

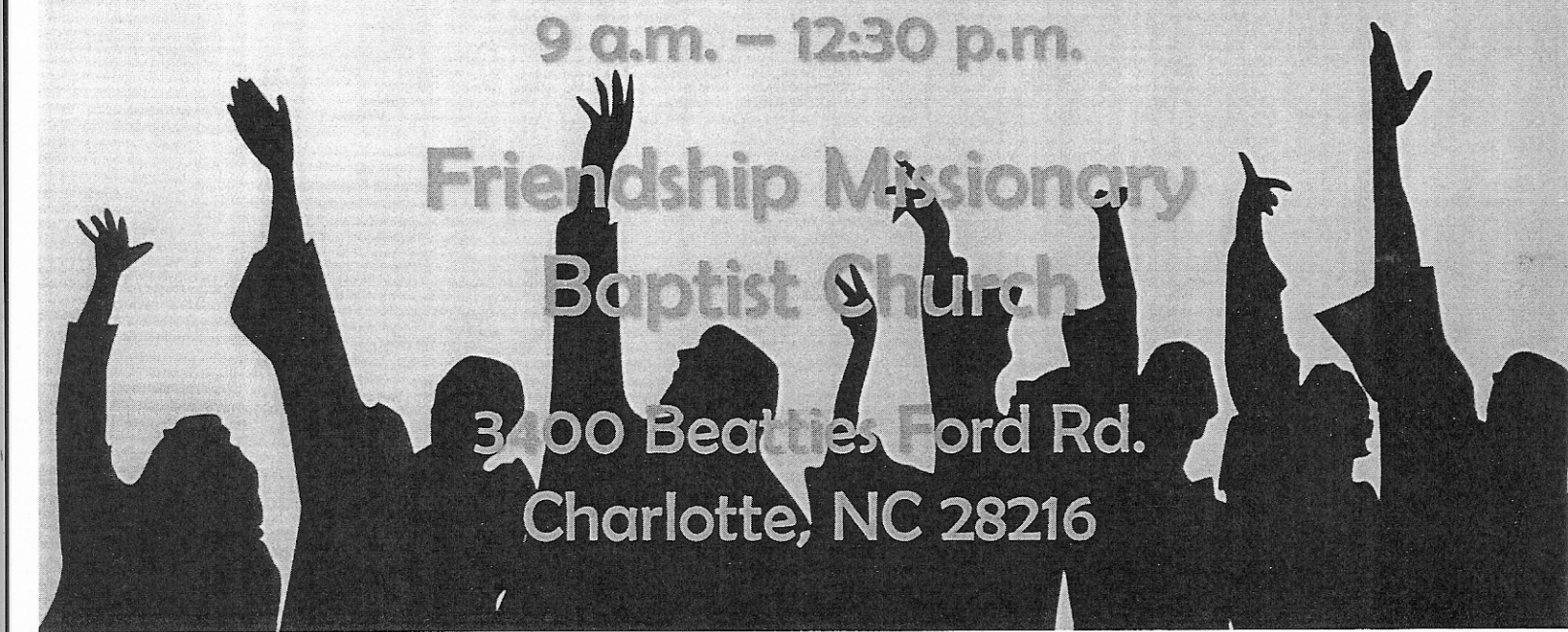
Public Community Forum

My Brother's Keeper

"Plotting the Path through HBCUs for African-American Males"

Saturday, August 1, 2015

9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



Friendship Missionary
Baptist Church

3400 Beatties Ford Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28216

Featured Speaker: Dr. Ivory Toldson,
Deputy Director White House HBCU Initiative

Panelists include:

Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC12), Washington, DC

The Honorable Dan Clodfelter, Mayor of Charlotte

Erlene Lyde, President of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Association of Educators

Cory Carter, Director of Charlotte's Web

Ann Clark, Superintendent, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

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Wayne County Alliance of Black School Educators
GCABSE
Greater Charlotte Alliance of

MBK CLT Executive Summary

In September 2014, President Obama challenged local governments through their mayor's office to join the My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge. The White House launched the My Brother's Keeper initiative to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color and ensure that all young people reach their full potential.

Before signing on to the My Brother's Keeper Challenge, Mayor Dan Clodfelter worked with civic leaders on an assessment of what was already occurring in our community that worked towards the goals of My Brother's Keeper. This approach was very intentional to ensure MBK CLT (My Brother's Keeper Charlotte) could effectively be used as a tool in the tool box that our whole community would access when implementing comprehensive cradle-to-college-and-career strategies for improving the life outcomes of all young people, with particular focus on African American males. This can't be done by a single entity; it truly takes a village. In that way, when Mayor Clodfelter signed on to My Brother's Keeper, it really was the Charlotte community signing to take on this challenge.

The MBK CLT Action Plan is created based on the successes and areas of opportunity expressed by the Charlotte community. The focus is on raising the ability of Charlotte's youngest citizens to achieve great success both as youth and as they enter adulthood. Through an extensive and diverse evaluation of public engagement and outreach, the two My Brother's Keeper goals accepted by the Charlotte community are:

- Ensure all children read at grade level by 3rd grade
- Ensure all youth out of school are employed

The action plan is a baseline for the work the community will do with MBK CLT. While this framework is essential in identifying measurable outcomes of the Charlotte community's work, it is important this document be fluid and adjustable as the work with MBK CLT is one that is forever changing itself. The success of MBK CLT is when full ownership and responsibility is seen for this critical issue in the Charlotte community. This means the work done by MBK CLT partners must actively live within the foundation of their decisions over the long-term.

For more information about MBK CLT and to access the full action plan, please go to
<http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/mayor/Pages/My-Brother's-Keeper.aspx>

MBK CLT (My Brother's Keeper Charlotte)

The White House launched the My Brother's Keeper initiative to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color and ensure that all youth reach their full potential. Through My Brother's Keeper, cities and towns, businesses, and foundations are taking important steps to connect young people to mentoring, support networks, and the skills they need to find success as adults.

MBK CLT is a call to action for the Charlotte community to engage in comprehensive cradle-to-college-and-career strategies for improving the life outcomes of all young people, with particular focus on African American males. MBK CLT works towards addressing the goals of:

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