



Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr.,

September 7, 2008

Invocation

Opening Hymn

Welcome

Gloria Patri

Intercessory Prayer

Holy Communion

*Pastoral Reflections/
Announcements*

Offertory/Ministry of Music

Proclamation

Pastor Jones

Invitation

Benediction

A Celebration of Worship Communion Sunday



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

Friendship Family & Friends, please join us for our
118th Homecoming & Revival Celebration!

Sun., September 21, 2008

7:30a

Guest Minister – **Rev. Melton Johnson**, Senior Minister
First Baptist Church in Salem, VA

Guest Choir - First Missionary Baptist Church of Gulfport, MS

9:30a and 11:30a

Guest Minister – **Rev. S.V. Adolph**, Senior Minister
First Missionary Baptist Church of Gulfport, MS

In the spirit of family unity, we entreat you to invite someone to your home
for food and fellowship.

Annual Revival

September 22-24, 2008

6:45p Bible Study Facilitator, **Rev. Melton Johnson**

7:40p Praise and Worship, **The DeiVision of Music and Arts**

8:00p Evening Speaker, **Rev. S.V. Adolph**

You don't want to miss this spiritual revival, rejuvenation, and renewal!

Acknowledgements Received from...

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The Lyde Family
Sis. Carol Thorn and Family

Sis. Phyliss S. Caldwell
Sis. Alvine Geter
The Family of Joe High, Jr.
Sis. Gladys Massey
The Family of Jonathan Vinson

Warm thanks to the volunteers who helped with the Family Fellowship
Dinner. No matter what capacity you served, please know that it was very much
appreciated.

About Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

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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

I COME WITH JOY

Text: Brian Wren

Tune: Oliver Holden

(Tune: CORONATION, CM)

*I come with Joy, a child of God, Forgiven, loved and free,
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near, To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love, In Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, Each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, And strangers now
are friends.*

*The Spirit of the risen Christ, Unseen, by ever near,
Is in such friendship better known, Alive among us here.*

TOGETHER MET, TOGETHER BOUND

***By all that God has done,
We'll go with joy, to give the world
The love that makes us one.***

Music and Arts

7:30a - Church Choir
9:30a and 11:30a - Ladies Choir

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**

Health and Wellness/Fitness

September is **Men's Prostate Health Month** and we are encouraging all eligible men to get screened. If you missed the health symposium here at Friendship and are in need of **free screening**, please contact the **Community Volunteers in Medicine Clinic**. The clinic is providing **FREE PSA and prostate screening every Tuesday afternoon this month. (Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 30) from 1:00–4:00p.** No appointments needed. The clinic is also hosting **"Take A Loved One To The Doctor"** on Tues., **Sept. 16 from 10:00a–3:00p.** Again, no appointment needed.

**The Greenville Recreation Center
1330 Spring Street (off of Statesville and Oaklawn)
For additional information, call 704-336-3367**

Community Events

RE-ENTRY TO EMPLOYMENT

Have you tried everything in the world to become employed but nothing seems to work? The Re-Entry to Employment Program is here to help. This is a two-week class to give you the edge in your job search.

The next class starts Tues., Sept. 16 at 9:00a in Room 360.

Contact Kimberley Harrison, Workforce Development Coordinator,
704-391-6695 for more information.

Want to make a difference in someone's life who really needs you?

THE RE-ENTRY TO EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM needs your help. We are in desperate need of volunteers to assist in the following areas:

- ⇒ **Mock interviews on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:00a–12:00p**
- ⇒ **Career Assessment, Tuesdays, 11:00a–12:00p**

*No experience necessary,
just a caring spirit.*

Contact Kimberley Harrison
704-391-6695 for more information.

BUSINESS EXPO 2008 - Sat., Sept. 13, 7:30a–3:00p

"Empowering Business to Create Entrepreneurial Excellence"

Entrepreneurs, those anticipating entrepreneurship and those that would like to support local entrepreneurs please register to attend the Expo for just **\$20 per person** and receive:

- ⇒ **four** development workshop opportunities
- ⇒ luncheon with Reggie Hubbard, *owner of Hubbard Automotive*
- ⇒ participation in the C.E.O. Roundtable
- ⇒ all day access to the exhibitor hall.



