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MAY 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:30 Softball Wirt Christian Rosemary Cowardin	2 10:30 WMU Executive Board 6:00 Diabetics In Motion	3 8:30 Wed. Sabbath 5:45 Family Night 6:45 Program 7:30 Chancel Choir Will Polaski	4 9:00 Belle Choir 10:00 Bible Study 11:00 AA Roslyn Quirk Granville Williams	5 Fran Allison Dixie Leathers	6 9:30 O A
7 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Worship Council 7:00 Deacons' Meeting Alice Hammel	8 6:30 Buildings & Grounds 7:00 Softball Wendy O'Connor Susie Tribble	9 WMU Circle Meetings 6:00 Diabetics in Motion 7:00 Finance Committee Hannah	10 8:30 Wed. Sabbath 5:45 Family Night 6:45 Program 7:30 Chancel Choir	11 9:00 Belle Choir 10:00 Bible Study 11:00 AA Noah Cady Mark Hodges	12	13 9:30 OA Juana Vazquez
14 Mother's Day 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	15 7:30 Softball Peggy Arutunian	16 6:00 Diabetics in Motion	17 8:30 Wed. Sabbath 5:45 Family Night 6:45 Program 7:30 Chancel Choir	18 9:00 Belle Choir 10:00 Bible Study 11:00 AA 7:00 Executive Council	19	20 9:30 OA
21 Teacher Appreciation 9:00 Sunday School Celebration 10:30 Worship 11:45 Outreach, Christian Ed., Missions Council 5:30 Book Club at FCH	22 7:00 Softball	23 WMU Circle Meetings 6:00 Diabetics in Motion	24 8:30 Wednesday Sabbath 5:45 Family Night 6:30 Business Meeting 7:30 Chancel Choir David Tribble	25 11:00 AA Royce Woolfolk 	26	27 9:30 OA
28 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	29 MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed	30 6:00 Diabetics in Motion Judy Woodard Joanna Suyes	31 No Evening Activities	Please join the Deacons in recognizing May birthdays (in bold print). Contact the church office with any corrections to these birthdays or changes for the calendar.		

JOIN US FOR LUNCH

April 30th following worship
 We have an indoor picnic planned for you and all our visitors. Reservations are not needed. Just come and bring a friend. We are publicizing the child-centered worship at Horton Elementary and are hopeful that some of our friends in the community will join us. **Remember most folks visit a church because of a personal invitation, and most folks join a church because of the hospitality offered which engenders a sense of belonging.**



The Easter Season is the season of new beginnings. Spring is in the air. Birds are hatching; flowers are budding. Our energy level is increasing. Students see the "light at the end of the tunnel" (as do the teachers).

How new are the beginnings? Every year, the same cycle occurs. The birds that were hatched last year are providing the nurture for those born this year. For students there are new teachers, but the same experience of tests, grades and summer. For the teachers, there are different students, but the same tests, grades and summer. Most of us see not only the new but also the cycle of reoccurrence.

Easter faith is not that naturally predictable cycles continue to happen; it is that the very new, the unfathomably new has broken into our ordered universe. On Easter Sunday morning, before Royce was baptized, I spoke to the children about the symbols of Easter: the bunny rabbit, the Easter egg, the lilies and tulips. Each of these has some association with spring and the natural process of rebirth. As analogies go, these are not bad: Jesus used natural processes to point to supernatural realities: leaven in a lump of dough, seeds that seem to die as they fall to the ground, etc. Easter faith is not limited to reoccurring natural processes. Citing them may help us see some of the truth. The truth is much more than can be grasped in our analogies.

Easter faith is new beginnings. The best analogy for Easter is the experience of baptism. In this symbol, that which is old is washed away. And in its place is something (someone) radically different: God's new creation. Those who are baptized are forever "sealed" with the seal of the Spirit. Their life is not the old, however much it may appear to be so. They have entered a new realm, the Realm of God.

