The Lamplighter

**MAY 2013**

**Cohansey Baptist Church**

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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I pray that this message finds you well and in good spirits. April was a wonderful month here at the Cohansey Baptist Church as we experienced God in a new and profound way. Congratulations are in order for all of the young people who participated in the 30 hour famine, which shines a spotlight on the issue of hunger throughout the world. It was a wonderful testimony and ministry that the youth engaged in and they accomplished a great work last month!

Also, please be reminded that our annual church business meeting will be held on May 17, 2013 at 7:00 pm. I look forward to seeing all members in attendance as we prepare for our next fiscal year.

On a more solemn note, we pause at this moment to remember those who were affected during the tragedy in Boston, Massachusetts. On April 15, 2013, we witnessed an unspeakable tragedy at the conclusion of the Boston Marathon. Feelings of anger, sadness, and unbelief permeated throughout our country and throughout the world as we were left to wonder how such evil can exist. However, even in the midst of pain we thank God for sustaining us and strengthening us to continue to live and to love. Let us always remember and never forget but most of all let us continue to pray. Pray for the victims, pray for the families, pray for our country, and yes, even pray for our enemies.

As I was reading the scriptures the other morning, I was drawn to the book of Proverbs and it spoke volumes to me. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5-6) It is refreshing to remember that if we trust in God, and submit to His word He will direct our lives in the ways in which we should go. If you find yourself harboring anger, resentment, or sadness, give it God and He will show you how to proceed in reclaiming the joy, peace, and love in your lives. He is willing to guide if we let Him.

It is a privilege and an honor to serve as your pastor. God has blessed us immensely throughout 2013 and we look forward to what He has in store for the remainder of the year. I look forward to seeing you in church soon and if I can be of any assistance to you, please let me know!

In His Service,

Rev. Alexander G. Houston

Pastor





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**Saturday,** **May 4, 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!

 Check out our new website at [**www.cohanseybaptist.com**](http://www.cohanseybaptist.com).Browse the site to stay updated on all that is happening here at Cohansey.



Our Annual Business Meeting will take place on May 17th at **7 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Please join us for a covered dish supper at **6 p.m.** for a time of fellowship before the meeting. Please bring a covered dish to share.

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Remember the next newsletter articles, announcements; pictures, etc. are due**, May 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!

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

 West New Jersey Baptist Association

Annual Meeting

We encourage you to join us for a time of worship, fellowship, and dinner together as we celebrate 202 years of sharing the message of the Gospel in ministry together.

**Where: Union Baptist Temple**

**Speaker: Rev. Albert Morgan**

**When: May 5, 2013**

**3:00 PM Registration**

**3:30 PM Worship**

**4:30 PM Business meeting**

**5:30 PM Dinner**

Please call the church office at 455-7787 with a head-count for dinner as soon as possible. The cost of dinner will be $7.00 per person this year.



Would you like to dedicate altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one? There are still Sunday’s open on the 2013 altar flower chart. Flowers are $35. Please see flower chart in the narthex.



Mother’s Day – Sunday, May 12, 2013

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The Music Committee is looking for someone who would be interested in working with 7th thru 12th graders. We would like to start a children’s choir and a youth choir to sing once a month starting in September. Praise God someone volunteered to do the children’s choir. Now we just need someone for the youth choir. If you love music and enjoy working with children and teens this might be the job for you! If interested please contact Nola Willis at 856-455-2574, Marilyn Tharp at 455-5904 or any member of the Music Committee.

The Music Committee is looking for volunteers that are willing to assist our sound crew with the sound system and PowerPoint on Sunday mornings. We will train you if necessary. Please see Mark Willis.

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| **Celebrate National Foster Care Month** |
| http://www.captioneditor.newsletternewsletter.com/CaptionEditor/ProcessedImages/foster_3826c1_web.jpg?guid=d5e85d33-509c-455f-b298-39fd4729a509My entry into foster care was an unexpected twist in my neat, tidy life. It’s not something I would have thought to have chosen, not a path I would have thought to explore. And yet the kids who’ve entered my life have been an unexpected blessing. Is fostering difficult and challenging? Definitely. But it has also clearly been the hand of God, who’s the master of the unexpected. —Stephen R. Lewis, a foster parent since 2008  |

**Cornerstone Pregnancy Center.** We are having our Baby Bottle Boomerang again this year. It will run from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Look for the baby bottles on May 12, 2013 and pick one up to take home. Fill it with any spare change you may have and return it to church on Father’s Day. These funds are used to support the Cornerstone Pregnancy Center here in Bridgeton. Thank you for sharing you love in this way.



