The Lamplighter

**MARCH 2013**

**Cohansey Baptist Church**

**714 Roadstown Road**

**Bridgeton, NJ 08302**

**856 – 455 - 7787**



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I trust that this message finds you well and in good spirits! We are in the midst of the Lenten season and I pray that you are taking the time to remember the walk of Christ on His way to Calvary. The Bridgeton area Lenten services have been a resounding success thus far. I want to thank all of you for coming out and supporting these joints services as we fellowship and worship with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

As I continue to ponder the realities of Christ and His wonderful grace that has been shown towards us, I remember the scripture, “…namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them…” (2 Corinthians 5:19) Jesus came into this world not to judge us but to love us, not to shun us but to heal us. Jesus was the only person able to walk the long road of redemption and allow us to have relationship with God the Father again, Praise God! We must remember that in helping people they may not realize that you are helping until a later date. Our aim must be to be agents of reconciliation, restoring relationships through love, grace, and mercy. Let us always strive to be conduits of grace and work towards harmony in our church, our homes, and in our communities.

May God bless you and keep you during this season and I look forward to seeing you in church soon!

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Alexander G. Houston

Pastor



 Dutch tale of the robin’s compassion as he witnessed Jesus’ death.

On Good Friday, a plain brown robin flying over Jerusalem was curious about the “nest” atop Jesus’ head. When the bird realized it was a crown of thorns, he tried to dislodge it. As the robin pulled out a long thorn from Jesus’ forehead, a drop of blood landed on In *The Story of the Easter Robin* (Zonderkidz), Dandi Daley Mackall retells an old Pennsylvania the bird’s breast, staining it red. Now the robin’s red breast is a symbol of Jesus’ loving sacrifice, and the robin’s early-spring song is a reminder of Jesus’ joyful resurrection.



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**Saturday,** **March 2, 2013** from 9 AM – Noon will be an opportunity to work together in Christian fellowship as we beautify the parsonage. We will be scraping, painting, cleaning, etc. Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex. See you there!

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Please keep in mind that all announcements for the bulletin must be submitted by Thursday mornings. Please email, call the church office, or place a note in the secretary’s mailbox with any announcements, requests, or concerns, and they will be handled promptly during office hours. Thank you for your cooperation!

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Remember the next newsletter articles, announcements; pictures, etc. are due**, February 15, 2013**. You can put them in the Newsletter mailbox, email them to me or call me. My email address is: nohowmom@comcast.net and my phone number is 856-455–2574. Thank you!

Many thanks for everyone's generosity in donating food for after the Lenten Service. The food was well received by **everyone**. Thanks again to all those that helped by serving God.

 Hospitality Committee

Official Board Meeting

Attention **all board and committee members**. Please join us for an official board meeting on in the Fellowship Hall. Please come prepared to discuss topics which will be reviewed at our Annual Business meeting coming up in May.

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

 Easter “EGG” stravaganza

**Saturday, March 30, 2013**

**10:00 – noon**

**Cohansey Baptist Church**

**714 Roadstown Rd.**

\***Egg Hunt \*Easter Story \*Prizes**

**\*Games \*Crafts \*Rain or Shine**

**\*Bring a friend/Open to community**

**\*Ages: 2yrs – 6th grade**



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**Bridgeton Area Lenten Services**

**Theme: The Miracles of Christ**

**All Service Times @ 7:00 pm**

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Location: Central Baptist Church

Speaker: Pastor Albert Morgan

Subject: Luke 17: 11-19 “Ten Lepers”

Special Music: Union Baptist Temple

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Location: Union Baptist Temple

Speaker: Pastor Lou Spyes Jr.

Subject: John 9 “This I Know”

Special Music: Central Baptist Church

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Location: First Baptist of Bridgeton

Speaker: Pastor David McCollum

Subject: Matthew 14: 22-33 “Walking on the Water”

Special Music: Pearl Street Baptist Church

Thursday, March 28, 2013

Location: Berean Baptist Church

Speaker: Pastor Jerry Fortunato

Subject: Luke 22:14-34 “Sitting with the Enemy”

Special Music: Pearl Street Baptist Church

The offerings collected throughout our Lenten Services will support two worthy causes: the ABCNJ Disaster Relief Fund and the Second Baptist Church of Atlantic City.

