



COHANSEY BAPTIST CHURCH  
**THE LAMPLIGHTER**

May, 2011

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Message  
from the  
Pastor

*“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!” Luke 24: 5b-6a NIV*

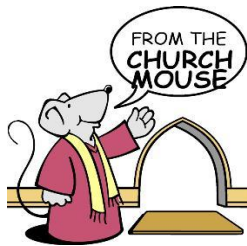
Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! As we turn our hearts and our minds toward Calvary during this Easter season I would implore you to remember that Jesus Christ is alive! One of the most difficult things for me to deal with during this season is the violent nature in which Jesus died. He was falsely accused of blasphemy; He was betrayed by someone who was close to him; He was ruthlessly beaten after his appearance before Pilate; and then He was nailed to a cross and left to die in pain and anguish. However, that was not the end of the story! After dying on the cross, Jesus was buried in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, and three days later He rose. The resurrection of Jesus Christ provides us with the assurance that upon the end of our earthly lives, we have been promised the opportunity to live with Christ forever more. Because Jesus lives, we Christians have the opportunity to live in eternity as well! Praise God that He loved us so much that through His sacrifice we now have the opportunity to have restoration, fellowship, and relationship with God the Father again!

During this resurrection season, the story of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is often overshadowed with new Easter clothes, Easter egg hunts, jelly beans, and Easter bunnies. However, I would encourage you to share the story of Jesus with a friend, a family member, a co-worker, or someone else you encounter on a daily basis. The greatest thing you can do in life is not seeing how much money you can make or what prestigious job you can attain. Instead, the greatest thing you can do in life is to share the love of Jesus Christ and the salvation He brings with those whom you come in contact with. Jesus Christ is alive! He is no longer dead and in the grave but has risen and now sits at the right hand of God the Father, making intercession for us daily. Let your light shine in such a way that those around you want to know why you have such an infectious joy, happiness, and contentment. It is in those moments when you will be able to share the good news that Jesus is alive and that He wants to connect with every person on an individual basis.

Enjoy this season of remembrance and celebration while never forgetting that Jesus' love and sacrifice is what we are celebrating during this time. God bless you and keep you. And please know that we would love to see you at Cohansey in the near future!

Blessings,  
Rev. Alexander G. Houston  
Interim Pastor

# NEWS



## **All Lamplighter items are due no later than May, 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](mailto: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.



Volunteer Needs

Cohansey is hosting the West New Jersey Association's Annual Dinner Meeting on Sunday May 1, 2011. We are looking for two volunteers to help with registration starting at 2 PM. Please see Mark Willis if you feel led to volunteer.



The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to review all Board and Committee members who are up for retirement and nomination. Please prayerfully consider your roll in God's Body at Cohansey if you are leaving a position or being asked to perform a position.



National Day of Prayer

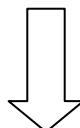
The Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church will be have an evening of singing, testimony and prayer on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to join together for this evening . May 5<sup>th</sup> has been set aside as the National Day of Prayer. For further information you may call: 856-455-0488.

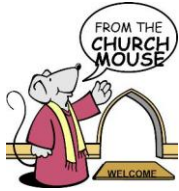
## **ABOUTFACE**



TURN IT AROUND...  
September 16 - 18

The next ABOUTFACE 2011 planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.myspace.com/aboutfaceweekendconcert) or [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search 'Aboutface Weekend' or go to our newly updated church website at [www.cohanseybc.cohanseybc.org](http://www.cohanseybc.cohanseybc.org)





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**May  
FAIR**

The Bridgeton Christian School located at 27 Central Avenue in Bridgeton, NJ invites you to attend their annual May Fair – Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 4 PM. There will be games, prizes, lunch, snacks, chicken barbecue takeouts, 70 + crafters and vendors, silent auction, nursery plant sale, bake sale, and inflatables – a great spring event for over 30 years.



*Summer Day Care*

The Bridgeton Christian School is also offering Summer Day Care June 20<sup>th</sup> through August 26<sup>th</sup>. (The school will be closed July 4<sup>th</sup>.) Monday thru Friday, 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Full-time or part-time, a great Christian atmosphere for kids during the summer. Kids do not need to be BCS students and may be from age 4 to exiting 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Supervised by certified teachers - Air conditioned facility – Theme weeks (i.e. Hawaiian, patriotic) – Special activity days (i.e. sprinkler day, show-n-tell) – Crafts – Cooking- Art – Much more! For more information please call 856-455-1733



**News From  
The C.E. Board**

Welcome Chelley Tomlinson! Chelley will be serving in our nursery on Sunday morning during worship and Sunday school. Our new nursery nanny is from Bridgeton 7th Day Adventist. Please stop in and make her feel welcome!

