



The Friendship Mirror

The Pastor's Pen: The Shape of the 'Ship



Timothy Tee Boddie,
Pastor

Autumnal greetings, Friendship family! Our Friendship Baptist Church has been busy this year! A busy church is a living church, but lest we forget, all the busy-ness must ultimately give God glory and edify the body of Christ. Our Capital Campaign, sesquicentennial celebration plans, Women's month, church-wide retreat, just to name of few of the ongoing activities, all are well under way, and we thank God for the "extras," such as our parking ministry, especially this year! The global economic downturn has had and continues to have a tremendous effect on all of us, but we

must not "be weary in well doing, for we will reap, if we faint not." Through it all, God remains faithful to us, so let us continue to be faithful to God, through our time, talent, tithes, and treasure.

In my daily meditation, I read a wonderful inspiring word over two years ago in the monthly meditation, *Our Daily Bread*. As we move ever rapidly to the close of another year and towards the beginning of our 150th year as a church family, I wish to reprint it here to share with you:

When the work of earning a living, raising a family, maintaining health and fitness, and managing relationships starts to overwhelm us, it's good to think about how small our part in the universe really is. While we obsess over our work, God quietly does His. He keeps the earth rotating, the planets revolving, and the seasons changing. Without any help from us, He

makes the sun rise every morning and set every evening. Every night He changes the pattern of lights in the sky. He turns out the light so we can sleep, and turns it on again so we can see to work and play. Without lifting a finger, we get to enjoy sunrises and sunsets. Every year the seasons change on schedule. We don't need to pray about it or tell God that it's time to send spring. All that He does reminds us He is good ([Acts 14:17](#)).

Life will at times be difficult, often it is painful, and for now it is imperfect. But still, it is good, for in all these things nothing can separate us from God's lavish expressions of love ([Rom. 8:39](#)). God's grace is immeasurable; His mercy inexhaustible; His peace inexpressible. (ODB September 9, 2009)

Remember, God loves you and I do, too!

Friendship Baptist Church-Wide Retreat: A Date With God

TGIF! That's an acronym for "Thank God It's Friday," and it's usually associated with shutting down from a hard week at work followed by some much needed fun with our friends at a party, at dinner,



a movie or at a bar. For many couples, Friday is date night with our favorite girl or guy. All of these occasions are great, and we should enjoy the pleasure of our friends'

company, but oh, what a friend we have in Jesus! Rather than the ho hum times after work, the best TGIF fanfare can be spent with God on Friday night. So, on Friday, September 23, 2011, the Friendship Sunday School executed with panache the mind-blowing theme for our Church-Wide Retreat – A Date With God - Friendship Family: Equipping Our Minds, Bodies, and Souls for Faithful Service (Ephesians 4:10-16 – Focus Verse: (16) *From him the whole body joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*

All of us "first-time daters with God" gathered in the Chapel around 5:00 p.m., anxiously waiting

for our Date to arrive - the big moment. Before God arrived, Youth Superintendent Carolyn Hawthorne along with Russell Smith and Donna Daley, opened with the welcome to Date Night followed by devotion. Donna took us down memory lane to a time when we had our first dates and the feelings associated with that unique time. Comments ranged from rapid heartbeat, happiness, excitement to uncertainty, fear and sickness. Can't you just imagine how all of these same emotions would be in play when our Date arrived?

Shortly afterwards, we entered the Fellowship Hall and had a tasty dinner, light enough so we wouldn't feel sleepy when our Date arrived. After all, to have a date with anyone, but especially with God meant that we had to be on our Ps and Qs (pay attention), because it's hard to pay attention when we are stuffed to the gills. Following dinner, The Rev. Elizabeth Mitchell Clement of First Congregational Church took us through an intense exercise to prepare us how to act with our Date, God the Almighty Creator. This same training applies, for the most part, to our Christian brothers and sister as well. Foremost, we had to commit to four principles:

Determine to be fully present.
Allow yourself to be open to the holy.

