



COHANSEY BAPTIST CHURCH
THE LAMPLIGHTER

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*Easter Message
From
God's Word*

Good News of the Gospel Begins With the Easter Resurrection

“See my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.” (Isaiah 52:13)

Michelangelo once turned to a fellow artist and said with frustration in his voice, “Why do you keep filling gallery after gallery with endless pictures on the one theme of Christ in weakness, Christ on the cross, and most of all, Christ hanging dead?” he asked. “Why do you concentrate on the passing

episode as if it were the last work, as if the curtain dropped down there on disaster and defeat? That dreadful scene lasted only a few hours. But to the unending eternity Christ is alive; Christ rules and reigns and triumphs.”

Michelangelo was right. Even though the cross is vitally important because of the redemption that Jesus accomplished for us there, Christians should not emphasize His death to the exclusion of His resurrection. Yet, we tend to focus on what Jesus did for us on the cross rather than the promise we enjoy from His resurrection.

Jesus once said, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.” (John 11:25-26) The central tenet of our Christian faith this is not just whether we believe that Jesus died for us on the cross. We must also believe that He arose from the dead. The Bible says it this way: “He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.” (Romans 4:25)

The Apostle Paul devoted a great deal of time to the notion of resurrection. Paul was a Pharisee, a member of the same order that convinced Pontius Pilate to crucify Jesus.

Ironically, Pharisees believed in resurrection, but Paul was now more than a Pharisee. He was an Apostle, one of just a handful of men who had seen Jesus after the resurrection and were sent to preach the “good news”.

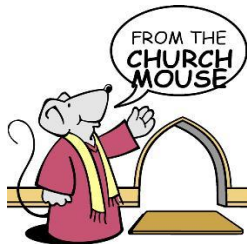
Paul said, “But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.” (1 Corinthians 15:12-17) When we ask Christ to come live in our hearts, we are given the promise of resurrection. In other words, we are no longer dead to sin, but have the promise of eternal life.

Winston Churchill understood the importance of resurrection. He arranged his own funeral. There were stately hymns sung in St. Paul’s Cathedral along with an impressive liturgy. But at the end of the service, Churchill broke with tradition. When they said the benediction, a bugler high in the dome of St. Paul’s Cathedral on one side played Taps, the universal signal that the day is over. There was a long pause and then a bugler on the other side played Reveille, the military wake-up call. It was Churchill’s way of communicating that while we say “Good Night” here, it’s “Good Morning” in heaven.

Winston Churchill knew the real meaning of Easter. When a man steps out of his own grave, He is anything that he says He is, and He can do anything that he says He can do. The resurrection is not only good news, it’s the best news imaginable.

(from devotions .com)

NEWS



All Lamplighter items are due no later than April, 15th

If you have any articles, poems, stories, photos, ads or articles for the Lamplighter issue please put them in my mailbox in the little room off the choir loft, call me @ 455-2574, email me @ nohowmom@comcast.net, send them to me @ 77 Barretts Run Rd., Bridgeton, 08302 or hand them to me before or after morning worship. Thank you!



To all of those dedicated people who faithfully assemble our newsletter every month. We really appreciate you and the time you give in service to the Lord.

WANTED!

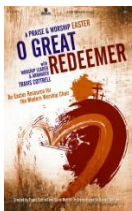


A member of Pearl Street Baptist Church is in need of an apartment size stove. An electric stove is preferred. Please contact Pastor Jim Sheldon with any information at: jcsjms49@verizon.net or 856-455-5525. Thank you in advance.

Church Constitution



Church Constitutions are available in the narthex at the back of the church. Please take one per family. More will be printed as needed.

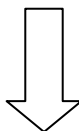


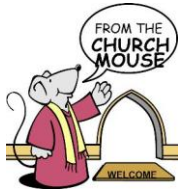
Come one, Come all! Invite your friends and neighbors to join us as we worship our risen Savior as the choir presents the powerful and passionate musical, "O Great Redeemer" by Travis Cottrell. Rejoice with us on Saturday, April 23, 2011 at 7 PM and Easter Morning, April 24, 2011 at 10 AM. Praise God that Jesus, our only Hope, is ALIVE! Hallelujah!
There is still time to join the choir if you love to sing. Rehearsals are Monday evenings in the sanctuary at 7 PM.

