The Lamplighter

**JANUARY 2015**

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Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Happy New Year! It is a new year and the Cohansey Baptist Church is excited about what God is going to do in 2015! The Christmas season was a wonderful time of reflection, thanksgiving, love, and joy. I pray that you were able to experience the birth of Jesus in many meaningful ways with both your family and friends. Thank you to all of those who participated in the many activities, including the Cantata, the children’s program, and the drive-thru Nativity. We had a packed house on Christmas Eve and I am truly blessed to serve as your pastor.

As we sit on the fence, straddling the end of one year and embracing the mystery of the new, it is important that we remember two realities: thanksgiving and expectation. The psalmist shares in Psalm 107:1, “Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.” As we remember 2014, let us give thanks to God for His provision, His guidance, His love, His faithfulness, His character, His strength, His goodness...let’s just praise the Lord! God is faithful to provide and hears our prayers, so before we move on let us make sure that we remember.

While giving thanks let us also look forward with expectation. The apostle Paul in his first letter to the church at Corinth, shared the excitement of the future, “...but as it is written: ‘Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.’” (1 Corinthians 2:9) We can’t even comprehend what God has in store for us in 2015 and beyond. There will definitely be trials, but praise God we have the power to overcome! My brothers and sisters keep loving God, our families, our church, our communities, and our world. As we seek to live in a Christ-like way, we will experience a newness of joy, direction, and peace provided only by God.

I trust that this message blesses you and I look forward to seeing you in church soon. If I can ever be of service, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Your Brother in Christ,

Reverend Alexander G. Houston

Pastor



Remember the next newsletter articles, announcements; pictures, etc. are due**, FEBRUARY 15, 2015**. You can put them in the Newsletter mailbox, email them to me or call me. My email address is: [nohowmom@comcast.net](mailto:nohowmom@comcast.net) and my phone number is 856-455–2574. Thank you!

Thank you to all of those who faithfully give of their time and assemble the newsletter each month.

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**Winter Adult Progressive Dinner**

Let’s get together for an adult progressive dinner for an evening of fun, fellowship, and lots of food! **We are looking for 2 or more families who are willing to open up their homes on the evening of**

Saturday January 17th starting at 6:00 pm.

Each course will be held at a different home, our last stop ending with dessert. Please contact Penny Timberman either at the church or at

455-4394 if you would like to host one of the

courses. We will have a white elephant gift exchange at our last stop, where each person brings a wrapped gift between $10-$15 that is NEW or “like” NEW. The idea is to be very secretive so make sure not to put your name on the gift. We have such a great time together at this event. Please consider joining us this year!

Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Our hosts will also need help with food so let us know if you can help bring something



We want to thank everyone who helped this past week with Family Promise. We will be doing it again in March and we would like to have help from those of you who could not help during the holidays or have not had a chance to be blessed in helping with Family Promise. Coordinator’s Emily Mayhew & Penny Timberman





1. Babe McDermott

2 Lee Hitchner

4 Margo Hitchner

Samantha Holt

5 Greg Dickinson

Heather Sloan

6 Betty Jones

Donna Riggins

7 Robert Etherton

9 Bruce VanMeter

11 Sharon Guth

13 Aaron Silver, Jr.

14 Pam Perticari

18 David Dilks

19 Everett Dickinson

Alan Platt

Kim Sebastian

21 Jay Perticari

22 Sharon Thomas

Hoss Simpkins

25 Gale Brown

26 Woody Halter

Daniel C. Williams III

28 Danielle Crispin McKelvey

Michelle Simpkins

1. Jennifer Eisenhardt

Seth Austin

1. Jim Carson

*\*\*\*\*If your name is not on our Birthday List or there needs to be a correction or your name has changed please let me know by calling 856-455-2574 or by email at* [*nohowmom@comcast.net*](mailto:nohowmom@comcast.net)*. Thank you\*\*\*\**

