornings - **11:30a—3:30p** **Beatties Ford Rd** (II Chronicles)  
Wednesday Evenings for **Children/Youth** - **7:00p**  
Thursday Evenings - **7:00p - 8:30p** (Genesis)  
Every 1st and 3rd Saturday for **Women** - **3:00p** (Psalm 23)  
(Book - A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23 by Phillip Keller)

### **PRAYER VIGIL**

**Fri., Oct. 17** is our **Annual Spring Prayer Vigil**, led by the Praying Disciples. There will be 12 hours of prayer, including **Drive-In Prayer** in the morning and afternoon, the **Prayer Labyrinth** and a time for questions and discussion about prayer. Please plan to attend the Prayer Vigil, and invite your friends, neighbors and family to have Drive-In Prayer. Experience the Prayer Labyrinth during the day, with mid-morning and mid-afternoon instructional sessions for person who are new to the prayer labyrinth experience. Please check the web site and monitors for detailed schedules for these sessions.

### **PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Join the Evangelism committee for the October Prayer Breakfast on **Sat., Oct. 18 at 7:00a**. In Romans 12:12, Paul wrote to the church in Rome, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." In 2008, we must also be faithful in prayer. Meet those who are faithful in joining in corporate prayer each 3rd Saturday of the month.

### **CHURCH SCHOOL**

Are you engaged in ministry at Friendship? If your answer is "no", then join us on **Sat., Oct. 18 at 9:00a** for our monthly Church School teacher's meeting. We are prayerfully seeking Church School teachers to become engaged in the teaching ministry here at Friendship. If you are interested in any teaching ministry—Church School, New Members Orientation, Workshop Facilitation—please join us. In addition, if you feel teaching is not your Spiritual gift, we are always in need of persons to assist teachers in classrooms, as extra hands, eyes and feet. Contact Rev. Sandra Caldwell-Williams at **704-391-3854** or [swilliams@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:swilliams@friendshipcharlotte.org) for additional information.

### **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT ELECTIVE**

Join Rev. O.T. Tomes and the Marriage Enrichment Group as they study "*The Five Languages of Apology*" beginning **Sun., Oct. 19 at 9:30a in Room 360**. If you are not able to attend the Sunday classes, Rev. Tomes is also offering the classes on the **2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:00p** at the 3301 Beatties Ford Road location.

#### **Child care will be provided.**

The Five Languages of Apology is available for purchase in the Gallery.  
For more information, contact Rev. O.T. Tomes at 704-391-3840 or [otomes@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:otomes@friendshipcharlotte.org).

## Health Emphasis for October

### **Domestic Violence**

Domestic or Intimate Partner Violence is any ongoing abuse used to control a current or former partner in a dating, marital, or other intimate relationship.

Does the person you love...

Keep track of your time?

Accuse you of being unfaithful?

Discourage relationships with family, friends or neighbors?

Prevent you from working or going to school?

Put you down, belittle or humiliate you?

Hit, slap, push or restrain you?

Threaten you with a weapon?

Frighten you?

If you answered "**yes**" to any of these questions - **you may be at risk**. Sometimes, it helps to talk with someone.

The Women's Commission of Charlotte offers the following free services...

### **Individual/Group Counseling**

Individual counseling and support groups are offered to **victims** of domestic violence. To schedule a confidential session and/or register for support group(s), please call at **704-336-3210**.

### **Educational Programs/Community Outreach/Training**

Educational programs for support persons of domestic violence victims (family, friends, neighbors, employees, etc.) are offered. Community awareness efforts include conferences, training, workshops and special events for professionals and non-professionals. The program serves as a clearinghouse for domestic violence information.

For additional information regarding services or if you or someone you know needs help, call **704-336-3210** or email them -- [MarieWhite@MecklenburgcountyNC.gov](mailto:MarieWhite@MecklenburgcountyNC.gov)

### **Domestic Violence Affects Everyone**

### **THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR ABUSE**

<http://dvac.charmeck.org>

### Crop Walk

**TODAY**  
Meet us on the 50 yard line at Memorial Stadium at 1:30p



Still time to sign-up. Stop by **TODAY** at the Beatties Ford Road entrance or on the 2nd Floor East Plaza.

For more information, contact Alma Wynn Jones at **704-391-3860** or Cora Maxwell at **704-563-8911**.

### Friendship Community Development Corp.

Want to make a difference in the lives of women less fortunate than you by SHOPPING?!

The Friendship CDC is teaming with Belk for the Belk Charity Sale. Your \$5 donation gives you a pass to the sale on Sat., Nov. 15 to receive 20-50% off storewide including special savings on rarely discounted merchandise, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL \$5 OFF YOUR FIRST PURCHASE!! All donations will benefit the FCDC Women's Shelter. Want tickets? Purchase them early by contacting Lekeasha Parker in the FCDC office at **704-391-3862** or by email at [lparker@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:lparker@friendshipcharlotte.org).

