



COHANSEY BAPTIST CHURCH

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From
the
Pastor's
Heart

What is your perspective on life? By this I don't mean are you half full or a half empty glass type of person. Rather, I'm asking about what worldview do you have? There are many in our world today and each one has its own set of possibilities and disadvantages. For instance you can have a material worldview. This worldview says that there is no supernatural: no God or angels, no demons or miracles. The advantages of this worldview are that one makes their own way and their own possibilities. The disadvantage is that there is no purpose to life except to enjoy what you can get a hold of for there is nothing after we die. Then there would be the Jihadist worldview that says all things are morally acceptable if they extend the rule of Islam. The advantages are that you can

literally get away with murder and if you're male and die trying to extend the rule of Islam you get 70 virgins to enjoy in heaven. The disadvantage is that you will be feared and hated by many and you'll be lucky to live to see your birthday ten years from now.

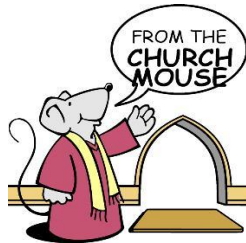
The problem with most worldviews is that they leave out whole areas of experience and truth. So many people cobble together several different ones for different circumstances and situations in their lives. The biggest problem with such a composite worldview is that the pieces don't hold together and consistency of behavior is a big problem. This leaves a person feeling lost and disconnected from people around them when troubles hit. I suggest that there is a worldview that has great advantages and no terrible drawbacks. It is the Biblical worldview. This worldview takes the Bible seriously and gives you God's perspective on life. Since He created the world, it's a worldview that is trustworthy and is not going to let you down when the times get tough. The only downside to the Biblical worldview is that it requires us to give up control of our lives. But if you're anything like me that's actually a relief. I can't make my life work on my own. I keep messing it up whenever I work very long in my own power.

The Biblical worldview isn't easy to maintain for us Americans because we're used to being in control of our lives and we're used to pick and choosing worldviews depending on our needs and desires of the day. The Biblical worldview takes consistency if it is going to work well for each of us. Consistency is something that is very hard to maintain. That's where God steps in. He invites us to stop trying to live and work this worldview on our own. He says that if we turn our perspective over to Him, He will send His Holy Spirit to us to guide and direct us in the way we should go.

I've taken up His invitation and received His Holy Spirit and I can say it works. The Holy Spirit never messes up and always gives the best choices and directions for all situations. The only hard part is that I keep reverting back to old choices and worldviews that I'm familiar with. Each time I do I bring myself grief. So I'm working on trying to maintain the Biblical worldview with the help and leading of the Holy Spirit. I recommend you try it. Let go of the various worldviews that you've been relying on and join me and many others in the one that can never fail you in this world and provides promises of something greater after we die. Invite the Holy Spirit into your life to take control. He's ready and waiting. . .

Pastor Pete

NEWS



DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

All Lamplighter items are due no later than OCTOBER, 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.



Question: Why is discouragement so hard to break free from?

Answer: There are two kinds of discouragement. The first is emotional. This is the one we think about and experience often. Emotional discouragement happens when we get frustrated or disappointed in the details of our days. This kind of discouragement comes and goes as events and situations change during our days. It is like the shadows that come on partly cloudy days that come and go. Emotional discouragement is not permanent but is able to change from hour to hour. We all experience this kind of discouragement daily when things don't go right.

The second kind of discouragement is spiritual. This is a more serious and longer lasting type of discouragement. Spiritual discouragement comes to us in conjunction with our perspective or outlook on life at any given time. If we look on our lives without any hope or anticipation of better times, we are susceptible to spiritual discouragement. There is always a trigger or event that leaves us hopeless allowing this discouragement to invade our thinking. If it stays long enough it builds a stronghold in our minds. This makes it hard to remove.

The best way to deal with spiritual discouragement is to live in the midst of God's love. For God's love is never hopeless. God is the author of all hope and is never discouraged. Because we are separated from God each time we sin, we can find ourselves more easily discouraged when our lives are heading in the wrong direction. We can still be susceptible to spiritual discouragement even without sin being active in our lives. All we have to do is doubt or ignore God's love in any situation. This cuts us off from our source of hope and leaves us vulnerable to attacks of discouragement. Because of this the Scriptures call us to encourage ourselves in the Lord daily and encourage one another frequently so that we might be protected from spiritual discouragement.