Vacation Bible school is scheduled for the week of August 15, 2011. We are heading to the Big Apple...more info to come!

## The price of freedom



In “What Did He Die For?” Twila Paris reminds us why we observe Memorial Day — and why we worship Jesus as our Savior. The first verse tells of a 21-year-old soldier fighting for America’s freedom during World War II. The second verse recalls another young man, many centuries prior, sent by his Father to win eternal freedom from sin for the entire world.

The chorus offers this challenge:

“What did he die for when he died for you and me,  
Made the sacrifice so that we could all be free?  
I believe we will answer each to heaven  
For the way we spend a priceless liberty.  
Look inside and ask the question, What did he die for?”

Memorial Day challenges us to live so as to honor the sacrifices made by members of the military. We value our freedom because of the heavy price people have paid for it. Likewise, every day we’re challenged to live so as to honor Jesus’ supreme sacrifice. He calls us to spend our “priceless liberty” using our blessings to bless others.



## BIRTHDAYS

1. Tammy Ford
2. Jordan Guy  
Susan Perry
4. Genevieve Fernandez
5. Lisa Fernandez
6. Michaela Hitchner
7. Brian Crispin
11. Cliff Jones
13. Seth Hitchner
14. Vera Mayhew  
Shauna Sloan
15. Joshua Weber
18. Valerie Perry  
Weston D. Guy
19. Katelin Elwell
22. Andrea Bostwick Lucas
23. Cheryl Mayhew
24. Irving M. Gandy, V

30. Bill King

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

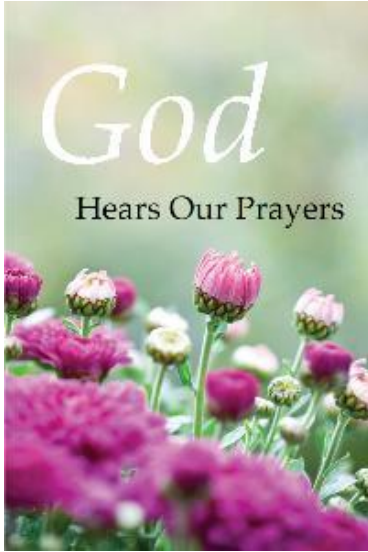
If so please call the church office or email Nola Willis at [nohowmom@comcast.net](mailto:nohowmom@comcast.net)

A Bend in the Road

Each day we have trials or triumphs,  
Have joy or burdens to bear.  
Whether days are stressful or calm  
I know God's love is there.  
I won't let dark clouds surround me,  
I'll find a brighter day.  
I'll leave my doubts behind me as,  
I journey on my way.

I know that He does lead me in,  
The pathway I may take.  
Because I've come to Him in prayer,  
In decisions I must make.  
Now there's a bend in the road but,  
God's presence will remain.  
He'll help me get where I belong,  
And make me glad I came.  
I'll be excited just to see,  
What God does have in store!  
Where He plans to lead me next,  
As He opens up a door.

~southbreeze~



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
Everett Newkirk	Janice Gandy
Arthur Levick	Bill Corson
Helen Sloan	
Sallie Counsellor's friend, Joyce	
Irene Vetro's brother-in-law	

**Sympathy**

Friends and family of Martie, Donna Stanfa's friend

**Praise**

Charlene Etherton is home recuperating  
 Jodi Guth has a new full-time job  
 Sandi Bonham has agreed to be our new secretary  
 David Bostwick is home from Children's Hospital  
 Andy Guth came out of an accident unscathed

**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  
 Mark Elwell

Shauna Sloan

**Battling Cancer**

Richard Bacon, Sr.  
 Gloria Branca  
 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

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

**College Students**

Jen Basa  
 Katelyn Bayzick  
 Kyle Bayzick  
 Brian Crispin  
 Ashleigh Elwell  
 Gina Kalfut  
 David Johnson  
 Ric Maltese

Sean Pedrick  
 Ashley Shafer  
 Jeremy Shafer  
 Travis Turner  
 Zack Tuthill  
 Josh Weber  
 Megan West  
 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*

"God's Love and Peace"

Sadness may cause us to doubt,  
 The plan God has for our life.  
 We forget that He knows everything,  
 Even about the strife.

