

Welcome to Worship!

Today at Friendly Avenue

Guest Reception

**Immediately following 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
In the Ministry Center—Room MC-104(Conference Room)**
*Join together to meet one another and staff members
for a brief time of fellowship.*

2015 Bells and Brass Concert

6:00 p.m.

The New South Brass Quintet
with Friendly Avenue's Jubilation & Hosanna Ringers

Sundays, December 20th and 27th

Combined UNITY Worship

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Worship at 10:45 a.m. in the Worship Center

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m.

Christmas at the Library - Billy Graham Library - Charlotte

Tuesday, December 15, leaving around 3 p.m.

We will eat supper (each person pays for own), then visit the Library (activities from 5 to 9 p.m.). Christmas activities you can participate in (if desired) are seeing a **Live Nativity** and going on **Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides** (Adults: \$7). You may hear **Christmas Carolers**, also.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

December 15th ~ 2:00 pm—7:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

FACP Ministry News

INVEST IN GOD'S WORK AS 2015 ENDS!

As the year ends, we hope you will decide to invest in God's work at Friendly Avenue Baptist Church. There are several opportunities to impact lives by your giving as follows:

- 1. Our Budget** – Our budget for the 2015-2016 year to date is \$817,488.00, and the amount we have received to date is \$789,519.02. You can see that FABC is in need of additional contributions to meet its budget. Funding of our budget enables us to carry out the Karen ministry, maintain facilities, and provide ministers and support staff who lead and equip us in providing life-changing ministries and programs of discipleship and worship.
- 2. A Time to Build Campaign** – This campaign enabled us to build Our Ministry Center. You have generously paid \$3 million since 2009, leaving a balance of \$1,921,935. Let's all continue with our previous level of giving in order to pay this balance off within three years. If you have not yet completed your pledge, please do so. If you are a new member and have yet to become a part of this program, we will appreciate your help.
- 3. Lottie Moon Offering** – During December of each year, we receive a special offering for the Lottie Moon International Missions Offering. Through this offering, we help to fund missions and ministries of approximately 5,000 missionaries stationed around the world. Our goal for this year is \$42,000.
- 4. Jim Alley Seminary Fund** – This fund contributes to two seminary students. Your contribution to assist in their support will be much appreciated.

Evening Prayer Chain — 643-0773
Emergency Prayer Chain — 299-5700
Prayer Room — 574-9166
You may leave a message at any time.

FABC Ministry News

SUPPORT THE LOTTIE MOON INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OFFERING

A recent *Biblical Recorder's* weekly e-newsletter was dedicated to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO) and the week of prayer for international missions, **Nov. 29-Dec.6**. This article stated the following:

The International Mission Board recently announced that it is forced to significantly reduce personnel expenses due to budget shortfalls, which means many missionaries around the world will be returning from the international field. The drawdown is due in part to unmet LMCO goals. It can be different this year. Southern Baptists must show our commitment to obeying the Great Commission of our Lord now more than ever.

As you pray about the amount of your gift, consider an amount based on the average cost of supporting a missionary. Perhaps you can support a missionary for a year, a month, a week or a day:

- \$51,400 a year (average)
- \$4,283 a month
- \$988 a week
- \$141 a day

Among suggestions made by Chuck Lawless are these:

- Give an equivalent amount to that you spend on Christmas gifts
- Give in honor of someone you love.
- Give \$25, \$50, \$100 or more for every year you have been a Christian.
- Give sacrificially in honor of the one who shared Christ with you.
- Train your children to give their allowance to missions.
- Give sacrificially in honor of a veteran missionary who is retiring.
- Fast for one meal per week between now and Christmas, and give the cost for those meals to the offering.

Assistive Listening Devices

Available in the Worship Center/Sanctuary
Please see an usher in the foyer before service.

FABC Weekly Schedule

SUNDAYS

8:15 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
(Childcare provided)
9 - 12 LIBRARY HOURS
CHILDREN'S LIBRARY HOURS
9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:45 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
Worship Center
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
Ministry Center
KAREN CHURCH WORSHIP
Fellowship Hall

MONDAYS

6:30 pm Citizenship Class
7 pm Tutoring

TUESDAYS

10:00 am Singing Seniors - Choir Room
2:00 pm Widows of Greensboro
(4th Tuesday of each month)
6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am GriefShare
5:15 pm Hosanna Ringers
6-6:30 pm Library Hours
6-7:30 pm AWANA
6:15 pm Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
(Childcare provided)
6:15 pm Worship Choir

THURSDAY

6:45 am Men's Bible Study - Conf. Room
2:00 p.m. Stitch N Time (every 4th Thurs.)

SATURDAY

11:00 am Christian 12 Step Mtg. MC 103

Workers In Service this Week

Deacons of the Week
Barry Dillard ~ David Cruise

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RECEPTION FOR JACK AND EVELYN FROST RETIRING MISSIONARIES

Jack and Evelyn Frost, missionaries to Uganda, will be moving into our mission house soon, as they return to the United States. They will be retiring, and we would like to give them a special "Welcome Back" reception. We are planning a reception for Sunday, January 10, at 4 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room – just before our fall kick-off. It would be wonderful if you could bring welcoming cards and gift cards for them. We will have a basket at the reception to receive these. Jack is on a gluten-free diet, so it would be better to give gift cards than groceries. They may need warm clothes, in addition to food, so gift cards to places like Target or Belk's might be a nice idea.

Missionary Residence

Jack and Evelyn Frost will arrive at the residence on December 22nd. They have been missionaries in Uganda, and will be retiring. They have been guests in our residence three times. Since they will arrive before Christmas, it would be good if we could have a tree decorated for them. If you can help with this, please contact Katherine Hutton at 299-7153.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

We learned last Sunday how our gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering sustain the work of missionaries on the field. Our gifts make a difference. We have given \$19,506.70 so far. May we continue to give as God blesses our church for its heart for missions.

CHURCH DATABASE UPDATE



Realm is an updated version of our church database, that we are currently in the process of transitioning to.

It will replace the Access ACS website and the smartphone app, Church Life. Emails were sent out asking all members to join. They came from FABC notifications@onrealmmail.org>. **If you haven't received your email yet please check your spam folder.**

If you have any questions or problems, please contact Chonda Shupe by email : cshupe@friendlyavenue.com

Thanks for your patience during this time of transition.



Grounded in Faith
Growing to Serve

8:15 & 10:45 a.m.—Traditional-Pastor Pat Cronin

10:45 a.m.— Contemporary-Rev. Steve King

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