

# MFBC Friendship Flyer

January 2010



## 2010 Theme: Committed to Serve...

*<sup>15</sup>And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. (Joshua 24:15) KJV*

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## From Pastor Turner's Desk

*...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24:15)*

In 2009 theme "Living the Successful Life" positioned us perfectly to move right into our 2010 theme "Committed to Serve the Lord". I firmly believe that God wants us to prosper in every area of our lives, from health (spiritual, mental, physical) to wealth (family, friends and financial). Along with the responsibility to bring our tithes into God's storehouse, we also have the duty to get involved in the church's ministries that carry out God's plan. God wants us to be a blessing to others so that everyone enjoys some level of prosperity in their lives.

It is easy to see the results of financial blessings since they are mostly external (you can see newly purchased clothes, shoes, etc.). However, there is no greater joy than seeing how your involvement in a person's life affects them. When you spend time with someone, the ripple affect from God using you to bless their life will spread to places you never dreamed possible. Our minis-



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Senior Pastor

tries are focused on building these types of personal relationships, within the church and without. <sup>1</sup>As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. *2 Corinthians 6:1-2 (New King James Version)*

In this month's Friendship Flyer, you will find information about the many ministries at MFBC. If you are not currently working with one of our ministries, I encourage you to find one that interests you and get involved. When you get involved, you will begin to understand that God built the church not only for us to worship together, but also to fellowship one with another. If you are currently participating in our MFBC ministries, I want to personally thank you for your time and dedication. It is by your "Commitment to serve the Lord" that God continues to use MFBC to personally affect change in our church, city, country and the world.

## All Aboard...

On January 31, the Friend "SHIP" will be docked at 680 E. Highway 80, Mesquite Texas. While in dock, the Ship's captain is looking for workers willing to take a voyage like no other.

On this voyage, you will enjoy plenty of food, fun, activities, and fellowship. You will also enjoy subsidized health and educational benefits to keep your body and mind strong and in shape. Make no mistake, this is not just a voyage of leisure; we have working ministries that will require your time and effort. The rewards; however, are guaranteed to exceed any of your expectations.

Peruse through the next few pages to get an idea of the positions that are available or you can just show up on January 31 at 10AM. As we set sail for the farthest areas around the world, our mission is the Great Commission *<sup>48</sup>And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. <sup>19</sup>Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: <sup>20</sup>Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*" (Matthew 28:18-20) KJV !!!Welcome Aboard!!!



## Christian Education



The Education Department at Mesquite Friendship is committed to providing quality Christian education to "present every man complete in Christ" (Colossians 1:28). The Biblical concept of the local Church is to equip the laity to do the work of the ministry (Ephesians 4:12). Believers must be prepared

through the teaching of the Word, given opportunities to exercise their spiritual gifts and put their Bible knowledge into action. This prepares believers for service, which includes the evangelizing and disciplining of others. Within our fellowship, believers have multiple opportunities to grow in the Word of God.

**Royal Ambassador**—Older Christian men mentor young males from the ages of 6-12.

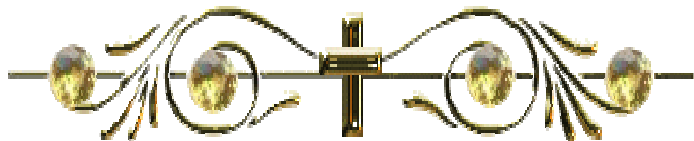
**Sunday School**—Everyone can grow in their walk with God in Sunday School from 10:00AM to 10:45AM every Sunday.

**Weekly Bible Study**—Each Wednesday, everyone is encouraged to grow in God's Word during the weekly Bible Study. Classes are broken down according to age, with the adults studying together and the youth and children divided accordingly.

**Church Institute**—One of the highlights of the Christian Education ministry, the Institute is a Bible school that offers quality, systematic, Christian education at an affordable price. The curriculum is provided by the Evangelical Training Association (ETA is a group of seminaries that provide doctrinally sound, ministry driven courses to equip lay leaders for ministry within the local church). Multiple course topics are offered at various times (weekday mornings and nights, and Saturday mornings). Students receive certificates for each course completed and diplomas for each three ministry tracks completed. All course are taught by Seminary graduates.