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| National Community **http://www.captioneditor.newsletternewsletter.com/CaptionEditor/ProcessedImages/baby4c2_web.jpg?guid=7a663d56-a961-45d0-8f64-e79b234950a1benefits Cornerstone Women’s Resource Center****through April 21**collecting new or gently used newborn baby items: diapers, formula, wipes, clothing, bedding, infant toys, equipment, gift cards, etc.**Checks can be made payable to Cornerstone WRC**A mobile ultrasound unit has been ordered. Monetary donations can be earmarked for this purpose.Items can be given to Pat Springer or dropped off at Hopewell Auto Repair **518 Shiloh Pike / Rt. 49 Bridgeton.** Please contact Pat Springer @**856-498-8142 856-455-1999 day** pbspring@yahoo.com*“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,**before you were born I set you apart” Jer 1:5a*080689472176-poster_1.jpg“*The Story* tells the grandest, most compelling story of all time: the story of a true God who loves His children, who established for them a way of salvation and provided a route to eternity; and this same God is alive and active today – still listening, still acting, still pouring out His grace on us. Listen for God’s call on your life, as He helps you write your story.” *Word Music*  Come hear *The Story* Saturday, March 30th @ 7 PM and Sunday, March 31st @ 10:30 AM. |



## 1 Michael Dunkelberger

3 Dawn Riggins

 Travis Turner

### 8 Andrea Levick

## 9 Jere Baker

##  John Shimp

10 Jane Nicholson

 Richie Perticari

 Arlene VanMeter

11 Penny Timberman

14 B.J. Holt

15 Emily Mayhew

 Maureen Connell

16 Christina Silver Innis

17 Kyle Bayzick

18 Jennifer Riggins Beal

21 Joe Wagner

 Lara Riggins

22 Betty Gaskill

 Megan West

25 Helen Rammel

26 Ryan Mauer

27 Madeline Sebastian

30 Christina Holt DiPatri

 Randy Marks

 Chrissy Akers Knerr

31 Sara Baker

*\*\*\*\*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**. Thank you\*\*\*\**

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| **Special dates** |
| • World Day of Prayer, *March 1, 2013* • Third Sunday in Lent, *March 3, 2013* • Fourth Sunday in Lent, *March 10, 2013* • Daylight-Saving Time begins, *March 10, 2013* • Girl Scout Sunday, *March 10, 2013* • Fifth Sunday in Lent, *March 17, 2013* • First Day of Spring, *March 20, 2013* • Palm Sunday, *March 24, 2013* • Maundy/Holy Thursday, *March 28, 2013* • Good Friday, *March 29, 2013* • Holy Saturday, *March 30, 2013* • Easter Sunday, *March 31, 2013*  |

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**Please keep these people in prayer as they deal with various physical problems. Pray for healing and complete recovery.**

Annis Dixon Evered Levick, Sr. Doris Newkirk Linda Hill Irene Vetro Frank Hitchner Ben De Vol Kristy Guth Johnson

**Please pray for comfort and strength for these families who have lost loved ones. The families of :**

David Ciccioli Willis Fleetwood Ruthann Grimmet Karl Renne

**Please be in prayer for those who were recently baptized:**

Caitlin Ricciuti Karen Turner

**Pray for the Community Lenten Services. Pray that people will be touched and changed the music and the Word.**

**Pray for Family Promise. They are looking for volunteers who are willing to help with this endeavor.**

**Shut-Ins:**

Janet Bonaldo Ashley Guntow Arthur Levick Ruth Levick

**Retirement Homes:**

Ed Smith

**Nursing Homes:**

Don Brammer Anna Dickerson Jeanette Merritt Alice Moore

**Battling Cancer:**

Gloria Branca Emily Horton Erin Kennedy Giavana Krumaker Jonathan Lopez Debbie Marks Kale Jeff Mortimer Marion Nickopolous Jose` Nieto Louise Orsini Jerry Oswald Ed Peterson Cindy Frederick Ron Rouver Mike Scavelli Brenda Snyder Jayme Wright Debbie Johnson Mildred Gibe Paige Whitesell Jayme Bickings

