

Friendship Baptist Church
437 Mitchell Street, SW - Atlanta, Georgia 30313
William V. Guy, D.D., Pastor

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Biographical Note

In 1866, shortly after the Civil War, Friendship Baptist Church (Friendship) was independently organized. It is recognized as Atlanta, Georgia's first black Baptist autonomous congregation. Friendship's first services were held in a boxcar, which also served as the first classroom of what became Atlanta University, traveled from Atlanta to Chattanooga, Tennessee. Friendship leaders and school organizers worked out a plan to share the boxcar for church services and educational purposes through an executed contractual agreement.

Friendship's congregation grew quickly so steps were taken to relocate to a larger building on the corner of Haynes and Markham Streets in Atlanta, and later to its present site at Northside Drive. Friendship has assumed a unique role in black education by providing classroom space for Morehouse College when it moved from Augusta to

Atlanta in 1879. Additionally, in 1881, Spelman College had its beginning in the basement of Friendship's present site.

Former Mayor Maynard Jackson, son of former pastor Rev. Dr. Maynard H. Jackson and three term Atlanta mayor, is one of the many leaders in the field of education, business and politics who has had a congregational history with Friendship.

Only six pastors have served during Friendship's existence. The Rev. Dr. William V. Guy served as Friendship's pastor in 2003 for the annual men's day worship service and the 66th annual women's day worship service in the commemorative booklets described in this collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection contains annual worship service programs and souvenir booklets, and a special program commemorating Friendship Baptist Church's mortgage burning and re-dedication service. Materials also consists of two publications: *To Conserve a Legacy: American Art from Historically Black Colleges and Universities*, a brochure; and *The Illtop: A Legacy of Laughter*, a humor magazine published by Howard University's School of Communications, Washington, D.C. This collection contain materials spanning from 2000-2003.

Container List

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| Box 2 FF 1 Spring 2000 | Howard University's <i>The Illtop: A Legacy of Laughter</i> , 23-page journal (3 copies) |
| Box 2 FF 2 June 29, 2003 | Friendship Baptist Church Annual Men's Day Worship Service Souvenir Booklet, <i>Friendship Men: Be Strong and Courageous – God's Work, God's Way, God's Success</i> , William V. Guy, D.D., Pastor |
| Box 2 FF 3 October 26, 2003 | Friendship Baptist Church 66 th Annual Women's Day Worship Service, <i>Friendship Women: Committed to Love, Faith and Service Through Jesus Christ</i> - William V. Guy, D.D., Pastor |
| Box 2 FF 4 November 30, 2003 | Friendship Baptist Church Mortgage Burning and Re-dedication Sunday " <i>Building on a Rock</i> " - William V. Guy, D.D., Pastor: program |
| Box 2 FF 5 n.d. | <i>To Conserve a Legacy: American Art from Historically Black Colleges and Universities</i> , 11-page brochure. |