Tarry together in the communion of the Saints and stories of God's hope and help.

Embrace the habit of reflection and withdrawal, and enact (eventually) what is revealed in communal discernment.

With this initial preparation, the participants were divided into three focus groups: The Mind (Improving My Mental Health in the Journey Toward Better Serving God), led by Dr. Sigrid Y. Elston; The Body (God, You and Your Health), led by Dr. Kevin J. Holloway; and The Soul, led by Rev. Juliana Turner.

During the wrap-up session, Rev. Clement suggested four lessons to take with us:

1. Be present
2. Listen without interruption
3. Delight in the moment
4. Follow-thru on God's call for one's life.

Our date with God was a wonderful experience because we learned something that we already knew—we didn't have to wait until Friday to be with God. We had every reason to be deliriously excited that God is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent. He will share bountifully with each of us. His love and providential care for each of us never runs out.

Lastly, Pastor Boddie made some closing remarks of thanks and appreciation followed by the benediction. For more information, obtain a copy of the program or ask our church secretary, Helena Harper, to e-mail you one. It's worth having!

Ruby Thomas, Reporter



Someone's In the Kitchen With....Deirdra!

"It's Fall and time for football games and tailgating. You'll be a Winner serving this tasty dish. A true 'Texas' chili made, of course, without BEANS, it was prepared in a dozen local chili cookoff contests, earning three 2nd Place and FIVE 1st Place prizes. Feel free to add beans, if you like (we won't tell!)"

Submitted by Deirdra Yarbrough

PRIZE-WINNING TEXAS CHILI (NO BEANS)

INGREDIENTS

4 lbs. trimmed chuck steak or roast, cut into ¼ inch cubes	1 large can whole tomatoes with juice
4 cups roughly chopped yellow onions	2 15 oz or 3 10.5 oz cans beef broth
1 to 1 ½ tablespoons minced garlic (from a jar is fine)	2 tablespoons freeze-dried coffee OR
½ cup plain all-purpose flour	1 square (1 ounce) unsweetened chocolate
2 tablespoons ground cumin	Salt, to taste
4 tablespoons good quality chili powder	Plain vegetable oil (for frying meat)
1 tablespoon dried leaf oregano, crushed	Water
1 or 2 teaspoons cayenne pepper	PAM spray and solid vegetable shortening (Crisco)
1 small (6 oz) can tomato paste	

METHOD

Spray a heavy skillet with PAM ; add 2 tbs. oil and heat. Place 1 layer (about a third) of the meat cubes in, and sauté until browned. Lightly coat the bottom of a large stockpot (at least 3 gal.) with Crisco – spray the entire inside of the pot with PAM. Remove meat from skillet with slotted spoon, placing meat juices in another bowl. Continue method until all of the meat is cooked. Cook the onions with the garlic in the same manner, in batches, adding more oil if necessary. Put the cooked onion-garlic mix in with the meat. Stir to combine.

In another bowl, mix together the flour, cumin, chili powder, crushed oregano and cayenne pepper. Pour over meat-onion mixture, stirring well to thoroughly coat the meat cubes. Add the tomato paste and the beef broth – stir well. Quarter the whole tomatoes, discarding the hard stem ends, and add to pot.

Pour meat juices and juices from the whole tomatoes into a large measuring cup. Add enough water to make 4 cups total liquid and stir together. Add to the other ingredients in the pot and stir well.

Place pot over high heat and cook, stirring, until boiling. Lower the heat to simmer, cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until chili is thick, about 2 ½ hours. Salt chili to taste and serve plain or garnished with sour cream, sliced jalapeno peppers or cheese, as desired. This Chili freezes and reheats well.