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**Special Dates**

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| • New Year’s Day, *January 1, 2015*  • Epiphany, *January 6, 2015*  • Baptism of the Lord, *January 11, 2015*  • Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18-25, 2015*  • Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance, *January 19, 2015* |
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**Please keep these people in prayer That God may manifest His healing in them and He will be praised.**

Irene Vetro R.C. Holt Rose Gaggini Timothy Ross Carol Shimp Evelyn Armstrong Ed Peterson DennisGaggini Courtney Etherton Jessica Haasch Helen Sloan

**Prayers of Praise on the birth of Cally May McKelvey to Danielle and Kenny McKelvey. Congratulations to Diane Crispin, Cally’s grandmother.**

**Prayers of sympathyfor Pastor Houston and his family. His mother, Mary Houston, Has gone home to be with the Lord.**

**Please pray for the well-being of our country and our leaders. May God grant them wisdom as they deal with the situations around the world and here at home.**

**Shut-Ins:** Janet Bonaldo Ashley Guntow Ruth Levick Doris Newkirk

**Nursing Homes:** Anna Dickerson Margaret McAllister

**Battling Cancer:**  Gloria Branca Lisa Haffner Emily Horton Debbie Marks Lake Jeff Mortimer Marion Nickopolous Louise Orsini Ed Peterson Ron Rouver Mike Scavelli Brenda Snyder Aaron Silver, Jr.

**Special**

**Special Concerns:** Dave Borrelli Courtney Etherton

**In the Service:** Mike Dunkelberger Kyle Mihalecz Nicky Mihalecz Brian Schrier Doug Shimp Russell Shinn Shauna Sloan Andrew Tobin Lance Shestakoff Jay Perticari

**College Students:**  Tyler Davenport Amaryllis DeJesus Katelin Elwell Steve Frantz David Johnson Mindy Williams Samuel Tobin Megan West Melissa Smith Megan Smith

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| **The Legend of the Sand Dollar** |
| There’s a pretty little legend that I would like to tell  Of the birth and death of Jesus found in this lowly shell.  If you examine closely, you’ll see that you find here  Four nail holes and a fifth hole, made by a Roman’s spear.  On one side the Easter lily, its center is the star  That appeared unto the shepherds and led them from afar.  The Christmas poinsettia etched on the other side  Reminds us of his birthday, our happy Christmastide.  Now break the center open, and here you will release  The five white doves awaiting to spread good will and peace.  This simple little symbol, Christ left for you and me  To help us spread his Gospel, through all eternity.   —Author unknown |



[http://s3.amazonaws.com/z90/d7563d332436cc96671be5ed9979147fx.png](http://newsletternewsletter.srvey.net/)**Recipe of the Month:**

**Creamy Hot Chocolate**

6 cups of milk  
1 1/2 cups heavy whipping cream  
1 can sweetened condensed milk (14oz.)  
2 cups of semi sweet chocolate chips

Melt chocolate chips over a double boiler (a.k.a. a glass bowl over a smaller pot of boiling water), stir until completely melted. Add the melted chocolate chips to all the other ingredients in a big stainless steel pot. Warm and stir over low- medium heat until all the chocolate chips are incorporated. Serves 8-10. Top with your cool whip snowflakes and embrace winter. !! :)

*Found on Pinterest*

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| **The Faith Journey** |
| Faith is better understood as a verb than a noun, as a process than as a possession. It is on-again-off-again rather than once-and-for-all. Faith is not being sure where you’re going, but going anyway. A journey without maps.   —Frederick Buechner |
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| **Not in a Partying 'MOOd'** |
| A Sunday school teacher shared the parable of the prodigal son with his class, pointing out how resentful the older son was when the father welcomed the wayward brother home with open arms and a party.   Amid the celebration, the teacher emphasized, someone in the story failed to share in the joy. “Can you tell me who that was?” the teacher asked.   Eagerly, a little girl raised her hand. “I know, I know!” she exclaimed. “The fatted calf!” |