**Serious Condition:** Dave Borrelli

**In the Service:**

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

**College Students:**

Katelyn Bayzick Tyler Davenport Amaryllis DeJesus Ashleigh Elwell Sheli Loud David Johnson Sean Pedrick Ashley Shafer Jeremy Shafer Samantha Tobin Samuel Tobin Zack Tuthill Josh Weber Megan West





**200 Years of Mission Service**

American Baptists -- with Baptists worldwide -- are currently celebrating the bicentennial of Ann and Adoniram Judson's entry into mission service. After 200 years, they are still outstanding examples of what it means to embrace the cause. The Judsons sailed from Salem, MA in 1812 and began their work in Burma in 1813. These courageous servants of God endured great hardships to bring Christ to the peoples of Burma. God used them not only to produce great fruit in Burma, but to inspire many Americans to pray, give and go, as they embraced the cause to which the Judsons dedicated their lives.

The cause to which the Judsons so sacrificially gave themselves continues today. As American Baptists celebrate our rich heritage in mission, we are called to embrace that cause in new ways in our own time. Is God calling you to pray, give, and/or go?

**Embrace the Cause**

In 2013 American Baptist International Ministries (IM) will honor what God has done internationally through American Baptists over the last 200 years by renewing its commitment to Christ's mission in the future. Under the theme, "EMBRACE THE CAUSE," IM will both celebrate 200 years of God's blessing and guidance, and also seek God's renewal and guidance for a third century in mission service.

IM's educational materials, events, trips and activities throughout the year will be grounded in the mission contained in God's promise to Abraham, "All the families on earth will be blessed through you" (Genesis 12:3 NLT).

“We hear God’s invitation to new life in Christ as a gift,” comments Stan Slade, IM’s associate executive director for program. “We hear it also as a calling: to glorify God in all the earth by crossing cultural boundaries to make disciples of Jesus Christ. IM joins with churches and partners throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico, and with partners around the globe to embrace this cause. We re-affirm our desire to be used by God to bless all the families of the earth.” Is God calling you to pray, give, and/or go?

**Were You Inspired?**

Pastor Dave Laubach recently preached at Cohansey Baptist. He also shared his involvement in, and the far-reaching work of missions within the American Baptist Church? Were you inspired by his visit? There are so many ways to "be a missionary". Sharing the gospel or donating your time are also great ways of being a missionary for God's work, however and wherever that might be. Is God calling you to pray, give, and/or go?

The Auxiliary of the Baptist Home of South Jersey, Riverview Estates, will be gathering for a sale and monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 5th. The sale goes from 10 am to 12 noon and the meeting will start at 12:45. This is open to men and women who are interested in supporting the residents of Riverview Estates. It is a mission of love. Please join us.