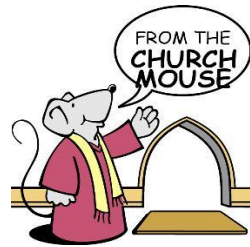


B.Y.F. News

Both Jr. and Sr. BYF will be starting up on Sunday night September 12th. Start time for BYF will be at 6:00 pm and will end for the Juniors shortly before 7:30 pm. The Seniors end time will be a little looser depending on their program. Once again this year we will be working with Berean Baptist in a combined program. We will alternate meeting sites by months starting with Cohansey for the month of September. Julie Fleetwood will be leading the Seniors with help from adults from Berean. Pastor Pete, Pastor Don, Phyllis Harrington and Barbara Woodward will be leading the Juniors. The Senior BYF is for kids in 7th through 12th grades. The Junior BYF is for kids in 1st through 6th grades. For our special events we will be joined by the youth groups at Pearl St. and Millville.

NEWS

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VBS WAS A HIT!

Our joint **Vacation Bible School** with Shiloh and Berea Baptist Churches just finished with some solid successes. We averaged 45 grade school and preschool kids each night. The kids were very engaged with the various parts of the program from crafts to Bible study. Each of the kids memorized 5 verses during the week that will be foundational to their spiritual lives in the years ahead. They also came away knowing that the Bible is the place to find answers from God to the questions they will face in life. The kids and their parents were able to share in some fun, especially on Friday night as well as providing school supplies for 90 kids that would be prevented from going to school this year because they lacked the ability to buy school supplies on their own.



ABOUTFACE 2010 is coming alive this month from 6:00 pm Friday September 17th through 3:00 pm Sunday September 19th. There will be plenty of music for a variety of tastes. Some will come from local church praise teams, some from regional Christian bands heard on Christian radio, and still more from soloists. There will be drama and dance performed and vendors with food and other items. There is a small parking fee with the stage events being free. Camping in both tents and RVs is available for a nominal fee that includes breakfast on

both Saturday and Sunday mornings. At this time we have about 25 churches that are joining with us in prayer and getting the word around our communities. Also don't miss the cantata presentation on Sunday afternoon by voices from a variety of our churches and a baptismal service to end the weekend. Please be in prayer that the Holy Spirit will be able to use this event to build up and strengthen His Kingdom in the Bridgeton area by drawing people back to the Lord and to His salvation.



We are beginning our **White Cross** work for the coming year this month. There will be a bulletin board with a red background and white crosses on it. This is the symbol of the White Cross work show Jesus cross in the midst of His blood that redeems us all from the sin and oppression that binds us in this life. Each of the crosses will have an item or dollar amount on it. If you're willing to help out with this mission take one or more of the crosses and bring in the item(s) during the month of September. The dollars will go to help our medical missionary hospital in Congo and the items to a Christian outreach center in New York.



Our church is sponsoring two different possibilities for joining a mission work team. One is local over in Vineland. Family Promise of Cumberland County is working on getting a house ready to become the day center for the homeless families we will be working with to get back on their feet. It is almost finished being gutted. Volunteers are needed to help in a variety of jobs in remodeling the inside and getting the yard and landscape ready. Contact the church office for more information and the number to call to volunteer your time and work.

The other is that the church collected almost \$700 to help one or two people join an American Baptist work team that will be heading to Haiti for reconstruction work both on homes and churches. Volunteers are needed to go for a week or two to serve both as skilled and unskilled laborers. If you have an interest in going, contact the church office for more details and how to volunteer. Passports and shots will be necessary for travel to Haiti. Please be in prayer how you might be able to serve God's Kingdom with these missions.

Wanted

WANTED: Choir members — whereabouts unknown

LAST SEEN: Hiding out in the congregation

DESCRIPTION: Male and female, young and old, musical and cheerful, may be armed and desperate for a robe

REWARD: "Give and you shall receive."

SURRENDER TO: Your friendly choir director, Mark





3rd – Carroll Bickley
Bernard DeVol

4th – Anthony Maltese
Bradley Silver

5th - Alan Gregory
Billy Halter
Ken Hill

7th - Irving Gandy, III
Logan Willis

8th - Howard Willis, Sr.

10th – Patti Lister

11th - Irving Gandy, IV

14th – Natasha Wagner

16th – Dale Cruzan, III
Lindsay Fithian

19th – Charlotte Higgenbotham
Margaret Kates
Howard Willis, Jr.

