

Membership C.L.A.S.S.

Please report to the Welcome Center on the lower level for classroom locations.

All persons joining Friendship Missionary Baptist Church are required to attend five (5) Christian Life and Service Seminars (C.L.A.S.S.) before Baptism and/or the Right Hand of Fellowship is extended. **All classes must be taken in sequence** (with the exception of Biblical Stewardship-501) beginning with C.L.A.S.S. 101

C.L.A.S.S. 101 & 301 Sunday Jan. 15 9:30a
 C.L.A.S.S. 201 & 401 Sunday Jan. 8, 22 9:30a
 C.L.A.S.S. 501 Sunday Jan. 15 9:30a

Ways you can register for Membership C.L.A.S.S.

CALL 704-391-3850

E-MAIL ajones@friendshipcharlotte.org

WEBSITE www.friendshipcharlotte.org

Deacons on Call

Reggie McAfee	704.553.0225
Daisy Walker	704.568.5869
Percy West	704.875.3186

If you or someone you know is going into the hospital.....
 If you have experienced the loss of 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 Emphasis

Healthcare Reform - A Faith Walk

The Affordable Care Act passed on March 23, 2010. The goal was to improve healthcare for all Americans. To date, you may have noticed only minor changes depending on what your health care needs have been, but change is coming to everyone unless the law is rescinded in the future by Congress. Overall the initial focus was to improve access to care for those without insurance and expand services for children and all low income adults. Movement has been made towards eliminating fraud and waste in Medicare and Medicaid and prevention services are ultimately being covered by all insurance programs. Tax credits were given to help small businesses provide health insurance to employees. Seniors were given rebates if they fell into the doughnut hole for one year and more. Where is it all going? We are as unsure as our government, but we have faith that God will be in the midst, and will provide, until we see can see more clearly.

MEG COUPLE'S MINUTE 'CAREGIVING'

When we exchange wedding vows, we are usually the picture of health. The husband-to-be looks into the face of his bride and sees the radiant glow of vigor and energy. But we are mortal and fragile, and even the young become ill.

Sickness also brings out selfishness even in people who are spiritually deep. The situation is even more complex if the illness is cancer, diabetes, heart problems, massive stroke, mental illness, depression, etc. Sickness in a mate challenges both partners' faith. While we profess to love God deeply and say we have committed our lives into His care, we often forget we are mortal and fragile, dust that returns to the earth. When illness strikes, our first reaction is often, "Why has this happened?" Like Job we cry in dismay, "God has cast me into the mire, and I have become like dust and ashes. I cry to Thee and Thou dost not answer me; I stand, and Thou dost not heed me" (Job 30:19-20. RSV).

I have come to understand that the vow to be faithful in sickness and in health is there not only to remind us to "hang in there" when the going gets rough, but also to remind us that by God's grace we have health, and equally by His grace we can stay together bearing the burden of illness. It is possible in sickness to grow more deeply in service and humility and to recognize our mutual dependence not only on one another, but also on God. **Illness is an opportunity for ministry far more often than merely an occasion for ministry.**

January 8, 2012

Prelude

Invocation

Opening Hymn
Help Us Accept Each Other

Intercessory Prayer

Prayer Chant

Welcome

Pastor's Brief

Offertory/Ministry of Music

Scripture
Acts 1:12-26
(vs. 15-17)

Proclamation

Invitational

Benediction

Postlude

Friendship
 Missionary Baptist Church

Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr.
 Senior Minister



Worship Services
 7:30a | 9:30a | 11:30a

Junior Worship (K-5)
 7:30a | 11:30a
 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday

Youth Worship (6-12)
 9:30a | 11:30a
 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday

The Connection at 3301
 2nd Sunday - 4:30p

Sunday School
 9:30a
 (Beginners) 3 Years - Adult



2nd & 4th Tuesday, 10:30a
 Wednesday Mornings - 11:30a

Adult & Youth
 Wednesday Evenings, 7:00p

Thursday Evenings - 7:00p
 Women - 1st & 3rd Saturday,
 3:00p



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**"From Koinonia (Fellowship)
 to Ecclesia (Church)"**

Opening Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other

Text: Lomans 15:7; Fred Kaan, b.1929, © 1975, Hope Publishing Co.
Tune AURELIA, 7 6 7 6; Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1810-1876
(Sung to the tune of The Church is One Foundation)

Help us accept each other As Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, Each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us And bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted And meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons, As in our daily life
We struggle to be human And search for hope and faith
Teach us to care for people, For all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them Or as they may become.