### Friendship's Employee Profile



Rev. Sandra Caldwell-Williams

- Position: Minister of Discipleship and Christian Education  
**704-391-3854**; 704-391-5801-fax
- ⇒ Responsible for the Discipleship and Christian Education ministries which includes, but not limited to: Church School, New Members Orientation, Weekly Bible Studies, Vacation Bible School, Praying Disciples, Evangelism and Spiritual Development Worship.
  - ⇒ Planning and implementing innovative approaches for Christian Education and Discipleship for all ages that make Biblical study accessible through various media.
  - ⇒ Serves as a resource for ministerial staff and church leadership in the development of special Discipleship and Christian Education ministry opportunities.

### Great Things!

In our effort to assist the community through the current economic decline, we are continuing to offer GREAT PRICES on GREAT DEALS! We need your help! Please consider donating your new and clean gently worn MEN SUITS, PLUS SIZE clothing, JEWELRY and SHOES to **Great Things!** located at 1914 Beatties Ford Road. We have changed our store hours to accommodate you!  
Tues—Wed., 10:00a—5:00p;  
Thurs., 12:00p—7:00p;  
Fri., 11:00a—6:00p; Sat., 9:00a—3:00p.  
Thank You for Helping Us, Help Others!

### VOTE EARLY

One-Stop Early Voting for Mecklenburg County Residents

CPC—Central Campus  
Facilities Building - 1325 E. 7th Street

Oct. 16—31 - 8:00a—7:00p

Oct 25 - 10:00a—5:00p

Oct. 26 - 1:00p—4:00p

Nov. 1 - 10:00a—1:00p (final day)

Additional locations and hours may be found at [www.meckboe.org](http://www.meckboe.org)

**There will be NO early voting at the Board of Elections Office.**

Numbers to call for transportation to the polls on Election Day:

Democratic Headquarters - **704-525-5843**  
Republican Headquarters - **704-334-9127**

### Adult Membership Classes

<b>Class 201</b>	<b>TODAY</b> Room 357 <b>Sun., Oct. 26</b> Room 357	9:30a	<b>Class 401</b>	<b>TODAY</b> Room 360 <b>Sun., Oct. 26</b> Room 204	9:30a
<b>Class 101</b>	<b>Sun., Oct. 19</b> Room 204	9:30a	<b>Class 301</b>	<b>Sun., Oct. 19</b> Room 357	9:30a
<b>Adult Classes 101, 201, 301, 401</b>	<b>Sat., Nov. 1</b>	8:00a	<b>Children's Classes</b> ages 14 and under	<b>Wed., Nov. 5</b> 7:00p	

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.

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

### REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY FOR C.L.A.S.S. 101, 201, 301, AND 401

Contact:

Alma Wynn Jones, **704-391-3860** or [www.friendshipcharlotte.org](http://www.friendshipcharlotte.org)

### HEALS— Finding Joy Ministry

The H.E.A.L.S.—Finding Joy Ministry will facilitate "*Becoming Whole*", a grief and loss workshop **on Sat., Nov. 8 at 8:45a at 3301 Beatties Ford Road**. The workshop will focus on how grieving can be a source of healing, renewal and empowerment through the context of forgiveness via God, self and others. If you would like to attend, please **RSVP by Oct. 31** to Rev. Michelle Jones at **704-391-3852** or [mjones@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:mjones@friendshipcharlotte.org).

### 2009 Budget Information Forum

**TODAY**

**2:00p** - Choral Rehearsal Room

### Business Solutions

**Tues., Oct. 14 11:30a—1:00p**  
**Tues., Nov. 11 11:30a—1:00p**

All meetings will take place at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in **Room 135**.

For more information, contact Judge Collier at **704-942-8599**

### Quilting Ministry

The Quilting Ministry needs your help if you have a portable sewing machine and can sew, if you can iron or cut fabric. We need you to assist the ministry in making quilts for the homeless. We will start **Fri., Oct. 17 at 6:00p until Sat., Oct. 18 at 5:00p**. If you have any questions, call Deborah at **704-712-2026** or e-mail [dmclendon2001@yahoo.com](mailto:dmclendon2001@yahoo.com).

## Men's Month Activities

### Friendship's Men's Month/FAMU Scholarship Golf Event

Mon., Oct. 13, Stonebridge Golf Club, Monroe, NC  
Format—2 person captain's choice.

Register at [www.tournevents.com/Fo8FAUMGOLF](http://www.tournevents.com/Fo8FAUMGOLF) or stop by the  
Registration tables on the 2nd floor.

For questions, contact Don Jordan at 704-517-5505.

