

# THE TOWER

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Rejoice! What a wonderful day Easter was in the lives of all who worshipped at Cahaba heights UMC. It was what Easter is supposed to be. The children were filled with excitement, the service was uplifting, the music excellent and I hope people left with a message they thought about all afternoon. It was exactly an answer to a prayer.

If you visited with us this past Sunday I hope you will make it a point to let me know who you are. I will promise you at this point I will not surprise you at your house and will not ask you to join something you are not interested in joining. I would just like to get to know you and if you need a minister make myself available for you. You know where I am, if there is a black Titan truck parked outside there is a good chance I am here. Drop by; I would love to visit with each of you.

Our goal is to be the community church that Cahaba Heights needs. To do this I need input from many of you in the community. If you have lived here longer than a few years nearly everyone is related to someone that either grew up here, attended here or has family that attends here. I need and want to know what you need a community church to provide for you. I want you to be honest. Tell us where we failed in the past and tell us what we need to do in the future. Being the church that God ordained allows each of us to understand grace and to know that all of us at some point or another fall short of the mark we are striving towards.

With the world filled with unrest, gas prices rising and people searching for answers I hope that you will not drive past us as you look for a church. We want to be the lighthouse on the hill. We want to take the strength of our heritage and match that with the innovation of the future and be all that God has called us to be. Easter was a taste of that. I look forward to seeing you in the future.

See you Sunday!

Rusty



EASTER celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, thus making it the most important Christian festival of the year. On the third day, Christ's tomb was empty, he arose, and people talked with him. Christians believe his resurrection means that they too will someday receive a new life after death. Easter can fall on any Sunday, with GOOD FRIDAY three days before, between March 22 and April 25, since it is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon in the northern Hemisphere.

The new plant life that comes in the spring is associated with the new life that Christians gain because of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. The word Easter may have come from the English word, Eastre. Some believe Eastre was the name of a pagan goddess of spring, a spring festival, or the name of a season.

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***“Cahaba Heights UMC is called to share God’s message of love and grace with all people in our community and beyond, by using our gifts and our resources in each ministry opportunity to make disciples of Jesus Christ.”***

Our CHUM Family ...celebrating & serving in April/May

# Happy Birthday!



April 3	Janis Corley
April 4	Dan Gilmore
April 13	Joyce Wiggins
April 14	Tim Pollard
April 22	Carolyn Gann, Jim Lancaster
April 24	Bob Scofield
April 30	Hazel Wright, John Parris

Readers for April

April 1	Bill White
April 8	Susan Maxey
April 15	Richard Barrow
April 22	Don Harbison
April 29	Ginger Dismukes

Usher/Greeters for April

April 1	Marla Monk, Gerald Gann
April 8	Mike Mizerany, Lewis Eberdt
April 15	Freddie Huey, Bobby Williams
April 22	Bill Maze, Bobby Williams
April 29	Marla Monk, Gerald Gann

Acolytes

April 1	Jesse Ponder
April 8	Stephen Maxey
April 15	Ashley Luecke
April 22	Katrina Mohney
April 29	Kana Luecke

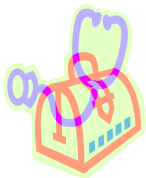
If you are interested in being a Reader or an Usher/Greeter on Sunday, please call Gwen at 967-0470.



PreSchool had a fabulous year of school this year. So many wonderful opportunities & children that God blessed us with. We wil end this year on May 24 and our summer session will begin on June 4. We are looking forward to a **Great Summer!!**

Ms. Jana

UMW NEWS



Thanks to your help, CHUM completed 15 UMCOR health kits. Your help is very much appreciated!

Reita Davis



**Thank you!**

to everyone who helped make the Easter Bunny Breakfast a **BIG success.**

Love,  
Ms. Jana & all the little bunnies'.

Valentine Luncheon

The amount of money raised from the Valentine Luncheon was \$485. These fund will be donated to the choir. Thank you for your loyal support!

