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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Edna Meadows Gordon Leathers Joseph Vinson	2 TIE Articles Due	3 8:30 Church Work Day 9:30 a.m. OA
4 Second Sunday of Lent 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting James L. Cowardin	5 6:30 p.m. Buildings & Grounds	6 10:30 a.m. WMU Ex. Board 6:00 p.m. Diabetics in Motion	7 5:45 p.m. Family Night 6:15 p.m. Children's Chr. 6:45 p.m. Mission/Adult Pgm 7:30 p.m. Chancel Chr Lisa Tribble Barbara Phillips	8 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. AA George Todd, Jr.	9	10 9:30 a.m. OA Dot Simpson Ann Moss Paul Irwin Jr. Mike Phillips
11 Third Sunday of Lent 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. Sermon Dialogue 5:30 p.m. Book club @ FCH Daylight Savings Time Begins	12 6:30p.m. Stewardship Committee Cathy Tignor	13 10:30 a.m. WMU Circle Meetings & Lunch 6:00 p.m. Diabetics in Motion 7:00 p.m. Finance Com.	14 5:45 p.m. Family Night 6:15 p.m. Children's Choir 6:45 p.m. Mission/Adult Pgm 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	15 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. AA 7:00 p.m. Executive Council	16 TIE Articles Due Betsy Craig Nicholas Woolfolk	17 9:30 a.m. OA
Week of Prayer for Global & North American Missions						
18 Fourth Sunday of Lent 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. Worship Council Mildred Adams	19	20 6:00 p.m. Diabetics in Motion	21 5:45 p.m. Family Night 6:15 p.m. Children's Choir 6:45 p.m. Mission/ Adult Pgm 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	22 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. AA	23 Annie Mae Cowardin Addison Schmitt	24 9:30 a.m. OA Jo Ellen Simmons Harris Chandler
25 Fifth Sunday of Lent 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	26 Dorothy Wood	27 6:00 p.m. Diabetics in Motion Ruth Caudill	28 5:45 p.m. Family Night 6:15 p.m. Children's Choir 6:45 p.m. Mission/Adult Pgm 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Mary Parrish	29 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. AA Gary Cowardin	30 Lewellyn Martin	31



The Pastor's COLUMN

Carol Todd once said in a meeting, "Ginter Park Baptist Church is one of the best kept secrets in north Richmond." She meant that we are not very good at telling our own story. I believe that is correct. We are more concerned, as we should be, with doing things that make a difference than in "tooting our own horn." However, there are times when proclaiming the good news means letting others know that there is a people doing church the way we do church and that it is a good thing to be a part of it. Because we are who we are, we try to give a "balanced" opinion of the church forgetting that, according to communication specialists, it takes twenty positive comments to balance one negative. The balance we want is not achieved. Negativism hurts the church; good, constructive criticism is needed but should be addressed to those who can make a difference. We need to tell our story in ways that build up the Body of Christ and draw people to the good news.

FARLEY HOUSE COMMUNITY CORNER

Since we haven't really been able to share with you all what we did last semester in the house, once a month someone from the Farley Community House will submit an article to the newsletter to let you know what is happening in the house and in their own personal lives! Be looking for the articles in the Sunday Updates!

THE ALLIANCE OF BAPTISTS CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

The Alliance of Baptists celebrates 20 years of ministry at its convocation April 13-15, 2007 at Calvary Baptist Church Washington, DC. During the great changes in the world of Baptists, the Alliance has ventured into new partnerships with Baptist people who have sought God's direction in peace and justice, & social responsibility, both locally and globally. In these 20 years the Alliance has addressed the areas of theological education, fair wage and living conditions for the poor, partnerships with international Baptist bodies, and the issues of the disenfranchised including gay and lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered folks. The Alliance has become known as a Baptist body that declares ourselves to be open, welcoming, affirming, and committed to leading lives that mirror the generosity, hospitality, and teaching of Jesus Christ, our brother and Savior.

