

Friendship Baptist Church
831 Sixth Avenue Columbus, Georgia 31901

April 14, 2024



**“For we are the Church on the corner, where Everybody is
Somebody, and Christ is All”**

Friendship Baptist Church Mission Statement

The Mission of the Friendship Baptist Church is to be Christ-centered, people oriented and empowered by the Holy Spirit to tell the world about JESUS!

“For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

ORDER OF SERVICE

11:00 am Worship

Devotion Deacons

Prayer

Article of Faith

Scripture

Ministry of Music FBC Mass Choir

Introduction of Speaker Deacon Lionel Baker

Tithes & Offering Reverend Rosa Thomas

Altar Call Prayer Reverend Calvin Thomas

Dismissal for Youth Church

Ministry of Music FBC Mass Choir

Sermon Reverend Jesse Reese

Invitation to Discipleship/Invitational Hymn

Benediction Reverend Jesse Reese

ARTICLE OF FAITH

VII. Perseverance of the Saints

We believe the Scriptures teach that such only are real believers as endure to the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 7:1-5 (NIV)

When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. ² There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. ³ The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. ⁴ When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, ⁵ because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Prayer Week** – will be held April 22nd-26th nightly, starting at 6pm to 7pm. Rev. Robert Dickerson will be our guest pastor.
2. **Reminder** – The following meetings will be held on Saturday, April 27th:
 - a. **Church Council** – Sanctuary, 9:30am
 - b. **Church Conference** – Sanctuary, 10:30am
 - c. **Seniors on the Move** – A.W. Fortson, 12noon
3. **Deacons, Deacon Wives & Trustees Anniversary** – Sunday, April 28th
4. **Spring Revival** – will be held April 29th – May 1st nightly starting at 6pm. More information will be provided closer to the date.
5. **Thank you Note** – The Family of Mary Jo Searcy would like to thank you all for the prayers, love, and kindness they received during the passing of their mother.

REVEREND JESSE J. REESE BIO

Jesse J. Reese is a native of Columbus, Georgia and is the second of three children born to the union of late Jesse J. and late Ida Mae Reese, Sr. He was educated in the public school system of Columbus and graduated from William H. Spencer High School in 1968. His formal education would continue at Albany State College (University), 1968 -1972; the University of Georgia, 1972 – 1974; Troy State University, 1987 -1989; and the American Baptist College, Columbus Extension Center, 2005 - 2009.

While at Albany State College, he met and wooed the beautiful Alma A. Hurley, to whom he pledged “undying love”, and who would become his “suitable and comparable helper” in 1974. Their union gave birth to Katina D. and Raphael S. Reese. They have three precious grandchildren – Joshua, Samuel, and D’Erica; and one great grandchild – Jahan.

He united with New Providence Baptist Church in 1962. In 1975, he entered the United States Army, and his service would take him to Europe, several States, and eventually bring them back home in 1984. He left active duty as a Social Work Officer in 1985. While assigned to the Fort Eustis, Virginia in 1977, the Lord Jesus Christ did a special transformative work in his life. After returning home, in 1985 he re-united with New Providence, under the pastorate of Reverend Albert McCorvey, Sr. The Lord provided him opportunities to exercise his gifts and a group of people to love and to serve.

In 1996, he accepted the call into the ministry and was licensed as an associate pastor at New Providence, and was ordained in 1997. He and Sister Reese would eventually unite with Central Baptist Church, Eilerslie, GA, under the pastorates of Reverend Farnsworth Coleman and later under Reverends Silas Harden and Joseph McKelton. At Central, God gave him another group of people to love and to serve.

In 1986, God would bring him back to New Providence to be of service as Reverend McCorvey was ending his 50-year tenure of pastoring God’s people, and as the Church was preparing to receive the pastorate of Reverend Gerald Parker, Jr.

In 2008, the membership of Macedonia Baptist called him to serve as Interim Pastor and following a year of pastoral service would install him into the office of senior pastor. He was faithful to his pledge to love them and point them to the “Word of God and the Lord Jesus Christ.” God had given them another group of people to love and to serve for 10 years.

Following the conclusion of the season of service, he and Sister Reese returned to New Providence where they continued to serve in several capacities under Pastor Thaddeus Spencer, followed by Interim Pastor Chad D. Bryant, and currently under Pastor Martai D. McCullough, Sr.

His employment history consisted of 10 years as an Army Social Work Officer and retired after 33 years in 2018 as a civilian Department of Defense Supervisory Social Worker.

Jesse Reese says, “Lord, not my will but thine be done”; and if I have done any works that receive commendations from others, I have simply tried to do my duty”.