



COHANSEY BAPTIST CHURCH
THE LAMPLIGHTER

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**A Message
from
God's Word**

“So when he had washed their feet, taken his garments, and sat down again, he said to them, ‘Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.’” (John 13:12-15)

The Gospel of John was the last Gospel written. As such, it has several accounts that are not found in any of the other three Gospels. It was as if the Apostle John looked back at the life of Jesus and decided to be sure he included those special moments that did not deserve to be left out.

One of those moments can be found in John 13. During the Last Supper – the final meal that Jesus ate with his Disciples before he was arrested – Jesus washed their feet. While footwashing is unusual today, it was customary in the days of Jesus. It was known a common way of greeting guests into your home. However, it was not something that the “master” of the house performed. Footwashing was a service usually reserved for the lowest household servant.

The message Jesus is sending here is clear. The way to be happy in this world is not to “Lord” over the world, but to serve the world. Think about what Jesus said: “Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.” (John 13:16-17)

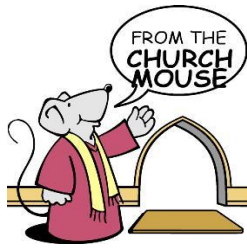
But Jesus also taught a couple of other lessons that should not escape our attention. Several years ago, I taught about footwashing in my Sunday School class. One of my members had agreed several days in advance to allow me to wash his feet as part of the lesson. After we were finished, I asked him to describe the experience. “I was humbled by it,” he said.

He’s right. I felt it, too. Jesus was teaching us about the importance of humility. Think about it. The King of Kings and Lord of Lords washing the feet of those who knew him for the Lord he was. The only other event where I remember that kind of humility in the Bible was on Palm Sunday when Jesus rode into Jerusalem, fulfilling the Prophet Zechariah’s promise that our Savior would come to us, “lowly, sitting on a donkey.” (Zechariah 9:9) Indeed, humility was one of the Lord’s greatest qualities and one that we should want others to see in our lives.

Finally, Jesus taught us about importance of sacrifice. The Bible says that when Jesus washed his Disciples’ feet, he “laid aside his garments.” (John 13:4). The only other time when I can recall he did that was when He hung on the Cross. Indeed, our Lord, not yet our Savior, was already teaching us about the importance of sacrifice. That’s why he said, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.” (John 13:7)

I don’t know just when the Apostle John came to understand the importance of what Jesus was trying to teach us, but there’s no doubt that at some point in time, he realized what Jesus meant. It really had nothing to do with footwashing at all. It was all about serving others, which as Christians we are not just called to do, but told that it will lead to true happiness. *(Taken from devotions.com)*

NEWS



All Lamplighter items are due no later than March, 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.



Thank you to all who participated in our first fundraiser for AboutFace 2011. The Fellowship Hall smelled like a great Italian ristorante and the aroma only added to the deliciousness of the meal. Then there was the dessert table . . . filled with all kinds of cookies, cakes, pies and breads. Yummy!! Again thank you to all who indulged and to all of those who baked, loaned crock pots and roasters and volunteered on Saturday morning to cook, cut up salad, serve and help with clean-up. We are off to a great start in planning for this event on September 16th thru the 18th. We are planning a sub sale, so watch your bulletin and the Lamplighter for more information and ways you can help make this event a blessing to our community and an honor to our ever wonderful God..

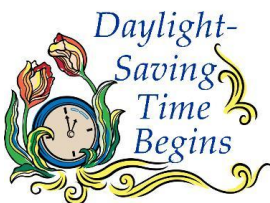


you join us.

Attention anyone who participated in singing "Help is on the Way" during AboutFace 2010 or if you didn't and would like to be a part of a community choir. We have been asked to perform this encouraging musical on March 30th at the Cohansey Baptist Church for the music service during our area Lenten Services. We are rehearsing on Sunday afternoons from 4 to 5 PM in the sanctuary at Cohansey. If you are interested and would like a CD and book you can contact Mark Willis at 609-381-0339 or just show up on Sunday afternoon we'd love to have



The choir has begun rehearsals for our Easter Cantata. Everyone is welcome to join us. All we ask is that you love to sing and praise the Lord. Thank God for the redemption that Jesus provided for us on the cross and the victory we have knowing that the grave was not the end. Jesus our Savior and Hope is ALIVE! Come and join us on Monday nights. Choir begins at 7 PM and beginning the first Monday in March will be starting the cantata portion about 8 PM. The cantata will be presented on Saturday, April 23rd at 7PM and Easter Sunday morning at 10AM.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead as Daylight Savings Time begins on March 13, 2011



MARCH

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Michael Dunkelberger
Megan Girock
- 3 Dawn Riggins
Travis Turner
- 8 Andrea Levick
- 9 Jere Baker
John Shimp
- 10 Jane Nicholson
Richie Peticari
Arlene VanMeter
- 14 B.J. Holt
- 15 Emily Mayhew
Maureen Connell
- 16 Christina Silver
- 17 Kyle Bayzick
- 18 Jennifer Beal
- 21 Joe Wagner
Lara Riggins
- 22 Betty Gaskill
Megan West
- 25 Helen Rammel
- 26 Ryan Mauer