Friendship's Capital Campaign is About Doing Good

(Campaign Passes the \$700,000 Mark)

The four Capital Campaign Cochairs, Marla Coleman Holloway, Mark Randolph, Roosevelt Thomas and yours truly, Isaiah Tidwell, are most grateful for the excellent support we have received from Council members, our ministers, officers and members of Friendship. Since the campaign was launched in April of this year, more than \$710,000 has been raised in the form of pledges and cash gifts. We especially want to thank the 108 households who have officially pledged 70% of the \$1,000,000 campaign goal. We also thank the 31 households who have already contributed over \$10,000 in cash to the campaign, while still being prayerful about their pledge. These are wonderful examples of the faith, generosity and dedication of these 139 homes and families.

We are tremendously optimistic and encouraged, because less than one third of Friendship's households have made a pledge or made a campaign contribution so far. That said, there is little reason to believe we won't make our goal, unless, Friendship's members love their church less than we proclaim we do. Our assessment is that our members do in fact love

Friendship passionately, and in the end they will show it.

If you happen to be a member who has not yet made your pledge in support of the future of Friendship, we sincerely **NEED YOUR HELP!!!** We plead with you to take a few minutes out of your busy schedule, and do just three things:

Reflect on the blessings you have personally received.

Pray that God will give you the faith and courage to trust Him, so that you might give in accordance with how He has blessed you.

Then go ahead and act without further hesitation, by making a generous pledge to the campaign.

Please keep in mind and know that the purpose of the campaign is both deep and wide. It is about improving Friendship, im-

proving the relationships we share with each other as members, and about improving our relationship as members with the broader community. **The purpose is quite frankly about doing good.** Yes, the money raised will help us im-

prove the physical structure and facilities of Friendship, but our vision was and is much, much

more. We want the campaign to also improve the spirit of Friendship and her members. The campaign represents a major milestone in the 150- year history of Friendship, but that is our past. Moreover, it is a cornerstone upon which our future will be defined. It is a chance to start building our own legacy, one for which we will have full accountability.

Through the campaign process, we are learning more about each other as members. We are getting to know each other better. As Campaign Council members, we have visited homes, made phone calls and broken bread with members. We are uniting and working cooperatively with each other to achieve a common goal. The campaign has caused us to raise the expectations we have for ourselves, and for each other. In many ways some of us have decided to do more, and do better. We are making Friendship a priority, not for Friendship, but for a more lofty cause. **It is for the glorification of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

When we ultimately announce our victory, we want each and every member to be able to say, **"I helped make it possible."** So when the **organ** sounds, when the **bell** tolls, when the **lights** illuminate and the **microphones** work consistently, we should all rejoice and say in a resounding voice of praise, **"How Great Thou Art!!!"**

Isaiah Tidwell, Reporter

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Friendship Baptist Church Sesquicentennial Celebration

The Groundbreaking of the Renovation of The Grave Site of Founding Pastor Father Frank Quarles and Wife, Mrs. Selena Quarles

Where's lush, green grass on which children tussle and wallow, winding, cobbled paths for parents to push their babies in strollers or carry them on back, huge, leafy oak trees of various shapes under which seniors can rest, splendid architectural designs of cherubims and seraphims for artists to admire and paint, over 70,000 of Atlanta's most noted, "residents" permanently dwell, and is just 1.8 miles from Friendship's front door? If you guessed the Historic Oakland Cemetery, you are correct.

This past autumn,



Sunday afternoon at the Historic Oakland Cemetery, about fifty persons witnessed the Groundbreaking Ceremony of Friendship Baptist Church's Sesquicentennial - 150 years of continual service to God and His people through Jesus Christ our Savior and the Holy Spirit - commencing with

the revitalization of the gravesite of our Founding Pastor, Father Frank Quarles, and his beloved wife, Mrs. Selena Quarles. In addition, as Father Quarles' grave is unmarked, a prominent headstone, worthy of the church's first Pastor and an outstanding humanitarian who positively changed the future of so many young

black men and women and the community, will be among the first completed acts.