The Church of Jesus Christ draws people into this Realm, announces to the world both the passing away of the old realm and the new Realm made possible in Jesus. The words, actions and attitudes of the Church are the means through which the world hears simultaneously its doom and its hope.

Easter people speak those words, do those acts and maintain those attitudes that share with the world the Easter faith. Easter faith is not the possession of the Church; it is God's gift to us in trust that we will be God's changed agents in the world. May your Easter faith radiate from you into the world that "God so loved".

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES
FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS:**

When: Begins Sunday, April 23 (each Sunday for five weeks), 9:00 a.m.

Location: Adults - Fellowship Hall,
Children - Children's Hallway

For: All new members, interested visitors, friends, and members interested in learning about Ginter Park and new ways of engaging in the church community are invited to participate.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

January 1, 2006 - General Fund:	\$ 37,442.31
YTD Revenue: (includes \$10,000 estate gift)	99,099.14
YTD Expenses:	- 111,682.61
April 20, 2006 Balance:	<u>\$ 24,858.84</u>
1/12 of the Budget: \$33,000.00	

CARE & CONCERN

BEREAVEMENT

The family of Willie Cottrell

HOSPITAL

Marie Davenport (Bettie Bowen & Shirley Hall's step-mother) - St. Mary's ICU

Bill Jett - St. Mary's

REMEMBER

George Adams, Elsie Goodman, Bill Guenther, Jackie Jackson (Aleatz Jordan's niece), Lewellyn Martin, Sherry Nambiar, Catherine Rock, Mary Taylor, Michelle Todd, Lelia Watlington, Emmanuel Christian Community

FRIENDS TO REMEMBER

Mrs. Frances Cruickshanks, Mrs. Cora Dillard
Mr. John Fagalde, Mrs. Louise Fingarson

CHILD-CENTERED WORSHIP

April 30th, 10:30 a.m.

Being children of God, it's a bit a typical to talk about child-centered worship, but truth be told, we often in our adult world simply revert to using only a few of our senses in worship. Children- particularly preschoolers and school age folks – use all of their senses, and learn and experience God and God's world better that way. When I think about it, most likely we all do. On Sunday, April 30th, Suzanne Stovall Vinson and members of the Worship and Christian Education councils have, along with our children, designed a service for total involvement. We will use our senses – sight, taste, smell, touch, and sound to experience worship – to participate and become involved in praising God. God is our audience when we truly worship – though we (adults) are more inclined to want to be the audience of our worship leaders. It just isn't so, and children really understand that worship is about our praising and thanking God.

I hope you will join us with an open heart to learn from the youngest folks in our community. They don't take themselves as seriously as we, the adults, tend to do and they are not as reserved in their expressions of joy as we can be. Remember their recent cheer – J-E-S-U-S – what have you got, JESUS!, louder – JESUS!! –louder- JESUS! Come and experience the grace and joy of a loving God as we worship together as family! Come to share your delight at being a child of God and share that delight with tambourines and cymbals!

HELP NEEDED

Adelena Sam-Peal's sister in Liberia, Mena, lost her two children, her home and all her possessions when her house burned a few weeks ago. Another child - that of Mena's fiancé - also died in the fire. Two children that Mena had adopted during the Liberian Conflict, a 14-year-old boy and an 11-year-old girl, are safe because they were not home at the time.

We are grieving with Adelena and her family as they deal with this tragedy. Adelena is hoping to send a bin of clothing to her sister soon. If you can help fill the bin, what is needed are used summer clothes and shoes in good condition in these sizes:

- Women's size 10 tops, size 12 bottoms, size 8 1/2 - 9 shoe
- Men's size 32"x32" pants, size 15" neck shirt
- Boy's size 7 1/2 shoe, clothes for 5'2", thin boy
- Girl's size 6 shoe, clothes in pre-teen or teen sizes 12 and 14.

There is a basket in Room 202 and one under the Missions Council bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall to receive your donations. Please bring items by Wednesday, May 3.