ABOUTFACE



The next ABOUTFACE 2011 planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19th at 7:30 PM in the church parsonage. All are welcome and encouraged to join us. You can visit us on the internet to see the latest news about this event at: www.myspace.com/aboutfaceweekendconcert or www.facebook.com and search 'Aboutface Weekend' or go to our newly updated church website at www.cohanseybc.cohanseybc.org





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The CE Board held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 15. We were all very excited to have Rev. Houston join us as our Interim Pastor. He has many fresh and new ideas and we are looking forward to working with him. A few updates from the meeting are as follows:

- Vacation Bible School will be held at Shiloh 7th Day Baptist Church this year and will have a New York City theme.
- Children's Church is held bi-monthly on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.
- We are in need of a **Nursery Nanny** for both church and Sunday School. If you know someone who might be interested in this paid position, please contact Andrea at 451-9219.
- If you are interested in bringing the Children's Sermon back to church, we need volunteers who would be willing to provide the message. If you are interested in giving the Children's Sermon, please see a member of the CE Board (Andrea, Sandi, Julie, Donna, Jen or Rev. Houston) and we will add your name to the list. We will not resume the Children's Sermon until we have enough volunteers so that each person only has to give the message a few times per year.

Perfect attendance

The church choir director was frustrated because at least one member was missing from each Easter cantata rehearsal. At the final rehearsal, she announced, "I wish to publicly thank the tenor for being the only choir member to attend every rehearsal."

"It's the least I could do," said the tenor, "since I won't be here for Easter."

Easter's meaning

In a 2010 Barna Group survey, two-thirds of Americans knew that Easter is a religious holiday. But only 42 percent connected its meaning to Jesus' resurrection. And only two percent of adults said they would describe Easter as the most important holiday of their faith.

Not everyone who connects Easter to religion has the facts straight. Two percent of Americans said Easter is about Jesus' birth. Another two percent said it's about Jesus' "rebirth." And one percent said it's a celebration of his second coming. Another three percent described Easter as a celebration of spring or a pagan holiday.

In the same survey, 31 percent of active churchgoers said they'd definitely invite an unchurched friend to worship with them on Easter weekend.

This Easter, share the truth and joy of the holiday with someone who doesn't know Jesus. News of the resurrection is too good to keep to ourselves!





April

BIRTHDAYS

1 Evered Levick , Sr

3 David Levick

5 Linda Turner
Sheila Dilks

6 Derek Guy
Daniel Levick

7 Kathy LaTourette
Jason Hurff

8 John R. Riggins
Ben Johnson

9 Jeff Shimp
Sean Pedrick

10 Wendy Tharp

12 Bobby Etherton
13 Steve Tobin, Sr.
Karen Elwell

14 Jennifer Rocap

15 Nicole Marks

16 Linda Holt
17 John V. Marks
20 Kim Morgan
21 Kelly Bayzick

Arthur Levick

23 Pauline Holt
Ryan Davis

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25 Steve Tobin, Jr
Dotty Hitchner

25 Lester Shimp
Ashley Shafer

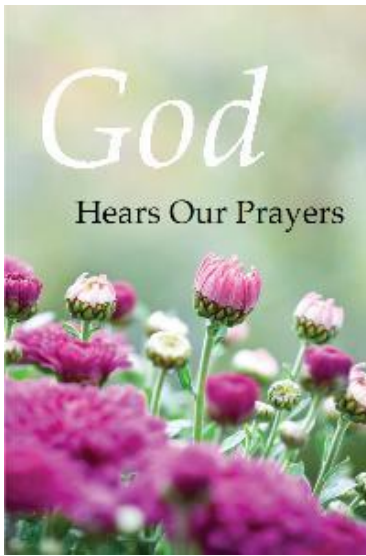
26 Ed Fleetwood
27 Jean Pompper

30 Adam Clark

DO WE HAVE YOUR BIRTHDAY? HAVE YOU HAD A NAME CHANGE?

If so please call the church office or email Nola Willis at nohowmom@comcast.net





Keep these people in your prayers as they deal with various health problems, loss and other difficulties. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and that God's mercy will cover them and His peace will bring comfort.