The occasion was spearheaded by Pastor Timothy T. Boddie, the Sesquicentennial Committee led by Chair, Deaconess Ann Dennard

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Church School Promotion Sunday



Theme: Friendship Youth: Equipping Themselves for Faithful Service (Ephesians 4:10-16)

Our Promotion Sunday was held on Sunday, September 25, 2011. Keyanna Russell did a marvelous job presiding. We had two beautiful musical selections played by Ryan Jackson on the piano. I had no idea that Ryan could play the piano the way she did; she truly amazed me. Julia Blackwell's speech was about how we

should respect each other's differences and always do our best. Each of the graduates was presented with a Certificate of Achievement and finally we had the closing remarks & benediction by Pastor Boddie.

Special thanks to Ms. Vicky Jackson, Superintendent, Youth Department &

Carolyn Hawthorne, Superintendent, Children's Department, and Mrs. Barbara Burroughs and Deacon Mabel Bryant, program cochairs.

Robert E. Bozeman II
Junior Reporter

Deacon Board Annual Interactive Fellowship Dinner

The Annual Interactive Fellowship Dinner of the Deacon Board was held on Tuesday, August 30, at 6 PM in Pastors Memorial Fellowship Hall. The theme for the dinner was "Friendship Deacons- Transforming Our Faith into Service to the Lord." The purpose of the dinner is to revive, refresh and refocus after the summer and to resubmit ourselves to the service of the Lord and the church. This year we reflected on three key words from the theme: transforming, faith and service. Deacons Janine Anthony, Dee Holland and Doug Pace conducted activities and discussions to allow deeper meditation and reflection. One of the activities involved creating an acrostic for the word "faith." An

acrostic is a short poem, verse or rhyme in which the first letter of each line makes the word or title of the writing. There are other variations of this pattern; some acrostics contain only one word in each line. It is therefore a type of word puzzle explaining the word. Listed below are the acrostics created

Follow the teachings of Christ

A knowledge Christ as the one true God

It will strengthen your resolve

Trust in the Lord

He will carry you through

Created by: Deacons: Pace, Bozeman, Green, Webb, Bacote, Carr, Denard

Fear is not in the Christian's life

Armed is he against all strife

Instilled are we with hope

Trusting always must we be

Heaven's the goal we'll one day see

Created by: Deacons: Clowney, Hawthorne, Jones, Shannon, Broadnax, Francis, Reese, Jackson

Dee Holland, Reporter

Friendship Scholarship Committee



The Scholarship Committee extends heartfelt congratulations and well wishes to all Friendship members who are matriculating in college for Academic Year 2011-2012. Joining the now more than 25 Friendship collegians this fall are seven of our 2011 high school graduates: Devin Kathleen Holland at Davidson College (NC), Carrie Ruth Moore at the University of Southern California, Gerald Pace at the College of William and Mary,

Brian Randolph at the University of Tennessee, Danielle Alexis Daley at Georgetown University, Emarée Chanté Cobb at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and Freddie Lee Ashley at Atlanta Area Technical School. We are very proud of these scholars for their past scholastic accomplishments and wish them continuing success as they begin working toward their college degree. In behalf of the Friendship congregation, the Scholarship Committee has awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship to each of these students for this academic year. Continuing students will also be remembered with a financial gift of \$100.00. This year's continuing student awards honor the memory of our late, esteemed Friendship member, Brother Joseph A. Tarver, and were made possible by contributions from his family, friends and church members

to the scholarship fund. Thoughtful expressions of appreciation for the financial support and continuing prayers of their church family will appear in Sunday bulletins as they are received.

The Friendship Scholarship Committee was established in November of 1992 to acknowledge and support the achievements of high school graduates who are members of Friendship. To be eligible for the scholarship, the recipients must be an active member of the Sunday School or some other youth ministry of the church and must be enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited college, university, or technical school.