Let Your acceptance change us, So that we may be moved
In living situations To do the truth in love;
To practice Your acceptance Until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness And laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters With all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, For righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, New hands for holding on:
Renew us with Your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

Membership C.L.A.S.S. Blitz! - Super Saturday 2012

Sat., Feb. 25, 9:00a-5:30p

All membership classes (adult 101-501) and children (101) will be offered. Mandatory registration in process and ends on Sun., Feb. 12. Please register online at www.friendshipcharlotte.org or contact Sheila Ledbetter at sledbetter@friendshipcharlotte.org or 704-391-3851. Check in and continental breakfast starts at 7:30a. Day Care provided.

The 9:30 and 11:30 services are interpreted for the hearing impaired by the FMBC Deaf Ministry.

Ministries in Action

YOGA

Returning **Tues., Jan. 10**, 6:00p-7:00p
Fitness Room. \$10 per session. Contact 704-391-3856

PSA Support Group Sponsors - A Dialogue Among Men

Tues., Jan. 10, 6:30p - 3301 Campus
Open to the public. Learn how to break through barriers to self care and help others understand the male perspective better.

Health and Wellness Planning Meeting for 2012

Sat., **Jan 14**, 9:00a-1:00p. 3400 Building. Lunch provided
Contact 704-391-3856

Seniors in the Spotlight Monthly Educational Seminar

Tues., Jan. 17, 10:30a, Conference Center
Topic: Medicare Updates. Lunch provided
Registration mandatory by calling 704-391-3860 before Jan. 12.



Prayer Breakfast

Sat., **Jan. 21**, 7:00a,
Sanctuary and Conference Rooms C & D

Annual Leadership Training Workshop

Sat., **Jan. 21**, 9:00a-1:00p
Conference Rooms C & D
All ministry leaders required to attend!



Alzheimer's Listening Session

Thurs., Jan. 26, Room 133. Contact 704-391-3866

Youth Opportunity University will hold it's Saturday registration on Sat., **Mar. 10** from 9:00a-12:00p in the Conference Center. Our uniform vendor, TPI, Inc. will be on hand to accept orders for required uniforms. Please contact Carolyn Lloyd or Cynthia Butler for more information.

FMBC proudly announces its inaugural 8th Grade Academy this summer. Students currently in 8th grade or promoted to 8th are eligible. Applications are available at the welcome desk. Seating is Limited! Contact Chancellor Carolyn Lloyd for details at 704-391-6676.

Prayer Line - 704-391-3880

From the Pastor...

Word of the Month: WITNESS

Monthly Emphasis: Mission Awareness and Affirmation;
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Health Emphasis: Healthcare Reform - A Faith Walk

Scriptures for the Month: Acts of the Apostle

Thought for the Week: The danger of speaking and acting when disappointed and hurt.

"Additional Readings for the Week"

Mon.	Acts 1:12-26	Reacting when disappointed and hurt can be personally destructive.
Tues.	Matthew 26:47-56	Judas wasn't the only one.
Wed.	Matthew 27:1-10	The tragedy of remorse, regrets and rejection.
Thurs.	Isaiah 53:1-12	God is working in our favor, even when we don't appreciate and understand our circumstances.
Fri.	Psalms 69:29-36	Be faithful and trust God's promise.
Sat.	Mark 3:13-19	In the crowd, but a different agenda.

Point to Ponder: Judas was exposed to God's acts in the life of Jesus; the miracles, healings, walking on water, raising Lazarus from the dead and all the teachings. How could he not comprehend the mission?

Prayer: Lord, the tragic life and death of Judas has always been troubling for me. So close to You, yet so far away from You! So intimate, yet so estranged! So knowledgeable, yet failing to comprehend! Lord, I need Your constant spiritual presence so I don't duplicate the Judas action with my attitude towards others. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

book of
the month

The Migration of the Holy, God, State and the Political Meaning of the Church
by William T. Cavanaugh