ENTREPRENEURS: You can be a sponsor of the Expo or an exhibitor. Visit businessexpo@friendshipcharlotte.org for complete information or visit the Business Solutions tables after worship services. For more information, contact 704-391-6687.

FREE TO GENERAL PUBLIC: Access to Exhibitors' Hall, 9:00a–3:00p

Children, Youth and Singles

JUNIOR WORSHIP

(a worship experience for children in grades kindergarten – 5) will kick-off on **TODAY** during the **7:30a** and the **11:30a** services in Conference Center C. All parents and children are invited to attend our special kickoff event.

FRIENDSHIP SEED TUTORIAL MINISTRY

Free Tutorial Services are provided every Monday – Wednesday 5:00pm – 7:00pm at the 3301 Campus for children and youth in grades 3 - 12. Tutoring will kick off Monday **Sept 8**.

COLLEGE OUTREACH MINISTRY CARE PACKAGE PREPARATION

Mon., Sept. 8, 5:00p, Room 356
The College Outreach Ministry will begin to make Care Packages for Friendship's college students currently away at school. To volunteer, contact Doris Boseman at daboseman@duke-energy.com or **704-537-6753**.

ATTENTION 2008 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND PARENTS

Please go to www.friendshipcharlotte.org/undergradregistration.cfm link to fill out the College Outreach Ministry registration form to receive your college care packages

SAVE THE DATE - 2008 YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

We are currently preparing for the fourth **Annual Youth Winter Ski Retreat - Dec. 19-21**. Registration will begin on Mon., Sept. 15 for youth ages 13 and up. Stay tuned for more information.

Seniors' Ministry

Mon., Sept. 8

SENIOR COMPUTER CLASS

Beginners - 4:05p; Advanced - 6:30p
2:00p class is full. All classes are FREE. Commitment of 8 weeks. Registration required.

Tues., Sept. 9 10:00a

CARE TEAM MEETING - Conference Center

10:30a

SENIOR BIBLE STUDY - Conference Center

Thurs., Sept. 11 9:30a

SENIOR CHAIR AEROBICS - Fitness Center
\$3 per class

Wed.–Fri., Oct. 15-17

ANNUAL SENIOR TRIP and BALL Charleston, SC

\$325 per members, \$350 for non-members.
Includes transportation, meals, tours, 2 nights accommodations and fun. **\$100 deposit must be submitted with registration. Payment plans available. Final payment due Sept. 13.**

From the Pastor...

“PERSUADED BY IMPATIENCE”

Word for the Month - “PERSUADED”

Scriptures for the Month - Exodus 32:7-24; Ecclesiastes 9:1-12; Acts 17:16-34

Thought for the Month: **Conquering Greed!**

Invitational Hymn of the Month: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
#400 - African American Heritage Hymnal

Pastor's Book of the Month

**The Cult of the President
America's Dangerous Devotion to Executive Power**

By Gene Healy, Cato Press, Washington, 2008

This is the most powerful and informative book I have ever read which enhanced my understanding of the people's desire from the Office of the President. In 1960, the University of Chicago's Herman Finer declared that the presidency was “the incarnation of the American people in a sacrament resembling that in which the wafer and the wine are seen to be the body and blood of Christ”...

There will be a discussion forum in October.

Pastor Jones

“Additional Readings”

Mon., Sept. 8	Ecclesiastes 9:1-4	Uncertainties are real—trust God.
Tues., Sept. 9	Exodus 32:1-6	Misguided worship things!
Wed., Sept. 10	Deuteronomy 7:7-16	Making gods of and from our work.
Thurs., Sept. 11	Psalms 106:19-23	The danger of trading down.
Fri., Sept. 12	Psalms 78:9-16	Be persuaded more by the past good than the present misfortunes.
Sat., Sept. 13	Acts 17:1-9	Impulsively persuaded - BEWARE!