Alexa B. Henderson, Reporter

Women's Month 2011—An Array of Exciting Activities

Theme - "Women of Friendship: Transformed by Faith, Love, and Service to God"
-Romans 12: 1-10

Under the enthusiastic leadership of Deaconesses Hellena Huntley Tidwell, Chair, and Donna J. Daley, Vice-Chair, the 74th observance of Women's Month promises to be an exciting time. Kicking off the many events was the annual **Prayer Breakfast** on **Saturday, October 1**, at 8:30 a.m. **Dr. Karen Johnson**, Musician, Scholar, and Interim Director of Worship at the Sierra Madre Congregational Church in Sierra, CA, was Guest Speaker. The morning began with a Prayer & Praise worship followed by a delicious breakfast. Co-chairs of the Prayer Breakfast are Deaconesses Barbara Burroughs and Kim Carr.

Women's Month Activities:

Sister to Sister

Fellowship for Women – Saturday, October 8th * 10 AM – 2:00 PM
Residential Hostess: Deaconess Linda Pace

Young Women's Sunday

October 9th * 10:00 AM Service
Guest Speaker, Dr. Lisa Rhodes, Chaplain,
Sisters Chapel, Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia

Youth Leadership Academy

Saturday, October 15th * 9:45 AM – 2:30 PM
Guest Speaker: Khali Jones, Gates Millennium Scholar
Tuskegee, Alabama

Day of Community Service

Saturday, October 22nd * 8:00 AM – Noon
Jerusalem House

Crowns of Glory

Saturday, October 29th * Noon – Featuring Ladies' Hats
Lunch & Entertainment – Fundraiser – Donation \$50.00
Pastors Memorial Fellowship Hall

74th Women's Day Observance

Sunday, October 30th – 10:00 AM
Ms. Roslyn Brock, Speaker
Chair, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
Special Women's Day Choir and Reception following church service

Meet the Van Broekhovens



Although recent additions to the Friendship family, Harold and Deborah Van Broekhoven were already known to those members who have been involved in the greater Baptist Church community.

Serving as Director of the American Baptist Historical Society since 1998, Mrs. Van Broekhoven's job brought the couple to Atlanta in 2008 when the Society, which had previously been housed in Valley Forge, PA, and Rochester, NY, received a generous offer of space for its collections from the Mercer University campus in Atlanta. Responding to an invitation from Dr. David and Mrs. Averett Shannon, the Van Broekhovens attended Friendship and discovered that there were other members whom they knew from American Baptist Church connections, and still other members whom Deborah knew from their work together on the George Liele book project of Dr. Shannon.

The couple has been deeply rooted in the church since birth. Deborah was born in Toccoa, GA, where her father was in school, but grew up in Vermont, where her father was a Baptist minister. Harold spent the first ten years of his life in Guatemala, where his parents were missionaries. After attending Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, he served in a number of interim pastorates in Rhode Island and Ohio. His main

gift is teaching, which he does full-time in the Religion Department at Denison University, and on occasions at the lay training institute run by American Baptists in Ohio.

The couple met at Berean Baptist Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, during Deborah's first two years of college teaching and where Harold was finishing up a master's degree in theology. They have been married since 1978 and will soon be celebrating their 33rd anniversary.

Both Van Broekhovens have busy schedules – Deborah's job with the Historical Society has taken her to various Baptist meetings across the country, as well as in Europe and Mexico; Harold commutes to his teaching job at Denison in Ohio, which has limited his time in Atlanta. Harold is writing a book about how the teachings on wisdom in Colossians can help Christians live in a pluralistic, multicultural world. Deborah has written on anti-slavery activists, women's history and is a proud member of the Morehouse College's MLK Chapel Collegium of Scholars.

Despite her schedule, Deborah currently serves with the Friends of Father Quarles, using the opportunity to learn more about Friendship's history and sharing her skills as an historian to help those preparing for the sesquicentennial of our congregation.

When asked about what attracted them to Friendship, they replied, "Both of us love the worship, warm fellowship, fine music, and variety of ministries that make up Friendship, and we look forward to many more years of increasing involvement and enjoyment as part of the Friendship family.

Linda Pace, Reporter

Church Statistics

Congratulations to the Newlyweds!