If a quality Christian education is what *you* desire, you've found it. For more information, contact the church at 972-329-5030.

## Outreach / Evangelism



We believe in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) which exhorts us to reach our families, community, nation and the world for Jesus Christ. We do this through service-oriented ministries, friendship invitation, intentional evangelism and missions.

### Prison Ministry

The MFBC Prison Ministry is looking for sisters who would like to minister to women at the Dallas County Lew Sterrett Units the first Sunday of each month from 1:00PM – 4:00PM. For additional information, please contact Rev. Andre Macedon or Rev. Leon Moore at 972-329-5030.

## Christian Ethics



**Our Vision**—An American society that affirms and practices Judeo-Christian values rooted in biblical authority.

**Our Mission**—To awaken, inform, energize, equip, and mobilize Christians to be the catalysts for the Biblically-based transformation of

their families, churches, communities, and the nation.

For more information, please contact Minister Ford at 972-329-5030 x0.

## Children

Children are a blessing from the Lord. With blessings, also come responsibilities. As stewards of God's children, parents and teachers are responsible for helping children grow physically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually.

At Mesquite Friendship, our responsibility is to minister to the spiritual needs of our children through a children's ministry program.



### Children's Church-Ages 5-11

(Come join us at 11:00 service on 2nd & 3rd Sundays in the Chapel).

### Children's Choir

### Children Ushers

### Sacred Dance (Girls only)

If we are to have a healthy future, it is essential that we have a viable children's ministry. Come see what we have to offer. Let's never wonder, "What about the children?"

For more information, contact one of our directors at the church. 972-329-5030 x0

## Biblical Truth



Biblical Truth Ministries is the audio, video, radio, and television ministry of Mesquite Friendship and Pastor Terry M. Turner.

It is designed as an evangelistic ministry, to reach the loss that may never come to our church doors. We preach to keep the word true to its biblical context,

with the goal of bringing the truth to a Christian society that's on a fast track in error.

For more information, contact Sis. Angela Benton at 972-329-5030.

## Youth



Bro. & Sis. Allen,  
Youth Directors

The MFBC Youth Department provides the youth of our church and community with Christian enrichment activities in a safe and loving environment. We endeavor to accomplish this mission through regular Bible Study, training for young men and women, outreach ministry, and recreational involvement. It is our desire that each youth take an active part in the planning and

implementation of events and programs. As a result of Christian nurturing and experience, each youth will develop spiritual values to last a lifetime.

## Men of Integrity



Each man who is a member of Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church is a member of the Brotherhood.

We meet the Saturday before the 2nd Sunday of each month. Every 2nd Sunday we sing during both 8:00 am and 11:00 am

services. The MFBC Brotherhood is actively involved in several other activities including Outreach, Mentoring, Golf Tournaments, Cooking for Special Events, and Brotherhood Retreats.

*Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity...*

## Ushers



We count it an honor to serve God as His doorkeepers. As the psalmist wrote to declare his pleasure in serving, "I'd rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord, than dwell in the tents of the wicked".

We currently have three active usher boards - Junior (Ages 5-12); Youth (Ages 13-17) and Senior (Ages 18 and older). Our Junior and Youth serve every 4th Sunday.

The MFBC ushers are striving for perfection through Christ Jesus. This is our day to celebrate the goodness of God toward the usher boards at MFBC. We are **TRULY BLESSED**. We are dedicated to service, and happy to answer the call as Isaiah did, "Here am I, send me".

## Couples in Christ



The Couples in Christ ministry was developed to assist couples of all ages in building godly homes. We are committed to build and strengthen families. We meet to learn God's Word, provide strength to each other and establish a marriage foundation built on God's truth.

Couple's Sunday School Class Every 1st and 3rd Sunday.

## Music

The Music Ministry is designed to bring people together in faith to spread His good news. Guided by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, this ministry reaches out to everyone to become closer to the Spirit of our Lord by allowing the universal language of music to erase our differences.

Under the direction of Bro. Michael Looney, the music ministry is continually growing; rehearsal after rehearsal and Sunday after Sunday.