Point to Ponder: *Strive to bring forward all the positive and spiritual experience of yesterday into today's decision. Don't be persuaded by the attraction of the eye nor feeling of the moment. Think and pray!*

Prayer: *Gracious Lord, daily I'm attracted by so much that is pleasure and appetite driven. Please allow Your spirit to guide me today in all my decisions in Jesus the Christ name, I do pray. Amen.*

Wed., Sept. 10, 7:00p

Pastor Jones will be the revivalist at Providence Baptist Church,
4921 Randolph Rd., Charlotte, 28211, Dr. Al Cadenhead, Pastor

Discipleship and Christian Education



Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday for **Seniors - 10:30a**
 Wednesday Evenings - **CANCELLED FOR SEPT. 10**
 Wednesday Evenings for **Children/Youth - 7:00p - 8:15p**
 Thursday Mornings - **11:30a** (II Chronicles)
 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)

CHURCH SCHOOL

September is Christian Education Emphasis Month. Each Sunday in September, we will have an important fact about Christian Education.

Did you know that Church School (Sunday School) in the African American church beginning with slavery and moving forward, was designed to serve as a place to discover and link the realities of life and everyday experiences with the Bible? Church School served, and still serves, as an educational experience with a strong spiritual core. People of all ages (toddlers through the senior members of the congregation) engaged in learning the stories of the Bible, sharing with those who were young in years and in spirit, helping all to grow into stronger disciples of Jesus Christ. We invite each of you to visit one of the Church School classes here at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church at 9:30a every 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday.

To read more about Sunday School and it's history, from an African American perspective, check out this link:

http://www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org/PDF/SundaySchool_LC_may2508.pdf

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Our **School Supply Drive** is in full swing. Please remember to bring book bags, notebook paper, pens, pencils and other essential school supplies. There are receptacles at the Welcome Center and at the Beatties Ford Road entrance. We need to collect 600 book bags and other supplies for homeless children in the Charlotte area. Thanks in advance for engaging in mission and ministry through giving.

MONTHLY PRAYER BREAKFAST

**Join us on
 Sat., Sept. 20, 7:00a**

as our Ministerial Staff lead us in affirming the goodness of God through prayer, witness, worship, praise and fellowship.

Our September Prayer Breakfast kicks off our Annual Homecoming and Revival. Contact Rev. Sandra Caldwell-Williams, at swilliams@friendshipcharlotte.org or **704-381-3854**

Adult Membership Classes

Class 101	Sun., Sept. 7 Sun., Sept. 21	9:30a 9:30a	Class 201	Sun., Sept. 14 Sun., Sept. 28	9:30a 9:30a
Class 301	Sun., Sept. 7 Sun., Sept. 21	9:30a 9:30a	Class 401	Sun., Sept. 14 Sun., Sept. 28	9:30a 9:30a

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

Adults

BROTHERHOOD MINISTRY

Mon., Sept. 8, 7:00p—8:30p

Contact Randy Waymer at **704-540-3731**

Please join the **New Perspective Mission Ministry TODAY at 4:00p** in the **Conference Center** for our monthly mission meeting. Your involvement is vital!

Baptist Women United will hold their monthly meeting **TODAY** in the **Orchestra Rehearsal Room** immediately following the 11:30a service. If you have questions, please contact Tiffany Allen at **704-503-4993**.

New Perspective Women's Retreat

Sat., Oct. 4 - Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
 "Total Restoration: God's Desire For You"

\$40 per person (includes retreat book, workbook, continental breakfast, hot lunch, and snacks). **Registration starts TODAY** at the registration table on the 2nd floor East Plaza or pick up forms in the kiosks and submit with payment to the Gallery. You may also register and pay by credit card online at www.friendshipcharlotte.org.

Deacons on Call

Regina Brandon	704-577-9414
Melvin Caldwell	704-541-0771; 704-877-0154
Bob Johnson	704-866-9096; 704-460-5387
Robert Walker	704-921-0543; 704-649-2645