Healing and Restoration

Megan Daddario	Carol Thomas
People of Japan	Don Miller
Arthur Levick	Darrell Haberler
Bill Corson	Charlene Etherton
Ed Dodge	Gloria Levick
Helen Sloan	

Sympathy

The Family of Martha Gandy
 The Family of Laura Dilks
 The Family of Ken Pickett
 Family and Friends of Angel who worked for Ty Shafer

Praise

Charlene Etherton is back after back surgery
 Jennifer Beal good report from cardiologist

Shut Ins

Janet Bonaldo	Jeanne Gressman
Ashley Guntow	

Retirement Homes

Donald Brammer	Ed Smith
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Service

Mike Dunkelberger	Nicky Mihalecz
Ryan Fithian	Brian Schrier
Andy Guth	Jacob Schrier
Kyle Mihalecz	Doug Shimp
Russell Shinn	Jeff Shimp
Andrew Tobin	Shauna Sloan
Mark Elwell	

Battling Cancer

Richard Bacon, Sr.	Jose` Nieto
Gloria Branca	Louise Orsini

Annie Foster
 Erin Kennedy
 Dianna Hill
 Emily Horton
 Giavana Krumaker
 Jayme Bickings
 Jonathan Lopez
 Robert Marks, Jr
 Jeff Mortimer
 Marion Nickopolous
 Sandy Turner
 Tony Joyner

Jerry Oswald
 Ed Peterson
 Denise Larro
 Colleen Riley
 Ron Rouver
 John Robinson
 Mike Scavelli
 Brenda Snyder
 Charlene Clark
 Pat Rodia

College Students

Jen Basa	Sean Pedrick
Katelyn Bayzick	Ashley Shafer
Kyle Bayzick	Jeremy Shafer
Brian Crispin	Travis Turner
Ashleigh Elwell	Zack Tuthill
Gina Kalfut	Josh Weber
David Johnson	Megan West
Ric Maltese	Holli Olbrich

If you have any prayer requests or praises that you would like in the Lamplighter please email or call me with those requests. Thank you. Nola Willis

*"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen" (Matthew 6:9-13 KJV). **Indeed, He Hears***

As we joyously celebrate Christ's resurrection, be assured that it means you have eternal life with him.





There once was a man named George Thomas, pastor in a small New England town. One Easter Sunday morning he came to the Church carrying a rusty, bent, old bird cage, and set it by the pulpit. Eyebrows were raised and, as if in response, Pastor Thomas began to speak....

"I was walking through town yesterday when I saw a young boy coming toward me swinging this bird cage. On the bottom of the cage were three little wild birds, shivering with cold and fright.

I stopped the lad and asked, "What do you have there, son?"

"Just some old birds," came the reply.

"What are you going to do with them?" I asked.

"Take 'em home and have fun with 'em," he answered. "I'm gonna tease 'em and pull out their feathers to make 'em fight. I'm gonna have a real good time."

"But you'll get tired of those birds sooner or later. What will you do then?"

"Oh, I got some cats," said the little boy. "They like birds. I'll take 'em to them."

The pastor was silent for a moment. "How much do you want for those birds, son?"

"Huh?? !!! Why, you don't want them birds, mister.

They're just plain old field birds. They don't sing. They ain't even pretty!"

"How much?" the pastor asked again.

The boy sized up the pastor as if he were crazy and said, "\$10?"

The pastor reached in his pocket and took out a ten dollar bill. He placed it in the boy's hand. In a flash, the boy was gone. The pastor picked up the cage and gently carried it to the end of the alley where there was a tree and a grassy spot. Setting the cage down, he opened the door, and by softly tapping the bars persuaded the birds out, setting them free. Well, that explained the empty bird cage on the pulpit, and then the pastor began to tell this story:

One day Satan and Jesus were having a conversation. Satan had just come from the Garden of Eden, and he was gloating and boasting. "Yes, sir, I just caught a world full of people down there. Set me a trap, used bait I knew they couldn't resist. Got 'em all!"

"What are you going to do with them?" Jesus asked.

Satan replied, "Oh, I'm gonna have fun! I'm gonna teach them how to marry and divorce each other, how to hate and abuse each other, how to drink and smoke and curse. I'm gonna teach them how to invent guns and bombs and kill each other. I'm really gonna have fun!"

"And what will you do when you are done with them?"

