

# Friendship Herald

FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK

All I can say is "WOW!" October 2017 was a banner month and I am grateful for the spirit of cooperation and participation exemplified during the month long celebration of our 79<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary! On the eve of our anniversary month, we hosted our First Fall Festival for the Community and it was a SUPER SUCCESS! A huge thank you to the sisters of Level I and Sis. J. Robinson for making sure that everything was properly organized. We had many families from the community to join in with us. I even tried my hand at the Rock Climbing Wall. I asked Deacon Charles Land to go up as well, and he beat me to the top! After all, I always learned to respect my elders. Seriously, he beat me fair and square and we enjoyed every minute of it. We had everything, a library of bibles, plan of salvation cards and flyers with the churches information, Christian karaoke, golf, snowball machines, health station, candy making station, bottle top toss, dodgeball, ball in the can, moonwalk, bingo, dominoes, video game truck, and soooo much more!

The Friendship Bible challenge that was held was very informative and challenged all to learn more about the history of the church and the bible. It was a good night for food, fun, and fellowship! This month, we are also able to go into the Bedo Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice System. The ministers from our church went and we blessed the Lord behind the bars. Our 5<sup>th</sup> Pastor brought a mighty word! We are thankful for Warden, Rev. Norris Jackson for allowing us in to just have a little "church!"

The Debutant on the Friday leading up to the Anniversary Sunday was simply beautiful and beyond all expectations! The young ladies worked diligently as they were graciously lead by Sis. Marie Sampson. At this point, these ladies know their worth. We are looking forward to seeing what these young ladies will accomplish in the future. It was stated so eloquently by Sis. Sampson that she was happy to see what they have become in a short period of time, but was sad to lose them. All that means, is that the next set of young ladies should be gearing up and getting ready for your time. One of my favorite scriptures when ministering to women young and seasoned is, **Titus 2:4-5** "That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, <sup>5</sup>To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." That was the spirit of the Debutant! Thank you to all who helped serve on that night along with Trustee Joseph Williams and others who help setup and breakdown for the Debutant, and those who help setup for our Brunch and Banquet for last Sunday.

The Church Anniversary Committee must be commended, because of their dedication and making sure that everything was in place for Sunday morning. Some only had an hour of sleep, but did not allow that from coming to worship and being part of a great Bruch and Banquet. The items that they provided on the menu were second to none and the variety was amazing. We really enjoyed the Stellar Nominated Singing of Titus Showers, the lead singers for the National Gospel Artist "The Showers." They have a hit that is currently #3 on the Billboards. If you did not get your copy, please see Sis Kristina Sampson because the CD will bless you. I was glad that we were able to have Rev. Clinton McFarland as our guest last week. The Lord moves in mysterious ways. It was great, because he blessed us and we were able to bless him. It was also great, because we had to cancel the National Home Mission Conference at the beginning of this month that he was on to preach for us on one of the nights. He has a demanding schedule, and I am glad that we were able to schedule him for such a special day. Rev. Asa Sampson blessed us at the Mid-Day Hour, and everyone how was present for the program did a wonderful job! Our Culinary Ministry is second to none and served with gladness. Thank you to the Walker and Kayode family for donating the meal for our banquet! A family that was hit by the hurricane, but still has a giving spirit. That's noteworthy! To the honorees from the banquet, I encourage you to keep fighting the good fight of faith. You encouraged many, and your work and tenure does not go unnoticed. God bless you!

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We are looking forward to hearing our Directors Messages that will begin next week. Our Church Convention will begin next Sunday at 9:00 A.M. Tuesday will be a special day of "Fasting and Prayer." I am asking all members to fast on Tuesday until 12:00 P.M. and pray for the success of the proposals of the Directors, the success of the vision for the church, and for every member to pay their tithe on the first Sunday in November and to remain a faithful tither. Please come and support our Church Convention. You will have an opportunity to shower the Directors with gifts of love. I will be giving my Annual Message on the first Sunday in November at 9:00 A.M. The Installation of Officers will be on the second Sunday in November. Our special guest will be Rev. K. Maurice Davis of D'Iberville, MS. I am asking all officers to be present. God bless you, keep your chins UP, and remember that we are #FRIENDS4LIFE!

His Servant,  
Pastor Franklin D. Sampson, Jr.



On Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 9:30am the Young at Heart will be going to Dollar Tree, Kelly's Country Cooking, Kemah Board Walk and Rose's Seafood. If you would like to attend please give your name to Sister Marie Sampson or Sister Jona Guy.



Come on Friendship & let's go fishing. Fishing Trip on Saturday October 28 from 8am to 4pm all are invited. Location is Lake Livingston. Meeting location is Forest Lawn Missionary Baptist Church. Please give your name to Rev. Channing James today, Sunday October 22, 2017.

**Friendship's Church Convention schedule as follows:**  
**Sunday Morning 10/29**  
 Youth Ministry  
 Women's Ministry-Levels I-III  
 Visual Aid Ministry  
 Visitor's Courtesy & Follow Up Ministry  
 Ushers Ministry  
 Street Ministry  
**Monday Night 10/30**  
 Trustees  
 Social Programs  
 Security Ministry  
 Scholarship Ministry  
 Pastors Aid Ministry  
 New Member & Baptismal Ministry  
 Music Ministry

**Tuesday 10/31**

Day of Prayer and Fasting (success of ministry proposals, success of the vision for the church, success of all Tithe Sunday)

**Wednesday 11/1**

Lord's Supper Ministry  
 Home Missions Ministry  
 HAT Ministry  
 Foreign Ministry  
 Deacons Ministry  
 Culinary/Fellowship Ministry  
 Benevolence Ministry  
 Audio Ministry

**Sunday Morning 11/5**

Membership report  
 Budget Committee Report  
 Pastors Annual Address

**Notice of Importance**

There will be a mandatory meeting with Pastor on Sunday, November 19, 2017 for ALL Teachers, Youth Counselors, Deacons, Trustees, Ministers, and Security Ministry members immediately following Morning Worship

**Be Transformed Conference**

On Saturday, September 23, 2017, a Mental Health and Well Being Conference were held at Friendship. It was very informative, educational and therapeutic for everyone who attended. There were five sessions dealing with the following topics: 1) Dementia and Alzheimer Disease 2) Healthy Voices a Positive Self Image 3) Grief and Healing 4) Battling the Giant 5) Defeating Depression. The facilitators were professionals in each of these particular areas. Each person that attended these sessions was able to get involved and give their input which was very encouraging and uplifting. Summarizing the entire workshop was our keynote speaker Dr. Charlotte Davis, who was a dynamic speaker. She spoke on "Mental Health: Combatting Faith". We thank the Health awareness team and Visual Aide Ministry.

Sister Edna Solari

