



THE TOWER

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A word from James.....

2010 has come and gone, and a brand year new has begun. Many Americans make resolutions near the end of the old year that they hope will bring lifestyle improvements in the new one. Of course, the key to make significant changes requires following through on those resolutions. I have never been one to make end-of-the-year resolutions. If changes need to be made, I always try to initiate those changes as soon as possible. Why wait until tomorrow to do something that can be done today has been my motto. Whether that is the best policy to follow is open to debate, but I can certainly attest to the fact that it has worked for me.

When I was a graduate student, the best time for me to begin working on an assignment was the date the project was given. After the syllabi were passed out at the first class, I always looked to see how many papers had to be written before the semester ended. I reasoned that taking a few steps every single day would lead me to finish line less stressed than those who waited until the last minute and scrambled to get the assignments in before time expired.

I mention that approach because CHUM still has challenges facing us in 2011. We have two heating/air conditioning units to replace, a mortgage to refinance, and more steps to take to make this congregation function more effectively and efficiently in the new year. God is blessing our church, and slowly but surely we are becoming a stronger congregation that is bearing witness to the greater Cahaba Heights community about what God is doing in our church. I am excited about 2011, and hope you are too.

... the pilgrimage continues

Peace,

James

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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

Happy Birthday!

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|----|---------------------------------|----|-------------------|
| 4 | Betty Price | 21 | Nancy Harding |
| 6 | Katie Gardner | 28 | Bobby Williams |
| 10 | Cassidy Nelson, Jordan Harrison | 29 | Hildegard Roberts |
| | Kasie Nimm | 31 | Peggy Harrison |
| 11 | Caylin Cobb | | |
| 14 | Bea Carlton, Reggie Wright | | |
| 17 | Gwen Johnson | | |
| 18 | Shana Williams | | |
| 19 | Bud Hope | | |



GREETERS/USHERS

- 2 Bobby Williams, Bill Maze
- 9 Marla Monk, Gerald Gann
- 16 Mike Mizerany, Lewis Ebert, Freddie Huey
- 23 Freddie Huey, Bill Maze
- 30 Bobby Williams, Bill Maze

Men's Club meeting on Monday, January 10, 2011, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Frank Smith from Artesian Overflow Ministries. All members of the MISSIONS COMMITTEE are invited to attend. Please contact the church office or Bill White (w.billwhite54@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. Dinner will be served. This will be a fun and interesting time and hopefully will offer an opportunity to expand the mission work of CHUM.

Readers

January 2	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30
Richard Barrow	Dick Johnson	Ginger Dismukes	Brandon Busby	Bill White

I Blink and It's Another Year

Goodbye 2010!!! That one seemed to fly by! I must say I am looking forward to the New Year. There are a lot of things on the plate for the youth in the coming months.

Our annual chili cook-off fundraiser will be coming up soon so keep an ear out for more info in the coming weeks.

We have started a new study comparing the Gospel with the Harry Potter series. This will be our third week with this series and the kids have shown a very positive reaction to the study. There have been mixed reactions to the popular series featuring the young wizard, Harry. However, there are clear elements of the story that can be contrasted with the gospel story, which offers a wonderfully different viewpoint for us to connect with the story of Christ.

That's all I have for now in regards to announcements. I will say there are a few things still being planned out that should be great experiences for the youth here. We can just leave those as surprises for now.

Lastly, I would like to say thank you to everyone who has supported the youth program here at CHUM. As I enter my third year with you I can say with full confidence that I could not have survived without the unwavering support I have received from you. We have some great youth here at CHUM and it has been and continues to be my pleasure serving as their director. If any of you wish to become more involved with the youth program here, don't hesitate to contact me. My passion has always been working with youth and it would be an honor to share that passion with you.

Peace In Christ,
Drake Roberts

Evangelism!

Greetings from Wendy Marsh-Tootle, Freddy Huey, Sylvia Barrow and Peggy Hanby, your Evangelism Team leaders for 2011.

Help us update your contact information for the 2011 CHUM Directory, especially emails, cell numbers and birthdays. Use the enclosed form and follow these simple instructions:

Proof the information we have on file

Add missing information

Complete the table for another adult or adult child living at a different address who might like the Tower.

Return the completed form by:

Mail to CHUM at 3139 Cahaba Heights Road, 35243

Drop off at the Church office

Drop off in the narthex

Call Gwen and tell her your new information

We are also updating visitor packets. We have beautiful new brochures from Cokesbury on display in the Narthex for visitors.

Thanks! in advance for your help updating information.

NEW BEGINNINGS

As outgoing chair of the SPRC, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have been so supportive of not only this committee in a real time of crisis for CHUM, but for all our committees. As we begin a new year, many of our leadership positions are changing. I ask that you pray for these wonderful servants of CHUM as they work tirelessly to continue the work of our church. Let's all work together to make this year one of renewal and increased service to God and our community.

Jeanette Miserany

YUMMY TREATS

Santa would like to thank all his little elves who provided the treats for our "milk and cookies/santa party" after the children's Christmas program. Big thanks go out to Marla Monk, Virginia Butler, Freddie Huey, Nancy White, Dana Crisson, Wendy Tootle, and Lisa Busby for all the delicious goodies!

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