

**Friendship Baptist Church**  
831 Sixth Avenue Columbus, Georgia 31901

**April 21, 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 ..... Vocal Choir  
Tithes & Offering ..... Reverend Calvin Thomas  
Altar Call Prayer ..... Reverend Rosa Thomas  
Introduction of Speaker ..... Deacon Lionel Baker  
Ministry of Music ..... FBC Mass Choir  
Sermon ..... Reverend Roderick Baptiste  
    Invitation to Discipleship/Invitational Hymn  
Benediction ..... Reverend Roderick Baptiste

## 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 7:36-38 (NIV)

<sup>36</sup> When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. <sup>37</sup> A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. <sup>38</sup> As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Prayer Week** – will be held April 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>:
  - 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 28<sup>th</sup>
4. **Spring Revival** – will be held April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup> nightly starting at 6pm. More information will be provided closer to the date.
5. **Finance Office** – Budget Meeting with Ministry Chairpersons: Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30am and Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> during the council meeting.

## **REVEREND RODERICK BAPTISTE BIO**

Roderick Baptiste is a native of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

He is married to Ronita Stephens Baptiste; they have four daughters, Shanita, Sharonda, Stephanie and Lauren, and seven grandchildren.

Rev. Baptiste was called into the Ministry in 1997 and accepted Pastoral Ministry at Oakridge Baptist Church Winnfield, Louisiana. Currently, Associate Minister and Musician at Saint James Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. Ralph W. Huling, interim Pastor Antioch Baptist Church Eufaula, AL; Pastored Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church of Lumpkin, GA; Mt. Olive Baptist Church Seale, AL.

He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Technology with emphasis in Electronics from Grambling State University, Grambling, Louisiana, Bachelor of Theology and Master of Theology Degrees from the United Theological Seminary and Bible College Monroe, Louisiana. He is a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Rev. Baptiste retired from Weyerhaeuser Paper Company and Columbus Water Works with over 37 years of service as a certified Water Laboratory technician and analyst. He's taught Old and New Testament Theology and Biblical studies at United Theological Seminary and Bible College Natchitoches Extension, American Baptist College Columbus Extension and Administrator and Adjunct Professor at Beulah Heights University, Atlanta, GA and former Director of the Columbus Extension Site.

Reverend Baptiste developed a passion for the Saxophone at an early age and is an alumnus of The World Famed Grambling State Marching Band. He is also a professional photographer and owns his own business "Rod's Music & Photography".

His hobbies are Music, Photography, studying God's Word and watching a good movie.