He knows the heartache that we feel,  
 And sees the tears that we shed.  
 He understands our loneliness,  
 And tomorrows that we dread.

He awaits us with loving arms,  
 To come home to Him and pray.  
 Let His Love lead and guide us;  
 Walk with Him each and everyday.

As we spend time with our Father,  
 Our prayers will be answered in ways,  
 That will fill our heart with joy.  
 For the rest of our days.

Never give up on our Father.  
 He's in control and knows best.  
 In His time He will answer and,  
 We'll know we've been blessed

~southbreeze~



Kind words may be free, but they give a priceless lift of spirit. Why not encourage someone today?

The power in words can build up or tear down –  
Create a big smile or produce a sad frown;  
So in all of your contacts with people each day,  
Be sure to encourage in all that you say.

*Submitted by Peggy Bitters*

## A mother's hope



Three years ago, contemporary Christian musician Steven Curtis Chapman and his wife Mary Beth faced the sudden death of their youngest daughter, Maria, in a driveway

accident. In the book *Choosing to See: A Journey of Struggle and Hope*, Mary Beth Chapman describes how she wrestled with God when her “whole world” fell apart.

“What I’ve found is that it’s in the most unlikely times and places of hurt and chaos that God gives us a profound sense of his presence and the real light of his hope in the dark places,” she writes.

“None of my tears have been wasted,” Chapman says, because she’s “experienced the kindness, sweetness, faithfulness, and redemptive heard of God.”

To honor their daughter, the Chapmans, longtime adoption advocates, established Maria’s Big House of Hope. The center in Henan, one of China’s poorest provinces, provides life-saving medical care to special-needs orphans.

## God of the little things

Little things matter. When God gets involved in the minutia of life, unmistakably intervening in the smallest details of our day-to-day dilemmas, it means he cares enough to bother with what’s bothering us. The God who created the vast universe works through life’s circumstances to bring about his good purposes. That’s big.

We know, too, that if God is involved in our everyday lives, he’s also working on the more complicated situations — the big things. He might just be working behind the scenes.

When troubles come and God seems not to notice, think of times when he’s intervened. Recount and revel in them. Rest assured in God’s perfect plan for big and small. “We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28, NRSV).

## A child’s perspective

A group of second-graders was quizzed about what ingredients their mothers are made of. One child said, “God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world, and one dab of mean.”

To the question “What does your mom do in her spare time?” one youngster said, “Mothers don’t do spare time.”

When the children were asked “Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?” one child replied, “God knew she likes me a lot more than other people’s moms like me.”

## Amaryllis

Early one spring, I planted a couple of dozen amaryllis bulbs. With great anticipation, I watched for blooms. But weeks turned into months before the first sign of life appeared. By the end of summer, the bed of pink flowers I’d envisioned was nothing more than a scattering of green leaves.

So I pulled them all up to make room for other plants. I wasn’t about to waste another growing season.

Imagine my surprise the following spring, when a single delicate amaryllis blossom appeared. My delight quickly turned to dismay — for I realized I’d given up too soon. Had I the least bit of patience or a little faith, I might have had a glorious garden.

Then I wondered: Are there other things or people I give up on too soon? What might a little patience and faith do for a difficult relationship or troublesome circumstances?

—Kari Myers



**Memory Verse:**

**Praise ye Him, sun and moon:**



**praise Him, all ye stars of light,**

~Psalm 148:3

**Jokes:**

- Q. Jake's mom has five children. They are named Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. What is the other child's name?  
A. Jake
- Q. What do you call a cold hot dog?  
A. A Chili dog!
- Q. Who can shave 25 times a day and still have a beard?  
A. A barber

**Puzzle:**

*Our mother's instructions*

God gives us parents to help us learn about following his ways. Cherishing our mothers means valuing their guidance.

Use the boxed word codes below to complete Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV.

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 walk speak fathers sleep keep always  
 guide awake son forsake teaching  
 around heart neck mothers fasten watch  
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"My [ ] [ ] your [ ]'s command  
 and do not [ ] your [ ]'s [ ].  
 Bind them [ ] on your [ ];  
 [ ] them [ ] your [ ].  
 When you [ ], they will [ ] you;  
 when you [ ], they will [ ] over you;  
 when you [ ], they will [ ] to you."

*Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV*

Answers: "My son, keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you."  
 Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV

**Quiz:**

In the Old Testament book of Job, the title character suffers many losses. During three separate raids in quick succession, he loses his livestock and servants. While still reeling from that news, Job learns that his children died during a furious windstorm. Later, Job also loses his health, when a skin disease causes sores all over his body.