**Praise the name of the Lord! We invite you to come and join the music ministry.**

## Women of Worth

Women Of Worth (WOW): "Women helping women in all areas of ministry for different needs and phases of life".

*"Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her the fruit of her hands and let her own works praise her in the gates"* (Proverbs 31:30-31 KJV)

All adult female members of MFBC are invited to join the Sisterhood. Come join us on the third Saturday of each month at 11:00 am where we enjoy Bible study and open discussions.

Our Mission:

- Develop a ministry that facilitates one-to-one relationships between "older" and "younger" Christian women, thus fulfilling the biblical mandate in Titus 2:3-5
- Strive to be women of purpose.
- Grow stronger in the Lord.

## Prayer Force

The MFBC Prayer Force Ministry is encouraging you to submit your prayer requests through the following methods:

**Call the church:**

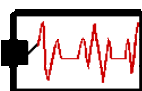
972-329-5030 ext 50.

**Website:** [www.mesquitefriendship.com](http://www.mesquitefriendship.com) (click on the Prayer Requests tab)

**Prayer Box:** Located in the church foyer.

**It Happens After Prayer**

## Health Care



The purpose of this ministry is to assist members with issues relating to health care. In addition to advising members on health related issues, members of this ministry conduct blood pressure screening on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. This ministry also hosts seminars relating to issues such as heart disease, cancer, diabetes, etc.

For more information, contact the church at 972-329-5030 x0.

## Bookstore

The MFBC Bookstore is open and we are excited to see how God is going to bless in 2010. The goal is for ministry items to be ordered and purchased through the bookstore. Examples of items include Ministry Books (e.g. Sunday School, Institute, and Study Books); Ministry T-Shirts and Polos; Ministry Gifts Items; Ministry and Harvest CDs; and MFBC Sermon DVDs.

Ministry leaders will need to complete an order form for any items required.

**NOTE: Most items require a minimum of 15 days notice; shirt orders require 21 days notice.**

Bookstore Hours of Operation

Sundays: 9:30am to 11:00am

Immediately following the 11:00am service

Wednesdays: 6:30pm to 8:30pm (February thru mid-November)

Please see Sis Rolanda Freeney with questions.

## Staff

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## Dates to Remember (Please check our website at [www.mesquitefriendship.com](http://www.mesquitefriendship.com) for dates and times)

### January 2010

13 - Wednesday	<b>MFBC Leader's Orientation Meeting (7PM)</b>
17 - Sunday	<b>Children's Church (8AM and 11AM)</b>
18 - 20 (Mon - Wed)	<b>Winter Revival (7PM)</b>
27 - Wednesday	<b>Begin Wednesday Morning Bible Study (11AM), Hour of Power and AWANA Bible Study (7PM)</b>
31 - Sunday	<b>Annual Ministry Fair (10AM)</b>

### February 2010

12 - Friday	<b>Couples in Christ Celebration (7PM)</b>
14 - Sunday	<b>Children's Church (8AM and 11AM) Health-Blood Pressure Checks (10AM/1PM) Black History Observation Sunday (11AM)</b>
15 - 17 (Mon-Wed)	<b>SBTC Evangelism Conference 2010 (9AM)</b>
21 - Sunday	<b>Children's Church (8AM and 11AM) Black History Observation Sunday (11AM)</b>
28 - Sunday	<b>Sunday School Meeting (10AM) Black History Observation Sunday (11AM)</b>

**Come join us for Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10AM.**

To submit an article for the newsletter, send an email to [publications@mesquitefriendship.com](mailto:publications@mesquitefriendship.com) or call the church at 972-329-5030.

## Striders Track Team



The MFBC Striders is an Evangelistic Ministry that has reached out to thousands of young people between the ages of 5-18. During the past 11 years, several new families have joined MFBC and have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

This year, the Striders had 69 competitors from Mesquite & surrounding cities to compete in the USA Junior Olympics Track and Field Competition. All 69 youth participated in the Southwestern Division trials, 30 advanced to the regional track meet and 11 advanced to the National Junior Olympics in Omaha Nebraska. Two of our MFBC youth received medals at the national competition (Daysha Bullocks - 8th in the 1500 meters run and Jordan Wilson - 6th for the triple jump).

This ministry is open to youth throughout the Dallas metropolitan area.