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The Tower

Cahaba Heights UMC

April 2013

Letter from the Pastor

As I write this I am pretending that it is a gorgeous spring day and I am wishing I could be sitting in the sunshine. For once, I really do believe that the groundhog did not know what he was doing. I have to laugh if what we have experienced this week is an early spring I would hate to see a long winter. I also am fully aware that in August when James Spann says this is the 19th day that we have gone over a 100 degrees I will be missing this last burst of old man winter.

I hope you were able to participate in some of Cahaba Heights's Easter services. This has been an exceptional year for services. I was a little worried when Easter fell so close to Christmas and that it was on the heels of spring break. I should have never given it any concern. When God's people have a challenge they rise to the occasion.

Easter has been a tremendous time in the life of our church.

During these next few months I hope that you will find the time to come by the office when you are out. I would like to take the time to pray with as many of you as I can during these quiet months before summer gets here. I feel like the first year is past and I know who you are but I would like to really get to know you and know what I can pray specifically for you and for your family. Don't worry about ever being a bother. If my truck is parked out front stop in. If you work, I am usually in my office until 6:30 each evening so stop by on your way home if you need to.

In keeping with our theme of restoration I am going to begin to ask some tough questions. How do you restore your soul. What do you do to

reinvigorate your spirit and when was the last time you renovated your spiritual life. The scripture says that we are to continue to grow throughout our lives. I hope we each find the time to examine our own lives and make sure it is not time to sweep the cobwebs away and add a new dimension to your spiritual life.

Pray for our church. Churches are like families. We don't choose them; they are given to us. God is blessing and when God blesses distractions are often thrown in our path. I hope we can pray together that we have the best summer ever in the life of Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church. Thanks again, it is an honor to be your minister.

-Rusty



Youth News!

Until we hire a new youth director, we will not be having regular youth programming on Sunday or Wednesday nights. However, we will be having periodic special events and service opportunities for youth. Please pay close attention to your Sunday bulletin so that you will know when these are coming up. We will keep parents and youth informed about our search for a new youth director. Thank you!

*Act as if
what you
do makes a
difference.
It does.
-William
James*

Missions Update

This past month Cahaba Heights UMC was active in missions in the following ways:

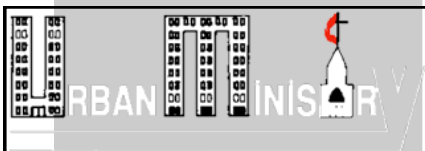
- Collected and donated two large boxes of paper goods and supplies to McCoy Adult Daycare Center
- Collected box tops for education and Campbell's Soup labels for our neighboring school, Cahaba

Heights Elementary School.

- The UMW collected \$266 to assemble layette kits for mothers in need.
- **There will be a missions committee meeting on Wednesday, April 3rd at 5:30 pm. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.**

Contest!

During the month of April, all funds and supplies donated to Urban Ministries will be *matched* by a generous donor! CHUMC would like to make a contribution to help Urban Ministries take advantage of this wonderful opportunity! From Sunday, April 14th through Sunday, April 21st, we will hold a canned food drive/contest. The Sunday school classes will be in competition to see who can collect the most cans, with the winner receiving a prize for their Sunday school room! Members who are not affiliated with a Sunday school class can donate to the class of their choosing. See Freddie Huey or Kelsey Johnson with questions, and collect those canned foods!



APRIL 2013

April Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 M-Team Meets Meals on Wheels de- livered (all week)	2 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group	3 9:00 am Women's Prayer Group 5:30 pm Missions Committee Meeting	4	5	6
7 10:00 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Children 6:00 pm Choir	8 6:30 pm Men's Club/ UMW	9 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 am CHUMS Outing	10 9:00 am Women's Prayer Group	11	12	13
14 10:00 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Children 6:00 pm Choir	15	16 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group	17 10:00 am UMW	18	19	20
21 10:00 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Children 6:00 pm Choir	22	23 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group	24 9:00 am Women's Prayer Group	25	26	27
28 10:00 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm 4th Sunday Lunch 5:00 pm Children 6:00 pm Choir	29	30 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group				

3 Janis Corley
 4 Dan Gilmore
 9 Ben Hope
 13 Joyce Wiggins
 16 Barbara Wallace
 22 Carolyn Gann,
 Jim Lancaster,
 David Scarbrough
 24 Bob Scofield
 25 Andrew
 Scarbrough
 28 Cooper Davis
 30 John Parris,
 Hazel Wright

April Servants

Readers:

4/7: Bill White

4/14: Richard Barrow

4/21: Don Harbison

4/28: Susan Maxey

Hosts/Greeters:

4/7: Freddie Huey, Bobby Williams

4/14: Gerald Gann, Marla Monk

4/21: Bobby Williams, Freddie Huey

4/28: Mike Mizerany, Lewis Eberdt

Attention Seniors!

This month for our C.H.U.M.S. outing we are going to travel to Tuscaloosa to have lunch at the Cypress Inn Restaurant. To ensure enough transportation and reservations, **please call the church office to reserve your place by Friday, April 5th.** We will leave at 10:30 am on April 9th. We will return after lunch, probably about 2:00 or 2:30 pm.

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