

Baptist in  
Heritage,  
Ecumenical  
in Worship  
and Outreach



# The Spire

River Road Church, Baptist

March 21, 2006, Vol. 61, No. 12

## THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is the season in which we anticipate Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem and the self-giving nature of love shown in his passion and death. The season begins with Ash Wednesday and extends for forty weekdays through Saturday of Holy Week. Sundays are excluded from Lent, being regarded as feast days in the midst of the forty-day fast. Because Lent is the most strongly penitential season of the year, the liturgical color purple is again used. The symbol of the crown of thorns represents the suffering of Christ, which reaches its apex during Holy Week.

The Revised Common Lectionary readings for the Fourth Sunday in Lent (Year B) are:

Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26, 2006  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sanctuary

Sermon by Dr. Michael Clingenpeel  
Anthems by the Chancel Choir

Reception in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service will be hosted by the deacons.

## CONCERT

*The duet recital scheduled for 5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 26, 2006 at River Road Church has been postponed.*

*The concert will be rescheduled at a future date.*



## WEDNESDAY DINNER AND PROGRAM

April 5, 2006  
5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Program

**ISH Missions Program**  
Rod Gordon

The Pastor's Forum welcomes **Rod Gordon**, Community Resource Developer for Henrico County's Department of Social Services. Interfaith Services of Henrico is "a tax exempt, faith based organization that exists to develop, to coordinate, and to make readily available financial and other resources of the community so that these resources may directly benefit Henrico citizens whose human needs are unmet by existing governmental services." River Road Church participates in several projects with ISH including: school supplies, duffle bags, and Easter baskets. Mr. Gordon will discuss the goals and accomplishments of the ISH Missions Program.