- 27 Madeline Sebastian
- 30 Christina Holt
Randy Marks
Chrissy Akers
- 31 Sara Baker

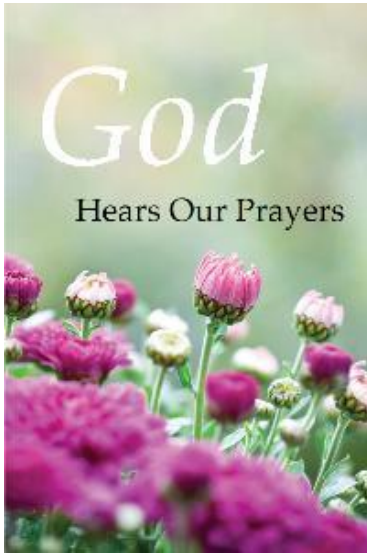
DO WE HAVE YOUR BIRTHDAY? HAVE YOU HAD A NAME CHANGE?

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

Other Special Dates this Month

- World Day of Prayer, March 4, 2011
- Transfiguration of the Lord, March 6, 2011
- Ash Wednesday, March 9, 2011
- First Sunday in Lent, March 13, 2011
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, March 13, 2011
- Second Sunday in Lent, March 20, 2011
- First Day of Spring, March 20, 2011
- Third Sunday in Lent, March 27, 2011





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

Donald Brammer
 Mary Davis
 Jean Eckerd
 Erin Kenedy
 Wayne Porter
 Daryl Porter
 Arthur Levick
 Ada Stanley
 Bill Corson
 Charlene Etherton
 Sara Levick

Sympathy

The Family of Carl Gressman
 The Family of Adam Earnest

Praise

Dottie Hitchner is home
 Jennifer Beal good report from cardiologist

Shut Ins

Janet Bonaldo
 Ashley Guntow

Jeanne Gressman

Retirement Homes

Donald Brammer

Service

Mike Dunkelberger
 Ryan Fithian
 Andy Guth
 Kyle Mihalecz
 Russell Shinn
 Andrew Tobin

Nicky Mihalecz
 Brian Schrier
 Jacob Schrier
 Doug Shimp
 Jeff Shimp
 Shauna Sloan

Battling Cancer

Richard Bacon, Sr.	Jose` Nieto
Gloria Branca	Louise Orsini
Annie Foster	Jerry Oswald
Martha Gandy	Ed Peterson
Dianna Hill	Denise Larro
Emily Horton	Colleen Riley
Giavana Krumaker	Ron Rouver
Jayne Bickings	John Robinson
Jonathan Lopez	Mike Scavelli
Robert Marks, Jr	Brenda Snyder
Jeff Mortimer	Charlene Clark
Marion Nickopolous	Pat Rodia
Sandy Turner	
Tony Joyner	

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

Pray without ceasing

"Faith is to the soul what life is to the body. Prayer is to faith what breath is to the body. How a person can live and not breathe is past my comprehension, and how a person can believe and not pray is past my comprehension, too."
 —J.C. Ryle

Indeed, He Hears

by [Robert Hedrick](#)

My prayer is that I'll not grow weary of praying for those on my list,
 That I will lift them up daily, making sure that not even one is missed.
 For at times it appears my prayers are in vain, but I know it's not true,
 Thing is Lord, You are working in areas that could be only known to
 You.

Lord I'm sure there have been many believer's prayers that You've
 heard,
 Who became discouraged when what they'd expected never
 occurred.
 Yet Lord, some of those prayers from back then, are answered
 today,
 Through time, You moved mountains that were standing in the way.

When on earth, Jesus prayed, setting an example for all mankind,
 That as we go to The Father, there's complete trust in Him we'll find.
 He knows our needs as He knows our hearts and all that is stored
 there,
 Therefore we should be mindful of this as we go to Him in prayer.

Today, every time I pray, I believe that God will answer them all,
 It'll be as He sees best, with perfect timing, when He hears my call.
 For I know that He's never made a mistake and I know He never will,
 Then since His Son became my Savior, my cup He's continued to fill.



The symbolism of ashes

On the first day of Lent, pastors in many churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.

God's people have used ashes as a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. In the Old Testament, ashes were used as a purification offering. The New Testament speaks of repenting in "sackcloth and ashes" (Luke 10:13, NRSV).

On Ash Wednesday, Christians are pained because our sins — private and public — led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing it leads to resurrection on Easter Sunday.

A Great Fit

A caller to Christian radio station KLOVE spoke of the amazing way God restored her struggling marriage. On the weekend that she and her husband separated, they each attended different services on different days at their large, multi-campus church.

For an object lesson, the pastor had purchased three 1,500-piece puzzles and given one piece to each worshiper that weekend. The woman took hers home and placed it on her dresser.

That Sunday, the husband stopped by the house to do yard work. When the woman walked by her dresser, she noticed that another puzzle piece was attached to hers — and it fit. It was the piece her husband had received at church.

The woman said that was a loud sign from God that she and her husband "fit" together and would be okay. Life and marriage aren't always perfect, but she framed the puzzle pieces "as a constant reminder to our covenant to each other" and to God's promises.