Men's Club

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Maundy Thursday - 66  
 Good Friday - 81  
 Easter Breakfast - 58  
 Easter Worship Service - 186

*A Word from the Mission Committee.....*

The first Mission Committee decided to do is collect items to send to the troops in Afghanistan. This will be the only time this year to ask for these items. The troops can't go to the store to buy items. They face changes each day not only the enemy but also the weather. We will be collecting until Memorial Day. Below is a list of the needed items. We pray that each of you will want to be a part of this Mission Project.

Shaving Cream

Lotions

Shampoo/Conditioner

Foot powder

Tooth paste

Dental flow

Tissues

Wet wipes

Eye Drops

Aspirin or Tylenol

Neosporin

Chap Stick

Hand Sanitizers

Nuts

Dried Fruit

Candy (no chocolate because it would melt)

Cookies

Crackers

Socks (men & women)

Puzzle Books (from the Dollar Store)

Playing cards

Card games

Paper back books (used is ok)



*Thanks for your support!*

### YOUTH NEWS

The youth of CHUM are gearing up for a very busy spring! Confirmation Classes are starting April 17 and mentors, helpers and prayer groups are needed and wanted. Each of the **FIVE** magnificent youth need a mentor to help them through the journey of faith, multiple people needed for prayer for each, and a youth minister who needs all the help available! Please contact Lora if you feel called to help.

Also, Sunday School teachers are needed for youth in the summer months.



## VBS 2012 OPERATIONS OVER- BOARD



Where Kids Dare  
to Go Deep With God  
July 15 - 19, 2012

If you would like to help with VBS, please let Ms. Jana know. We will need lots of volunteers to help make VBS special for everyone!



### Confirmation Class

Starting on April 17 with 5 active youth eagerly anticipating this amazing journey. However, mentors are wanted and needed!! Please contact Lora if you have a calling to be a vial part of this experience.

### CHUM History 1879 to 2012

The CHUM website is full of useful information thanks to the expert work done by Danny Taylor.

I especially enjoyed finding the Church History authored by Jack Brasher, added in February. This is found on the website:

<http://cahabaheightsumc.org/index.shtml>.

**Select: About Us; Our Church History.**

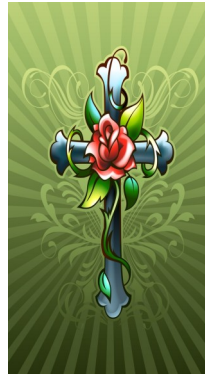
Jack did a great job documenting our church's history from it's beginning in 1879 to the present. The final quote is a personal note from Jack: "This is the history of our church as I was able to compile from several different sources and pictures. Over approximately 130 years, my mind becomes sort of fuzzy with remembering some dates and places." Thanks Jack for giving us a glimpse of your great sense of humor while educating us with the rich history. You are a gem!

Marla Monk, Chairperson Church Council

*Congratulations!*

*to Richard Barrow!*

On January 13<sup>th</sup> he was inducted into the Alabama Construction Hall of Fame. This award is given each year to honor and recognize outstanding individuals in the construction industry. Every year an architect, an engineer and a building contractor is honored by the industry. These honorees are chosen because of their active support of the building industry and through civic and community involvement. We have been aware for years of the love and devotion with which Richard has served our congregation at CHUM. It is wonderful that he is loved and recognized by his profession.



Many thanks to everyone who brought flowers to decorate our Easter Cross. It seems to get more beautiful every year. Decorating the flower cross is a tradition here at CHUM and a wonderful way to share our Easter joy with our community.

Someone is needed to gather the attendance sheets after Sunday morning worship each week. The holders may need a new pad or the pencils may need sharpening but it does not take long to do this task. If you have the time and would like to take on this responsibility, please call the church office.

The flower calendar for 2012 is in the Narthex. The cost for flowers is \$50. Sign up for your special date.

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