20th – Ella Marino

21st - Jessica Shimp
Michael Girock

25th - Terri Hitchner

28th - Bucky Tharp

29th - Joyce Wagner
Ellen Davis

30th - Sallie Counselor

DO WE HAVE YOUR BIRTHDAY?

If not please call the church office or email Nola Willis
at nohowmom@comcast.net

God knew us
Before we were formed
Before there was life
Before we were born
He has a purpose
For each one of us
If we place in Him
Our hope and trust
So focus on Him
Especially today
And know that you are
Blessed in every way.



**BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY**



God Answers Prayers

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

Sympathy

The Crispin Family
Pastor John Hill and Family

Healing and Restoration

Brian Feister
Diana (Dee) Donahue
Tom Rammel
Arthur Moore

Praises

Jana Carman – 1st bike ride since knee replacement

Shut Ins

Janet Bonaldo
Ashley Guntow

Jeanne Gressman

Retirement Homes

Donald Brammer

Service

Mike Dunkelberger	Nicky Mihalecz
Ryan Fithian	Brian Schrier
Andy Guth	Jacob Schrier
Nathan Long	Doug Shimp
Kyle Mihalecz	Jeff Shimp
Russell Shinn	Shauna Sloan

Battling Cancer

Richard Bacon, Sr.	Jose` Nieto
Gloria Branca	Louise Orsini
Annie Foster	Jerry Oswald
Martha Gandy	Ed Peterson
Dianna Hill	Bruce Platt
Emily Horton	Colleen Riley
Giavana Krumaker	Ron Rouver

Jonathan Lopez	Mike Scavelli
Robert Marks, Jr	Brenda Snyder
Jeff Mortimer	Paul Wagner
Marion Nickopolous	Jayne Bickings
John Robinson	

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

When Troubles Come

When the days are very dark,
And you desperately need the light;
Our Jesus always shows up
And dispels the darkest night!

When you want to give up
And don't think you can take it;
Hang on with all your might
And Christ will help you make it!

When Satan is on attack
And he has you on the run,
Pray to Jesus for help
And very quickly you've won!

When sin and guilt assail
And burdens are on your back;
Just trust God's wondrous grace
To rescue you from attack.

Dear Beloved Friends of Cohansey,

People keep expressing amazement at how well I am recovering. Although it doesn't feel quite quick enough to me, I am sure that my rapid recovery is due to your prayers for me. Thank you so much.

As a friend of mine wrote:

"Take my joints and let them bend at the impulse of Thy love

Take my knee and then extend grace so I can make it bend

Heel my knee, I genuflect, ever flexing, Lord, to Thee."

(Shirley Stevens after Frances Havergal's hymn)

Jana Carman

"He makes me lie down in green pastures... He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake ---- Psalm 23"2-3





SEARCHING

"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life." John 5:39, 40

Are you going through a period in your life where you are searching....seeking the answer to a certain problem....seeking a person to fill a void in your life...searching for the best path of life or a new job...? Are you at the point where you are frustrated and just want to give up or give in to the problem or circumstance without resolving it?? STOP! Stop right where you are at this very moment! Sit down next to your Bible...sit in a quiet place where you can have some time alone with your thoughts and time to spend with God in prayer and worship!

As we read God's message and Words in our Bible....has He ever told anyone to just give up...to give in to the problem??! NO!!! Never has He told anyone to give up when it is God's will that they seek in their life. Our God tells us to persevere through trials and temptations....we are told to seek His message and direction for our life and our life's walk while here on earth. To give up when times get hard or they seem like they are hopeless is not a message that God gives to us. Read the passages of the trials and tribulations that Jesus, God's Son, went through and had to endure. At any time, did He give up??? Or do you read where He turned to His Heavenly Father, just like we are supposed to do, and asked Him for the strength to endure and for His guidance to make the right decisions....at all times He followed God's will in his life. That is just what we are supposed to do here on earth. Allow God's perfect will to be reflected in our life and to never give up if it is the path God would have us to walk.

So many people are still seeking....searching...some don't even know what they are searching for, yet are

unhappy and unsettled and have this great desire to seek for something. We, as children of God, know the answer to that manner of searching....they are searching for the promises and message of our Heavenly Father....they have a void in their life that can only be filled by accepting Jesus Christ's way for their soul's salvation and sanctification.....He is the way for our soul's eternal salvation...for what we were created for...to serve our Living God each and every day of our life. That is what will fill us with the Lord's peace and enable us to experience each and every promise that God has given us in His Holy Word.