From the list below, choose the one thing Job did not do in response to his great misfortune:

- A. tore his clothes and shaved his head
- B. cursed God and died
- C. sat among ashes
- D. worshiped the Lord

Answer: (See Job 1-2.)



## Mission News

### What's Happening with Our Missions

It would seem that in the recent past our missions have been “omissions” because we have been so quiet about what is going on. Good things are happening and we hope you will notice the bulletin boards in the Narthex and hallway to the Chapel to watch the progress being made in our home mission projects like the food bank and Family Promise as well as the exciting happenings around the world. Mission giving has decreased over the past few years and ABCUSA has cut staff. Missionaries have had to petition churches directly for funding. Let us not leave any good work unfinished.

We have been working for some time now redecorating the inside of the old parsonage building getting it ready for use as a temporary home for families in need of shelter. Cohansey Baptist Church is one of eight co-operating churches in Cumberland County working with the many existing agencies helping folks find work and shelter when they have been forced to leave their homes. Five more churches are needed to complete the hosting units. Beyond that, other churches are needed to act as support teams providing volunteers to cook, clean, and supply other needs. This project will take the entire congregation's effort. There is a place for you to serve. For more information about The Interfaith Hospitality Network go to [www.familypromise.org](http://www.familypromise.org), look at our bulletin boards, or call me at 856-455-6462.



## Church Memories

### The Legacy of the Cohansey Baptist Prayer Group

Our Prayer Group had its beginnings with the Earnest Workers Sunday School Class. In an interview with Alberta Smith

On January 7, 1998, Alberta said that during one of their class meetings Mollie Ottinger noted that one of her daughters had attended a church where a group of women met every Wednesday morning for prayer and sending cards to the sick. Alberta was teaching the class at the time and she said, “Let's try it.” Mary Levick said she had a large porch and she invited the group to meet there.

On a warm summer's day in June, 1967 most of the following members of the Earnest Workers Class met on Mary Levick's porch: Alberta Smith, Mary Levick, Mary Ann Elwell, Esther McDermott, Lucy Garrison, Oleta Bradford, Louvisa Newkirk, Marian Hall, Grace Skellinger, Alice Elwell, Emily BryNildsen, Mary Platt, Molly Ottinger, Della Cobb, Ruth Dayton, Hannah Dilks, Carrie Newkirk, Pearl Seabrook and Emily Garrison.

“The group filled the porch to overflowing,” Alberta said. As a result they decided to meet in different homes. Verna Ayars and Eunice MacKenzie also attended the prayer groups. Mrs. MacKenzie said she was pleased and surprised that so many of those attending voluntarily offered prayer.

Our Prayer Group has continued to be active throughout the years. We now meet each Tuesday morning in the Chapel from nine until ten o'clock. We welcome new members.

*Written by Peggy Bitters and Ruth Levick*

# May 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10 AM- Worship 11 AM-Sun. School 3 PM-W. Dist. Dinner 6 PM-BYF	2 7 PM - Choir	3 9 AM-Prayer Group 7 PM-Music Com. 7 PM-Mission Bd. <i>Christian</i>	4 7 PM-Bible Study  <i>Family</i>	5  -----	6  <i>Week</i>	7
8 10 AM-Worship 11 AM-Sun. School 6 PM-BYF <i>Mother's Day</i>	9 10AM- Manor 7 PM-Choir	10 9 AM-Prayer Group 6:30 PM-Trustees 7 PM- Deacons	11 7 PM-Bible Study	12	13	14 LAMPLIGHTER ARTICLES DUE TOMORROW!
15 10 AM-Worship 11 AM-Sun. School 6 PM-BYF	16 7 PM-Choir	17 9 AM-Prayer Group 6:30 PM-Christian Ed 7:30 PM- ABOUTFACE	18 7 PM-Bible Study	19	20 6 PM-Church Dinner 7 PM-Business Mtg.	21  ARMED FORCES DAY
22 10 AM-Worship 11 AM-Sun. School 6 PM-BYF	23 7 PM-Choir	24 9 AM-Prayer Group	25 7 PM-Bible Study	26	27	28
29 10AM-Worship 11 AM-Sun.School	30 	31 9 AM-Prayer Group	<i>The simple reality is that God loves you no matter what. So, don't tremble in fear and doubt. Trust Him!</i>			