Jesus asked. "Oh, I'll kill 'em," Satan glared proudly.

"How much do you want for them?" Jesus asked.

"Oh, you don't want those people. They ain't no good. Why, you'll take them and they'll just hate you. They'll spit on you, curse you and kill you. You don't want those people!!"

"How much? He asked again.

Satan looked at Jesus and sneered, "All your blood, tears and your life."

Jesus said, "DONE!" Then He paid the price.

The pastor picked up the cage and walked from the pulpit.





Memory Verse:

Jesus said unto her, "I am the resurrection and the life:




He who believes in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live

~John 11:25

Jokes:




- Q. What do you get if you pour boiling hot water down a rabbit hole?
A. Hot cross bunnies.
- Q. How do you catch a rabbit?
A. Make a noise like a carrot.
- Q. How do rabbits travel?
A. By HAREplanes.



FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV.

		
1. Jesus 5. cross 2. weary 6. endured 3. endured 7. scorning 4. opposition 8. shame	1. Jesus 5. perfecter 2. lose 6. him 3. pioneer 7. faith 4. sinners 8. hand	1. eyes 5. right 2. us 6. grow 3. joy 7. God 4. heart 8. throne

"... fixing our _____ on _____, the _____ and _____ of _____ For the _____ set before _____ he _____ the _____ its _____, and sat down at the _____ of the _____ of _____ Consider _____ who _____ such _____ from _____, so that you will not _____ and _____." HEBREWS 12:2-3, NIV

Answer: "...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV

Puzzle:

Quiz:

- Two places in the Bible, one in the Old Testament and one in the New, feature the following words: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- The New Testament account is found in Matthew 27:46, when Jesus is hanging on the cross. Where are the words found in the Old Testament?
- A. 1 Kings 19:4
 - B. Jeremiah 38:9
 - C. Psalm 22:1
 - D. Lamentations 1:20

FOCUS on
MISSIONS



Just before the Last Supper (John 13), Jesus took off his outer robe, poured water into a basin and began washing his disciples' feet. One disciple, however, protested having the Lord wash his feet. Jesus told the reluctant man

that unless he allowed Jesus to wash his feet, he really had no share in Christ's leadership. The disciple then relented. He said Jesus could wash not only his feet but his hands and head, as well.

Choose the name of this disciple from the list below:

Nearly 20 Years, a Work of Love

by [Ed Noyes](#)



Twenty years ago Timothée Kabila was a school principal. His deep faith and interest in how the church can contribute to the economic and social development of a country like Congo led him to a position on the board of the Lusekele Agricultural Development Center. He joined the staff here as administrator in September 1991.

Two weeks after he arrived, Congo experienced the first buck of political upheaval in the form of riots in Kinshasa. That upheaval cleaved Lusekele's US- and Canada-based funding and interrupted one mission partnership for a year, the other permanently. Suddenly he was learning how to support extension work without significant outside financing. Financial crisis fostered conflict. Lusekele barely survived. You can imagine how he felt. Why had God led him to this place at that time?

Those first two years were not the only time when he has asked that question. Lusekele has known other financial crises. Timothée became the director of Lusekele. He has tenaciously fought encroachments on the land set aside as a base for regional extension work. He has patiently fended off predatory government

officials looking for a part of any action, even before it wiggles. And he stoically tries to ignore the envious church people who can't imagine that a "large and distinguished agricultural project" like Lusekele doesn't net Timothée a handsome personal profit every year. He puts up with the guff so that six dedicated extension agents can work regularly with poor farmers and have a place to come home to at the end of every week.

It's not just Timothée who has made sacrifices. He and his wife Marthe have long balanced vocation and the practical demands of raising a family of 6 surviving kids – not without difficulty. They have always had to supplement the meager Lusekele salary. When it came time to put everyone high school and college, Marthe decided that one of them had to look after their independent family business full-time. She runs the pharmacy and store 100 miles from Lusekele on the main Kikwit-Kinshasa highway. They are apart much of the time, but the sacrifice frees Timothée to continue his ministry here.