This is why I said that you need to sit down in a quiet place with your Bible. This is where you can meet and talk with your Lord and Savior....to give your problems and questions to your Heavenly Father and listen as He directs you in the path of life that is best for your soul's salvation. Are you ready to listen....never stop searching for what your Father in Heaven has in store for you....never give up on your faith and trust in His Holy Word always....never give up on your Lord and Savior -- He didn't give up on us when he allowed Himself to be hung on a cross so that He could die for our sins and be able to offer us eternal salvation as God had planned so that we might be saved.

As we read the Scriptures, we find that we are directed to Jesus...Jesus is who we must seek in our faith to ask His forgiveness of our sins, His salvation for our soul's sake, and His sanctification in our life's walk here on earth. Allow His Holy Spirit to fill your soul, to cleanse you free from sin, and listen to His guidance as you make choices on your life's walk every day.

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life." John 6:47 Our search is over!
Fred Perry

Only today

There are two days in every week about which we shouldn't worry.

One is yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control.

The other day is tomorrow, with its possible adversities and blunders. Until its sun rises, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

That leaves only one day — today. Anyone can fight the battle of just one day. It is only when we add the burden of those two eternities — yesterday and tomorrow — that contentment will escape us.



Mission News

Update from the mission work with **Rwandan refugee families in Kampala, Uganda**: The American Baptist Churches of New Jersey are now supporting 100 Rwandan refugee children with school supplies and fees so that they can attend the public schools in Kampala. Thanks for the help as these children can learn and have a future. Our work with the kids has brought their families together though they are scattered throughout the city. As they came together they chose to form a church and are now a mission congregation of the Baptist Union of Uganda. So our work has helped plant a new church halfway around the world. The **Haitian Relief Fund** of ABCNJ has received over \$105,000 and the disbursement from this fund has helped 300 Haitian families since January. Many of the disbursements went to help kids with supplies and school fees to start back up their next year in school. The Baptist Churches of Haiti are now getting ready for work teams to come and rebuild/repair homes and churches of their congregations. The work teams will also add rooms on existing homes for the refugee from Port au Prince that have returned to extended families in the rural home villages. These teams will be made up of people from our churches and other American Baptists across the country. They are looking for skilled volunteers and unskilled ones. Teams will be put together to go and work starting in October for the foreseeable future. If you are interested in going, we collected close to \$700 as part of our Easter offering to help send one or two people as a part of a work team. Sign up as a volunteer on ABCNJ's website at abcnj.net.

The animistic religion (spirit worship) in Ghana's Volta River Valley sometimes demands that families do the unthinkable when "bad luck" strikes.

They are required to offer an 8-12 year old virgin girl to serve the priests at a shrine every day for the rest of her life. If she leaves her post, the wrath of the gods will befall the entire village (or so it is believed). If she escapes back to the village, she must be stoned to death and another girl sent in her place to appease the gods.

This practice in West Africa is known as "trokosi". It was outlawed in Ghana in 1998 but is still practiced along the country's Volta River Valley where an estimated 2,000 women and girls are enslaved at traditional shrines. Children born to these slaves are considered property of the shrine and will also live out their lives as slaves.

The Ghana Baptist Convention working in partnership with International Ministries of the ABCUSA began a ministry in 1999 to redeem these women. They have built a residential center for living and vocational training since the women are not allowed back with their families or in their villages. The shrine priests will "fight to the death" to keep these women as slaves to take care of them. This past year Alpha Baptist Church of Willingboro, NJ (Pastor Danny Scoton our revival speaker from three years ago) sent a mission work team this year to the residential center to improve the place. One of the important things they did was to electrify the hand driven sewing machines in the vocational section. Right now there are 66 women and four young men (sons of trokosi slaves) living at the residential center. One Great Hour of Sharing sent \$30,000 to help with the building of a dormitory and the vocational center over the last two years. Together we have been used by God to address a pitiful form of slavery in the twenty-first century.

Christian missions is sharing Christ

Our mission is proclaiming Christ as the only way to abundant, eternal life. Whom do we tell? Jesus made it clear that Christians are to reach out to "all the nations" ([Matthew 28:19](#)). Instead of countries, he was referring to people groups, those ethnic cultures without a Gospel witness.