The Window Through Which We Look....

A young couple moved into a new neighborhood.

The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbor hanging the wash outside.

"That laundry is not very clean," she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap."

Her husband looked on, but remained silent.

Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments.

About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, "Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this?"

The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

And, so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look.



A Methodist minister meets three Baptist deacons on the golf course and invites them to come to his church some Sunday. Not too many weeks thereafter, just as services are starting, they show up.

Attendance was good in the small Methodist church, and there wasn't a pew available; several church members were already seated on folding chairs. When the minister, just starting the service, saw the three Baptist deacons enter, he leaned down from the pulpit and whispered to the nearest usher, "Please get three chairs for my Baptist friends in the back."

The usher, hard of hearing, leaned closer and said, "I beg your pardon?"

"Get three chairs for my Baptist friends," repeated the minister.

The usher strained closer with a puzzled look still on his face. Once more the minister tried, speaking slowly and distinctly. "Three Chairs ... For The Baptists," he enunciated.

The usher's face lit up in comprehension, and he turned to face the congregation. "All right, everybody," he called out to the assembled worshippers. "Three cheers for the Baptists!"



Memory Verse:

But the very hairs of your head



are all numbered.

~Matthew 10:30

Jokes:

What did the spider make on the computer?
A web page!

Where do bunnies eat breakfast?
At IHop!

A man is standing in the rain without an umbrella. Why didn't his hair get wet?
He's bald.

Puzzle:

WHY FORGIVE?

This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others – and why.

Directions: Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows. Write the words in order on the blanks below.





Answers: And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Quiz:

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:

- A. Peter
- B. John
- C. Andrew
- D. Judas

Answer: (See John 13:1-9.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Abiding joy from the Lord is like a deep river down in our hearts that just keeps flowing.</i></p>		<p>1.</p> <p>9 a.m. – Prayer Group 7 p.m. – Music Com. Mtg. 7 p.m. – Missions Board Mtg.</p>	<p>2.</p> 	<p>3.</p>	<p>4.</p>	<p>5.</p>
<p>6. Communion Sunday</p> <p>10 a.m. – Morning Worship 11:30 a.m. – Sunday School 12:30 p.m. – Shut-In Communion 6 p.m. – Jr./Sr. BYF @ Cohansey</p>	<p>7.</p> <p>7 p.m. – Choir 8 p.m. – Cantata Rehearsal</p>	<p>8.</p> <p>9 a.m. – Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. – Trustee Mtg. 7 p.m. – Deacon Mtg.</p>	<p>9.</p>  <p>Ash Wednesday</p> <p>7 p.m. – Lenten Service @ Pearl St. Baptist</p>	<p>10.</p>	<p>11.</p>	<p>12.</p>
<p>13. Daylight Saving Begins</p> <p>10 a.m. – Morning Worship 11:30 a.m. – Sunday School 6 p.m. – Jr./Sr. BYF @ Cohansey</p>	<p>14.</p> <p>10 a.m. – Manor Service 7 p.m. – Choir 8 p.m. – Cantata Rehearsal</p>	<p>15.</p> <p>Lamplighter Items Due</p> <p>9 a.m. – Prayer Group 7 p.m. – C.E. Board Mtg.</p>	<p>16.</p> <p>7 p.m. – Lenten Service @ Berean Baptist</p>	<p>17.</p> 	<p>18.</p>	<p>19.</p>
<p>20. Spring Begins</p> <p>10 a.m. – Morning Worship 11:30 a.m. – Sunday School 6 p.m. – Jr./Sr. BYF @ Cohansey 6 p.m. – United Praise & Worship Rehearsal @ Pearl Street</p>	<p>21.</p> <p>7 p.m. – Choir 8 p.m. – Cantata Rehearsal</p>	<p>22.</p> <p>9 a.m. – Prayer Group 7 p.m. – ABOUTFACE 2011 Meeting</p>	<p>23.</p> <p>7 p.m. – Lenten Service @ First Baptist</p>	<p>24.</p>	<p>25.</p> 	<p>26.</p>
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"Parables of the Passion"

7:00 P.M.

March 9, 2011

Place: **Pearl Street Baptist Church**
Speaker: **Pastor John Carman, First Baptist Church**
Text: **Parable of the Fig Tree – Matthew 21:18-22**
Special Music: **Pearl Street Baptist Church & First Baptist Church**
Refreshments Following

March 16, 2011

Place: **Berean Baptist Church**
Speaker: **Pastor Albert Morgan, Union Baptist Temple**
Text: **Parable of the Tenants – Matthew 21:33-46**
Special Music: **Berean Baptist Temple & Union Baptist Temple**

March 23, 2011

Place: **First Baptist Church**
Speaker: **Pastor Jim Sheldon, Pearl Street Baptist Church**
Text: **Parable of the Two Sons – Matthew 21:28-32**
Special Music: **First Baptist Church & Pearl Street Baptist Church**

March 30, 2011

Place: **Cohansey Baptist Church**
Musical Program: **Cantata - "Help is on the Way"**
Presented by a **Unified Choir of our Churches**
Refreshments Following

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