Timothée and the others that work here have chosen a vocation. They rarely receive a word of praise, encouragement or thanks. Still, the litany of the positive changes Lusekele has to semi-subsistence farmers is impressive. It has worked with over 580 local groups of farmers in over 400 villages. Innovations have covered poultry and animal raising, gardening, field crops, fruit trees and plantation crops over the years. Current improved varieties of manioc, peanuts and cowpeas promise to double agricultural production and expand opportunities for rural households as their use spreads. This is the fruit of a relative handful of Christian believers who have dedicated their lives to the Lord and to making the lives of neighbors who are even poorer than they are better.

Timothée has often said that ACDI's work has prospered in a modest way only because God has protected and sustained it. This is my appeal to you to pray for Timothée and Marthe particularly.

Thank the Lord for their sacrifices and the fruit they have borne.

Pray that the Lord will give them the tangible encouragement in their work and ministry.





Ask the Lord for a vision of where Lusekele should go from here

Pray that competent and enthusiastic young people will bring their energy to Lusekele

Pray that Timothée will have the wisdom to seek out capabilities that Lusekele doesn't yet have.

April 2011

Church Meetings, Activities & Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3. Communion Sunday 10 a.m. – Morning Worship 11 a.m. – Sunday School 12:30 p.m. – Shut In Communion 6 p.m. – Jr./Sr. BYF @ Berean	4. 7 p.m. – Cantata Reh.	5. 9 a.m. – Prayer Group 7 p.m. – Music Com. 7 p.m. – Mission Bd. Mtg.	6. 7 p.m. – Lent Service @ Union Baptist	7. 	8.	9. 11 a.m. -1 p.m. Aboutface Sub Sale
10. 10 a.m. – Morning Worship 11 a.m. – Sunday School 6 p.m. – Jr./Sr. BYF @ Berean	11. 10 a.m. – Manor Service 7 p.m. – Cantata Reh.	12. 9 a.m. – Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. – Trustees Bd. 7 p.m. – Deacon Bd.	13. 7 p.m. – Lent Service @ Berean Baptist	14.	15. <i>Lamplighter Articles Due</i>	16 
17. Palm Sunday 10 a.m. – Morning Worship 11 a.m. – Sunday School 6 p.m. – Jr./Sr. BYF @ Berean 6 p.m. – Combined Praise & Worship @ Pearl Str.	18. 7 p.m. – Cantata Reh.	19. 9 a.m. – Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. – Christian Ed. Bd. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. – ABOUTFACE Mtg.	20.	21. <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7 p.m. – Maundy Thurs. Service @ Berean Baptist	22. <i>Good Friday</i> 12 p.m. – Good Friday Service @ Salvation Army	23. 10 a.m. – Cantata Reh. 11 a.m. – Easter 'Egg'stravaganza @ Berean Baptist 7 p.m. – Cantata "O. Great Redeemer"
24. Easter Sunday 7 a.m. – Sunrise Service 8 a.m. – Pancake Breakfast 10 a.m. – Morning Worship – "O, Great Redeemer" Cantata 11 a.m. – Sunday School	25. 7 p.m. - Choir	26. 9 a.m. – Prayer Group	27. <i>Administrative Professionals Day</i>	28.	29. 	30.
 Alleluia! Christ is Risen!				Good Friday became "good" only because Christ defeated death on Easter. As we remember Jesus' suffering, let us keep his victory in mind, as well.		



"Parables of the Passion"

7:00 P.M.

April 6, 2011

Place: **Union Baptist Temple**
Speaker: **Cohansey Baptist Pastor**
Text: **Parable of the Wedding Banquet – Matt. 22:1-14**
Special Music: **Union Baptist & Cohansey Baptist**

April 13, 2011

Place: **Berean Baptist Temple**
Speaker: **Pastor Lou Spyes, Millville & Vineland ABC**
Text: **Parable of the Talents – Matt. 25:14-30**
Special Music: **Berean Baptist Temple & Millville Central**

April 21, 2011 - Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Place: **Cohansey Baptist Church**
Speaker: **Pastor Don Harrington, Berean Baptist**
Text: **Parable of the 10 Virgins – Matt 25:1-13 Communion**
Special Music: **Each Participating Church**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **The offering** will go for the **ABCNJ Haiti Relief Fund**

Good Friday Service – April 22, 2011 – 12 noon – 3 p.m.
Salvation Army Corps – 29 W. Commerce Street

Easter Sunrise Service – April 24, 2011 – 7 a.m. at
Sunset Lake Amphitheater