Christian missions, however, is not limited to overseas ministry. While believers should faithfully support those who go to the unreached, all Christians have the mission to share Christ on the home field with family, friends, coworkers, and the community.

The Christian mission of sharing Christ does not end with a sinner's salvation. The commission was to make disciples – not immature believers. Thus, Christian



missions involves not only evangelism but also discipleship.

Memory Verse:

I can do all things through Christ



who strengthens me.

~Philippians 4:13

Jokes:

What do you call a guy who who hasn't showered and crosses the road twice?
A dirty double crosser.

Why did the sun go back to school?
To get brighter.

What do you call two medicine men?
Pair-a-medics!

What's the perfect cure for dandruff?
Baldness!

Why did the king go to the dentist?
To get his teeth crowned!

Puzzle:

GOD'S INSTRUCTION

The Bible is a guide for how we should live. In Sunday school and at home, we learn how God loves and saves us. Solve this puzzle to find Proverbs 4:13 (NIV), which tells about the importance of God's Word.

First, write the word that means the opposite of the one given. Then write the correct letters on the number-coded lines below.

young _____ death _____ cold _____ come _____
1 2 3 2 6 7 8 4 1 5 9 1

sweet _____ can't _____ no _____ later _____
10 1 11 12 13 14 15 16 8 10 15 1 17

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4 1 2 3 1 15 5 1

_____ ' _____
6 15 10 5 12 11 13 5 6 1 15

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15 1 5 2 8 5 6 5 9 1

_____ ' _____
9 11 14 12 3 6 5 17 8 2 2

_____ " _____
6 5 6 10 16 1 11 12 2 6 7 8

Answers: old, life, hot, go, sour, can, yes, now
"Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life."
(Proverbs 4:13, NIV)

Quiz:

The 12 men in Jesus' inner circle of followers had a variety of backgrounds, but most of their occupations are unknown. Which combination of jobs listed below correctly matches two of Jesus' disciples?

- A. Fisherman and Doctor
- B. Fisherman and Tax Collector
- C. Carpenter and Tax Collector
- D. Fisherman and Farmer

Answer: (See Matthew 4:18 and 10:3.)

September 2010

Church Meetings, Activities & Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"Real success is finding your lifework in the work that you love." —David McCullough</i></p>			<p>1. 7 p.m. - Bible Study</p>	<p>2.</p>	<p>3.</p>	<p>4.</p>
<p>5. Communion Sunday 10 a.m. - Morning Worship 11:30 a.m. - Sunday School 4 p.m. - Cantata rehearsal</p>	<p>6. </p>	<p>7. 7 p.m. - Music Com. Mtg.</p>	<p>8. 7 p.m. - Bible Study</p>	<p>9.</p>	<p>10.</p>	<p>11.</p>
<p>12. 10 a.m. - Morning Worship 11:30 a.m. - Sunday School 12:30 p.m. - Pastoral Rel. Mtg. 4 p.m. - Cantata rehearsal 6 p.m. - Jr./Sr. BYF @ Cohansey Baptist</p>	<p>13. 7 p.m. - Choir</p>	<p>14. 6:30 p.m. - Trustee Mtg. 7 p.m. - Deacon Mtg.</p>	<p>15. 7 p.m. - Bible Study</p>	<p>16.</p>	<p>17. ABOUTFACE 2010</p>	<p>18. ABOUTFACE 2010</p>
<p>19. ABOUTFACE 2010 <i>Worship Cantata & Baptism</i></p>	<p>20. 7 p.m. - Choir</p>	<p>21. 7 p.m. - C.E. Bd. Mtg.</p>	<p>22. 7 p.m. - Bible Study</p>	<p>23. </p>	<p>24. ABCNJ Annual Session</p>	<p>25. ABCNJ Annual Session</p>
<p>26. 10 a.m. - Morning Worship 11:30 a.m. - Sunday School 6 p.m. - Jr./Sr. BYF @ Cohansey Baptist</p>	<p>27. 7 p.m. - Choir</p>	<p>28. 7 p.m. - ABOUTFACE Recap Mtg.</p>	<p>29. 7 p.m. - Bible Study</p>	<p>30.</p>		<p><i>Never become a hotel for saints—always be a hospital for sinners. -Vicki Parks</i></p>