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| An Easter Bunny - and an Easter Story - Worth RememberingWritten by [Rusty Wright](http://www.thoughts-about-god.com/easter/rw_easterbunny.html#rusty) You've probably seen Santa Claus; but have you ever seen the Easter Bunny?As a small child, I enjoyed visiting Santa at a local department store at Christmastime. My parents would take me downtown to the jolly bearded man in the red suit. I felt comfortable climbing into his lap, telling him my wish list and receiving a gift along with his encouraging words. He was friendly, predictable and safe.Imagine my excitement when one Spring I learned that the Easter Bunny would be at the same department store. Neither my family nor I had ever seen the Easter Bunny. I had seen white rabbits. Those cute, cuddly little bunnies seemed so warm and innocent. I looked forward for some time to seeing the real Easter Bunny.Finally, the big day came. My father took me to the store that afternoon. When we reached the Bunny's floor, I was shocked. Before me was a human-sized hare with big eyes and large, floppy ears. The creature walked on two legs like a human. He talked.The more clearly I saw him as I approached him, the more slowly I walked. I would not get close to the furry beast. He wanted to give me a gift, but I was not cooperating. "Just throw it to me," I suggested. He tossed his present across the room, Frisbee-style.Much as I was confused about the Easter Bunny, many folks are confused about the meaning of Easter itself. For some, it means new clothes and a chance to show them off. Others focus on eggs, candy and special meals. Spring Break is a highlight of the season. The beach beckons and relaxing on the sand or reveling at parties defines the holiday.Easter is also billed as a time of renewal. It may be relatively easy to renew things outwardly -- new clothes, a hairstyle, a fancy party. Renewal on the inside can be more difficult. Problems from the past can haunt one's memory. Broken relationships undermine self-esteem. Guilt over missed opportunities, pain from rejection, loneliness and anger from past hurts can sometimes create a swirling inner vortex, a psychological suction from which escape is difficult.Where does one find inner renewal? Some look to friends or family. Counselors and self-help books provide coping skills. But maybe a look at the first Easter could also offer some clues.Nearly two millennia ago, a young Jewish leader fell into disfavor with established authorities. He was executed, declared dead, wrapped up like a mummy and placed in a tomb. A large stone was rolled against the tomb's entrance and an elite unit of Roman soldiers guarded the tomb against grave robbers.Two days later, the stone was rolled away and the tomb was empty, but the grave clothes were still in place. The man's closest followers, most of whom had abandoned him during his trials, reported seeing him alive again. Many later died horrible deaths for telling people that their leader had risen from the dead. They had been transformed from the inside and it affected every facet of their lives, giving them inner strength, freedom from guilt, love for their enemies, and boldness to stand for what they believed was right. "If anyone is in Christ," wrote one early believer, "he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"Sometimes life's challenges can seem as scary as that huge hare seemed to me when I was a child. We don't want to get near them. Yet that first Easter still offers hope. Because Jesus did come back from the dead, then people today can find inner renewal by knowing him personally. As we enjoy eggs and rabbits this Spring, might that be a message worth pondering? http://www.captioneditor.newsletternewsletter.com/CaptionEditor/ProcessedImages/kids25c0_web.jpg?guid=166f9f78-a0ba-44ca-837d-212d944e6ed3 |

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Memory Verse:

For God so loved the world that He Gave His one and only Son,



That whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

Jokes/Riddles:

Q: Where does the Easter bunny get his breakfast?
A: IHOP!

Q: How does the Easter bunny stay in shape?
A: Lots of eggercise!

Q: What do you call a fake stone in Ireland?
A: A sham rock

Puzzle:



Bible Quiz:

When Jesus was crucified, over what time period did darkness cover the earth?

A. 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
B. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
C. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
D. 12 noon to 3 p.m.

Answer: (See Mark 15:33.)

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| **SUNDAY** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **SATURDAY** |
| *“Dare we set our hope and hearts in the hands of a small-town Jewish carpenter?**.* |  |  |  |  | 1 | 29 AM – NoonRight-Click on the filename below to download this image and choose "Save Target As" or "Save Link As" |
| 3***Communion Sunday***9:30 AM Sunday School10:30 AM Morning Worship6-7:30 PM BYF  | 47 PM ChoirCantata Rehearsal  | 5 9 AM Prayer Group7 PM Music Comm. | 610:30 AM – Manor7 PM Lenten Service@ Central Baptist, Millville | 7 7:30 – 8:30 PM Praise Band  | 8 | C:\Users\nohowmom\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\D35NSZT7\springforward_10319c.jpg9 |
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| 31 EASTER7 AM – Sunrise8 AM - Breakfast10:30 AM Morning Worship - Cantata |  |  |  |  |  | *The answer rests in the Jerusalem graveyard. If Jesus’ tomb is empty, then his promise is not.” Max Lucado* |



2013 Church Meetings, Activities & Events