## BIRTHDAYS

1. Tammy Holt Ford
2. Jordan Guy

 Susan Perry

###  4 Genevieve Fernandez

1. Lisa Fernandez
2. Michaela Hitchner
3. Brian Crispin

###  10 Jeanne Haberler

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 14 Vera Mayhew

 Shauna Jamilli

 Donna VanMeter

####  15 Joshua Weber

#####  18 Valerie Perry

####  Weston D. Guy

 19 Katelin Elwell

 22 Andrea Bostwick Lucas

 23 Cheryl Mayhew

 24 Irving M. Gandy V

 29 Bill King

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*\*\*\*\*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** |
| • National Day of Prayer, *May 2, 2013* • Christian Family Week, *May 6-12, 2013* • Ascension of the Lord, *May 9, 2013* • Mother’s Day, *May 12, 2013* • Armed Forces Day, *May 18, 2013* • Pentecost, *May 19, 2013* • Victoria Day (Canada), *May 20, 2013* • Memorial Day, *May 27, 2013*  |

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

Frank Stanfa Evered Levick, Sr. Doris Newkirk Don Stanson Irene Vetro Ruth Levick John Carmen Frank Hitchner Ray McDermott Vera Mayhew Bob Gibe Kenneth Stanley Helen Sloan’s sister Betty Alan Sloan

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

Joe McDermott John Haenn Linda Hill

**Please pray for the well-being of our country and for the families of those who lost their life and those who were seriously injured in the recent bombings in Boston and the explosion in west, Texas.**

**Shut-Ins:**

Janet Bonaldo Ashley Guntow Arthur Levick

**Retirement Homes:**

Ed Smith

**Nursing Homes:**

Don Brammer Anna Dickerson Ruth Levick Jeanette Merritt Margaret McAllister Alice Moore

**Battling Cancer:**

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

**Serious Condition:** Dave Borrelli

**In the Service:**

Mike Dunkelberger 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

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| Prayer is not an old woman’s idle amusement. Properly understood and applied, it is the most potent instrument of action. … Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one’s weakness. ... It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart. —Mahatma Gandhi  |
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**"Blanket Sunday"**

In May, we will once again collect a special offering for "Blanket Sunday" through Church World Service.

Blankets+ is a special mission opportunity for all ages.  Some 8,000 congregations and groups across the U.S. hold CWS Blankets+ events, providing funds to help people in need around the world.

For over 60 years, CWS has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future, including: Blankets, tents, food, tools, seeds, wells, literacy training and microcredit for women struggling to realize their potential.

**Blankets+ and Hurricane Sandy**

Although always devastating, at least hurricanes usually hit in summer, bringing warm air behind them - not cold, as Hurricane Sandy did.
 CWS blankets – along with school, baby, personal hygiene and cleanup kits – have comforted many Sandy survivors. In New Jersey, the state hardest hit by this super storm, CWS partner Community Food Bank of New Jersey, based in Hillside, have gotten these critical supplies out to the most vulnerable through its network of shelters, soup kitchens and food pantries in 18 of New Jersey's 21 counties.

Relationships with partners are key, as it is partners who have an intimate knowledge of the communities they serve. "CWS is proud to partner with the Community Food Bank of New Jersey," said CWS President and CEO John L. McCullough – a NJ resident and frequent volunteer at the food bank.

McCullough said, "We know the Community Food Bank of New Jersey has relationships with local hunger and poverty fighting organizations that know the pockets of need. The bank shares CWS's commitment to seek out and assist the most vulnerable, those at risk of being overlooked or forgotten in an emergency."

"The people we serve already are in distress every day, struggling day to day," McCann said. Already dependent on food pantries, many didn't have a three-day reserve of food before the storm. Many lost a week's wages because their places of employment were closed for weeks, or they couldn't get to work because there was no public transportation, or gas for the car.

Layer on days without electricity and heat as nighttime temperatures descended close to freezing, houses and apartments suffering flood and wind damage, and we have "the perfect storm" scenario.

"There is a great need for blankets. CWS has been a great partner. In the wake of Sandy, it quickly got us blankets, hygiene kits, school kits to help children's return to school, baby kits and cleanup buckets," McCann said.

McCann praised CWS's commitment to long-term recovery, commenting that Hurricane Sandy "is going to affect people for a long, long time. It's the biggest thing we have had in the state." McCann added that while a lot of attention is going to New Jersey's coastal communities, people in the state's urban areas also suffered a lot.

CWS Disaster Response Specialists work closely with state, regional and local VOADS, with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, CWS member denominations and other agencies to map out where churches are responding and where help is most needed.

**EAPE**

Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education (We support EAPE annually through the Missions Budget here at Cohansey Baptist.)