As an Alliance of Baptists affiliated church, we are invited to be a sponsor for the Alliance Convocation this year. Adults may want to give \$20 (\$1.00 for each year), youth may want to give 20 quarters, children to give 20 pennies. All gifts are welcomed! All support matters.

Our sponsorship is being given in honor of three individuals associated with Ginter Park. **First, our pastor, Lee Gallman**, who served on the board of the Alliance of Baptists (AOB) in its earliest days. Second, the **Rev. Dr. Glenn and Sheila Plott, the parents of our own Nancy Williams**. Glenn and Sheila Plott have also been members of the AOB since its earliest days, and Glenn served as president of the Virginia Chapter of the AOB.

Gifts for the Alliance of Baptists Convocation should be made payable to Ginter Park Baptist Church and noted for the AOB Convocation.

Gifts will be received through March 25, 2007.



CHURCH DIRECTORY: Coming Soon! Mid to late March! We need 2 things from everyone: **1. Your picture!** **2. Your current information!** See orange flyer in this Sunday's update for further information or call the church office for details! 359-2475

CARE AND CONCERN

Hospital

Margie Kelly —St. Mary's: ICU
Jim Alvis (Charlotte Irwin's brother)-Richmond Memorial, Hanover; Room 3219
Dave Gau - St. Mary's; ICU

Keep in Your Prayers

Michelle & Scott Harper (Mary Brittle's Granddaughter), Sharon Bobb's mother, Tennie Kelly (Dixie Leather's mother), Mike Breeden (neighbor of Dick and Nancy Williams), Opal Chandler, Nancy Bradley's sister, Rick Metzger's father-in-law, Sue Eilertson (friend of Ann Watlington), Dot Houchens

Friends to Remember

Granville Williams, George Adams, Jimmy Cowardin, Bill Guenter, Lewellyn Martin, Catherine Rock, Mary Taylor, Lelia Watlington, Emmanuel Christian Community

In the Armed Forces in Iraq

Jared Thomas, grandson of Alma Irby
Robert Justin Hawthorne, grandson of Ava Adams
Jonathan Nelm, son of Margaret Wilkins
Jordan Jones, nephew of Nancy and Dick Williams

ALL CHURCH TRIP TO THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

Each year the National Cathedral in Washington, DC hosts its annual Flower Mart, a festival for all ages, on the cathedral grounds, and we want to know if people from GPBC would be interested in going. There's something for everyone, and except for food and shopping, it's all free. The Cathedral greenhouse has a magnificent plant sale, and indoors, countries from around the world interpret their culture in floral displays. It's the only time of the year the Cathedral operates its antique carousel, and there are rides, puppet shows, strolling characters, a jump castle, and a climbing wall. Music and entertainment are free, and there are more than 50 boutique booths. In addition, you can enjoy all the regular charms of the cathedral - its splendid architecture, the tower from which you can see 50 states, the gargoyles, the rare books room, the various gardens, and the magnificent stained glass windows.

The event is Friday, May 4, and Saturday, May 5. If you are interested in going, please let the church office know and let them know which day you prefer. The crowd is smaller on Friday, and on that day only, they sell fresh lobster rolls. We may take the church bus, or car pool up there. Please **respond by April 1** if you are interested. You may call the office at 359.2475 or email gpbc@ginterparkbc.org.

For more information, see the website and video.
<http://www.cathedral.org/ahg/fm2007.shtml>

Called Business Meeting...

Wednesday, March 7 during Family Night. This will be to act upon a recommendation from the Ordination Council to ordain Vik Nambiar.

ART OPPORTUNITY DURING LENT

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, I am offering a guided art experience for any who are interested. We will be creating stained glass mosaics in old windows while talking about our brokenness and how God uses us in creative and beautiful ways. The group number is limited, so please sign up with Suzanne. We will begin our spiritual journey using art Wednesday, February 28th.

Suzanne S. Vinson