Jabulani Gerron Tarver
&
Cynae Richette Carter
September 10, 2011

We Mourn the Loss of:

Mrs. Bernice Alexander Connally
(7/16/11)
Mrs. Willie Juliet Dobbs Blackburn
(7/28/11)
Mr. Joseph A. Tarver
(8/4/11)

We Welcome Our New Members:

Dr. James Abbington
Mr. Herman K. Atkins
Mr. Alec Bethune
Miss Kimora Carr
Mrs. Angela Clark
Mr. Jarod Darden
Master Hollis Fluker
Mr. Winford Ford
Ms. Jazmin Frear
Mr. Joe Ingram
Mrs. Katherine G. Keith
Ms. LiTanya Keith-Robinson
Ms. Willma Khalil
Miss Wesley Matthews
Mrs. Ariel McHoney
Mr. Hasani McHoney
Mrs. Marie Moeklen
Mr. Howard Morrow
Mrs. Shaunna Morrow
Ms. Janice Price
Miss Brejhana Proder
Mrs. Lillie V. Randle
Mr. Grover C. Randle, Jr.
Miss Taylor Ridley
Mr. Collien B. Robinson
Mrs. Karen H. Robinson-Ingram
Mr. Chazmin Smith
Mr. Jay Stockton



Which goes in the bowl?!



Young chefs!



There can never be too much cinnamon!!



Adding bananas!



I'M adding the cinnamon....
if I can get it open...

PANCAKE DAY IN THE NURSERY

When you walk down the hall and smell sweet cinnamon-y goodness, you know it's Pancake Day in the nursery! We explored all of our senses as we made the yummy treat. Soft bananas, sweet cinnamon, goey maple butter and warm pancakes are always a hit!

Drop off your little one ages 5 and under during worship service. You never know what kind of fun we'll have in store!



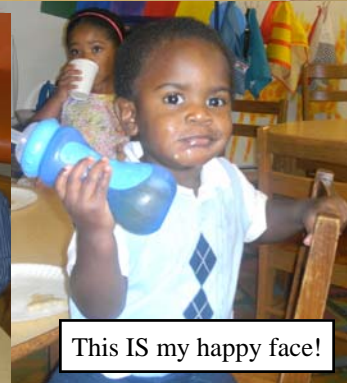
Making maple butter!



Time to flip!



More please!!



This IS my happy face!

Nursery Sound Bytes

She said WHAT?!

As we were sitting in a circle for group play, I asked the children what song they'd like to sing. I got the standard answers: Old McDonald, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, etc. Then one little girl with a sweet smile and dimpled cheek raised her hand and requested "All the Single Ladies." (For those of you who don't know—this is one of Beyonce's hit songs!)

Clean up on Aisle 1!

As we were praising a young boy for his newly acquired bathroom skills, he excitedly told us, "Yeah, and I almost never get any on the floor!"

Sesquicentennial Celebration *(continued from p. 5)*

Pope and the late Mr. Joseph A. Tarver, honorary cochair of the Sesquicentennial Committee, a host of Friendship's members and friends, and family members of the Quarles family. Those in attendance had a rare opportunity to learn more about the tenacious Father Quarles who, though born a slave, rose to great prominence and was respected by many including the white power structure during a period in American history that defied great odds of such high recognition.

Individuals who shed some heady details about Father Quarles included member, Mrs. Deborah Van Broekhoven, our City Council member, Mr. C.T. Martin, Dr. Lawrence Carter, Dean of the MLK Chapel at Morehouse College and Dr. Lisa Rhodes, Chaplain, Sisters Chapel – Spelman College. The program concluded with a few remarks and prayer by Pastor Boddie and our departing song, "Sweet, Sweet Spirit."

Ruby Thomas, Reporter



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8:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study

11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.



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At the end of the year, long-time Mirror reporter, Linda Pace will be relocating to Austin, TX. Thank you, Linda, for your years of dedicated service. We love you and will miss you.

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