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| **Not Forgotten** |
| My wife, Lesa, and I attended a pastor-appreciation event put on by a radio station. When the worship leader asked attendees to turn to one another and share prayer needs, my wife met a pastor who described his church plant, which wasn’t growing. He was discouraged and unsure what the future held.   When Lesa asked the name of the church, she smiled and asked if it was near a campground. The pastor said yes. Lesa responded, “Just a few weeks ago, we were camping nearby. A friend and I walked right past your church, and God led me to be praying for it!” In a room of more than 300 people, God put Lesa next to this discouraged pastor so he could know that God hadn’t forgotten him.   God is working behind the scenes in ways we may never see. Despite life’s challenges, God is for us and not against us. We aren’t walking this journey alone.   —Rev. Mike Paulison |



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**Memory Verse:**

**Every word of God is pure:**

**He is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.   
  
~Proverbs 30:5**

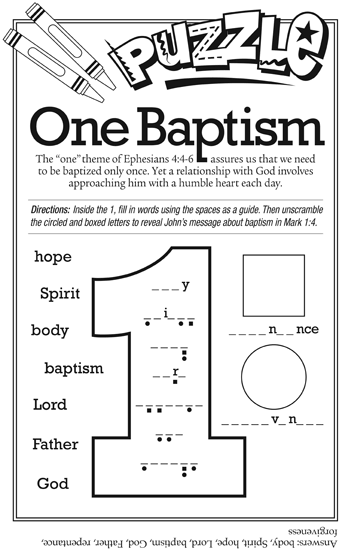
**Jokes:**

Q. What did the elephant say to her son when he was naughty?  
A. "Tusk tusk!"

Q. You're riding on a horse and you realize there's a lion chasing you and a giraffe is in front of you. What do you do?  
A. Jump off the merry-go-round!

Q. If athletes get [athletes foot[http://cdncache-a.akamaihd.net/items/it/img/arrow-10x10.png](http://www.squiglysplayhouse.com/JokesAndRiddles/Riddles.php)](http://www.squiglysplayhouse.com/JokesAndRiddles/Riddles.php) then what do astronauts get?   
A. Missle-toe.

**Puzzle:**



**Bible quiz:**

Who rebuked people for bringing their children to Jesus?   
  
A. The religious leaders   
B. Jesus himself   
C. The disciples   
D. Roman soldiers   
  
Answer: (See Mark 10:13)

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| **SUNDAY** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **SATURDAY** |
| *“What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year.”   ―Vern McLellan* |  | . |  | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4  ***Communion Sunday***  9:30 AM Adult Sunday School  10:30 AM Worship | 5  7 PM Choir rehearsal | 6  9 AM Prayer Group  5 :30 Choir at Federal Prison in Fairton | 7  10:30 AM Manor Service  7 PM Bible Study | 8  7 PM Praise Band | 9 | 10 |
| 11  9:30 AM Adult Sunday School  10:30 AM Worship  6-7:45 PM BYF | 12  7 PM Choir rehearsal | 13  9 AM Prayer Group  6:30 PM Trustees  7 PM Deacons  7 PM Missions Brd | 14  7 PM Bible Study | 15  7 PM Praise Band  Lamplighter Articles Due | 16 | 17  6 PM Adult Winter Progressive Dinner |
| 18  9:30 AM Adult Sunday School  10:30 AM Morning Worship  6-7:45 BYF | 19  7 PM Choir rehearsal  For Cantata | 20  9 AM Prayer Group | 21  7 PM Bible Study | 22  7 PM Praise Band | 23 | 24 |
| 25  9:30 AM Adult Sunday School  10:30 AM Morning Worship  6 – 7:45 BYF | 26  7 PM Choir rehearsal | 27  9 AM Prayer Group | 28  7 PM Bible Study | 29  7 PM Praise Band | 30 | 31   |  | | --- | | *“A day without laughter is a day wasted.”   —Charlie Chaplin* | |  | |

2015*Calendar of Activities & Events*