EAPE was born out of Tony Campolo's ongoing passion for combining evangelism and social justice. EAPE's mission statement, to inspire and enable followers of Jesus to live out God's love for the poor and oppressed may be fairly new, but the values it expresses have been ours from the very beginning.

Initially EAPE was simply Tony, a few of his friends, and a bunch of his Eastern Baptist College (now Eastern University) students organizing a few small mission projects in the Dominican Republic and inner-city Philadelphia. As Tony has become an increasingly influential leader in American Christianity, the resources and the scope of EAPE's ministry have grown accordingly. If you are really interested in our somewhat amazing story, we invite you to read [Over the Top for Jesus: A Brief History of the Life and Ministry of Tony Campolo and EAPE.](http://www.tonycampolo.org/overthetopforjesus.pdf)

For more than 30 years we have been inspiring and enabling followers of Jesus to live out God’s love for the poor and oppressed, in inner-city America and around the world. Under the leadership of Tony and Bart Campolo, EAPE has developed and nurtured elementary and secondary schools, universities, adult and child literacy centers, tutoring programs, orphanages, AIDS hospices, urban youth ministries, summer camps, and long-term Christian service programs in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, in various African countries, and across Canada and the United States. Perhaps more importantly, we have traveled the world preaching a gospel that combines personal discipleship and social justice, and seen countless believers both young and old dedicate their lives to building the Kingdom of God. Look around, explore the wonderful works we are involved with, and join us in the struggle.

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| Photo: ooo! |
| **Recipe of the Month****Pinned Image**Do you have leftover potatoes and no taco shells or tortillas? Then this is your recipe! I always have leftover mashed potatoes and now I know a way to use them! I love this because it is so simple, different, but tastes absolutely delicious!Ingredients1/4 cup butter2/3 cup milk1 package taco seasoning mix2 1/2 cups mashed potato flakes (you could also use leftover mashed potatoes and omit the butter and milk) 1 pound ground beef1/2 cup chopped onion1/2 cup salsa1 cup shredded lettuce1 medium tomato, chopped1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, shreddedSour cream, optionalDirections1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a medium sauce pan, melt butter. Add milk and 2 tablespoon taco seasoning. Remove from heat and add potato flakes until incorporated. Press mixture into the bottom of a 10-inch pan.2. Bake for 7-10 minutes until it just BARELY turns golden brown.3. In a medium skillet, cook beef and onions until beef is browned and cooked through. Drain. Add Salsa and remaining taco seasoning. Cook until bubbly.4. Pour into crust. Bake for 15 minutes, or until crust is golden brown.5. Let cool for 5 minutes. Top with cheese, lettuce, and tomatoes. Cut and serve with sour cream. Posted by [BS Recipes](http://www.blogger.com/profile/15763865070801213333) **Laugh**For use in printed publications, Right-Click on the filename below to download and choose "Save Target As" or "Save Link As"As someone said, “Laughter is the cheapest luxury we have.” It clears up the blood, expands the chest, electrifies the nerves, clears away the cobwebs from the brain, and gives the whole system a good cleansing. I really believe laughter is the sweetest music that ever greeted the human ear, and I also believe God loves to hear our laughter.Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.

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| **Mom’s Example** |
| “By whose preaching were you converted?” a young man was asked. “Not by anyone’s preaching,” answered the dedicated believer. “I was converted by my mother’s practicing.”  |

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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/Riddles:

Q: What type of songs do the planets sing?
A: Nep-tunes!

Q: What is the difference between a fish and a piano?
A: You can't tuna fish!

Q: What washes up on very small beaches?
A: Microwaves!

Puzzle:



Bible Quiz:

According to one account of Jesus’ ascension, commonly called the Great Commission, he told the disciples to do several things. Which of the following was not part of Jesus’ instructions?

A. Make disciples
B. Perform miracles
C. Teach
D. Baptize

Answer: (See Matthew 28:19-20.)

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| **SUNDAY** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **SATURDAY** |
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| 12 Mother’s Day9:30 AM Sun. School10:30 AM Morning Worship6 PM – 7:30 BYF*Baby bottle Boomerang begins thru Father’s Day* | 137 PM Choir  | 149 AM Prayer Group6:30 PM Trustees7 PM Deacons 7 PM Missions Com | 157 PM Bible Study***Lamplighter Articles Due*** | 167:30 – 8:30 PM Praise Band  | 176 PM Covered Dish7 PM Annual Business Meeting | 18For use in printed publications, Right-Click on the filename below to download and choose "Save Target As" or "Save Link As" |
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| *We carry in our hearts the memory of those who have died in U.S. military service. May they remind us of God’s Son, who bought our ultimate freedom with the sacrifice of his life.*  |
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 2013 Church Meetings, Activities & Events