## Brotherhood Ministry

Monthly Meeting  
Mon., Oct. 13, 7:00p—8:30p  
Contact Randy Waymer at 704-540-3731

### ♫ MEN'S DAY MUSICAL, SAT., OCT. 18, 6:00p♫

#### The Mighty Men of Friendship Male Mass Choir

cordially invite you to worship with us this Sat., Oct. 18 at 6:00p for our Men's Day Musical. This celebration of worship will feature: *The Silver Mount Baptist Church Men's Choir; The Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Men's Choir (Men Standing for Christ); The Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church Men's Choir; the Men's Choir from New Birth Charlotte* and the MIGHTY MEN OF FRIENDSHIP MALE MASS CHOIR. You will not want to miss this! For more information, please contact the DeIVision of Music and Arts office at 704-391-6624 or [musicandarts@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:musicandarts@friendshipcharlotte.org).

## Senior's Ministry

Tues., Oct. 14	10:30a	<b>SENIORS' BIBLE STUDY</b> <i>Bring your filled Red Cross Emergency Packs</i>
	12:15p	<b>SENIOR ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL</b> <i>New members always welcome</i>
Thurs., Oct. 16	9:30a	<b>SENIOR CHAIR AEROBICS</b> Fitness Center - \$3 per class

## Deacons on Call

Reggie McAfee	704-553-0225; 704-634-4688
Daisy Walker	704-568-5869; 704-351-5072
Percy West	704-875-3186; 704-724-6873

## Children, Youth and Singles

### Hallowed Be Thy Name Fall Festival for Children (K-5)

On Oct., 31, join us for food, fun, and games, and of course lots of candy. 3400 Beatties Ford Rd East Plaza Parking Lot (behind the church) from 6:30p-8:30p. Admission is free but donations are accepted. **Parents MUST accompany children under 9 years old and younger. Children are allowed to dress up in APPROPRIATE costumes (bible characters, super heroes, cartoon characters, etc.**

### Middle School Masquerade Party Oct. 31

Youth in grades 6-7 (middle school) will be in Conference Center C/D from 6:30p-9:00p. Admission is \$3.00 (cash only) per child. The night will include food, games, music and a COSTUME CONTEST!  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH ONLY**

### Children & Youth Missionaries

Children & Youth Missionary meeting  
Sat., Oct. 18, 3:30p—5:30p  
3400 Beatties Ford Rd.  
For more information please contact the DeIVision of Children and Youth at 704-391-3876.

### 2008 Youth Winter SKI Retreat Dec. 19 – 21,

Winter Place Ski Center, Ghent WV  
\$30.00 deposit due Oct. 15  
TOTAL FEES:  
\$165 w/Snowtubing; \$200 w/Skiing;  
\$215 w/snowboarding & Skiing  
**REGISTER TODAY** in the Gallery or at <https://www.friendshipcharlotte.org/winterYouthRetreat.htm>

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!  
**DONATIONS** for  
**Hallowed Be Thy Name**

We need **candy and cupcake donations** for this year's Hallowed Be Thy Name Children's Festival. Bags of candy must be store bought bags with individually wrapped candy. Cupcakes must be store bought and sealed when delivered. Please bring all donations to the DeIVision of Children, Youth & Singles office at 3301 Beatties Ford Road. For more information contact Kim Craig in the DeIVision Office at 704-391-3876.

### Youth Basketball Open Gym/Registration

Sat., Oct. 18 and Oct. 25 from 10:00a-12:00p in the gym at 3400 Beatties Ford Rd. For more information, contact Ronald Sifford at 704-391-9877.

**Junior Achievement** at West Charlotte High School is looking for volunteers to serve as "guest teachers". Volunteers will have to commit to teaching one of two courses: JA Financial Planning, or JA Success Skills. There is a short training session that is required by Junior Achievement and all curriculum and lesson plans are provided by Junior Achievement. Guest teachers are asked to commit to teaching 5 to 7 lessons, depending upon the course. For more information, contact Amy Korb, Program Manager, 704-566-4863 or email [akorb@jacarolinas.org](mailto:akorb@jacarolinas.org).

Please Contact Rev. Trevor Beauford to confirm your volunteerism through our CMS Volunteer Initiative at 704-391-3876 or [tbeauford@friendshipcharlotte.org](mailto:tbeauford@friendshipcharlotte.org).

### Echo Foundation

Is accepting applications for students who want to travel to eastern Rwanda as part of Charlotte-based organization's annual travel and leadership initiative for area high school students. Students who are selected for the program will spend the spring semester preparing for the trip. Applications are due by Oct. 27 and are available on line at [www.echfoundation.org](http://www.echfoundation.org) or by contacting Sarah Mabus, 704-347-3844. Scholarships are available.