



# THE TOWER

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### The Future

Several of you have asked me how long I will be staying and when a new preacher will be appointed. I have had to answer that I don't know. Originally Ron Schultz, the District Superintendent, and I talked about me being here from September to the middle of January. Obviously we are near the middle of January and there has been no announcement about the appointment. My only word from him was early December when he said, "We are working on it and it looks promising." This means an appointment will not be made by mid-January.

I do not know when an appointment will be made. I will press the District Superintendent to act as quickly as possible. Until he makes an appointment, the church is in a holding pattern and that is not healthy.

At the same time, I have grown to love you as a congregation. You are a good congregation and have good leaders. I will press the District Superintendent, but I am concerned that he find the right person to be appointed here. I will not leave you hanging. I would rather keep driving here than put pressure on that will lead to a poor appointment.

In the meantime, I will work with the committees to help us begin to have quality worship, a meaningful program and reach out.

In all this there is anxiety. We do not know what the future will hold. At the same time we know that we are in God's hands. When the disciples were caught in a storm of the Sea of Galilee, Jesus came to them and asked, "Why are you afraid?" Implicit in that question is a statement he made earlier, "Don't be anxious, if God cares for the birds in the air, will he not much more care for you?"

This is a time for us to remember and trust. God will provide.

Grace & Peace,  
Reagin

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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 January

# Happy Birthday!



- 4 Betty Price
- 6 Katie Gardner
- 14 Bea Carlton, Reggie Wright
- 17 Gwen Johnson
- 18 Shana Williams
- 19 Bud Hope
- 21 Nancy Harding
- 28 Bobby Williams
- 29 Hildegard Roberts
- 31 Peggy Harrison

## Readers for January

- January 1 Bill White
- January 8 Susan Maxey
- January 15 Don Harbison
- January 22 Brandon Busby

## Usher/Greeters for January

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

A very special Christmas card was received for the CHUM congregation from Jim & Mary Lancaster wishing the best for all!

*A word of thanks for all the CHUM congregation from the family of Virginia Butler. The love our mother had for the CHUM members was returned to us twice over during her time of illness and her death on November 23, 2011. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you,  
Alice, Jill & Brandon*

Get Ready for VBS 2012!

Coming to CHUM this summer.

## Finance Team Meeting

All team members are urged to attend this meeting on January 17, 2012 at 5:30 pm.

## Church Council Meeting

All council members are urged to attend this meeting on January 17, 2012 at 6:30 pm.

## Date Change

### MEN'S CLUB

MONDAY, January 16, 2012

At  
6:30 pm

Dinner will be served.

***Youth Happenings.....***The CHUM youth had a very busy time over the past few months. In the month of December alone, the youth were involved in the church play, celebrated Christmas in the form of a party, made three boxes for Operation Christmas Child, and had a visit from Jack Hinnen, chaplain of Birmingham-Southern College. Myself and two youth celebrated New Years at Camp Sumatanga, the North Alabama Methodist Conference Center, for the annual Refresh retreat.

Another activity we are anxiously looking forward to is WinterJam in February to see multiple Christian bands and speakers rejoice in the amazement of our Lord together!

We have also determined the date for our annual Chili Cook Off fundraiser! The date is currently set for the fourth Sunday in January. We encourage as much involvement and encouragement for our youth, since this is our main fundraiser for the year.

The youth are very excited for the many new things that are coming in 2012 and are ready to glorify the Lord in all of our fellowship.

**“Walk as children of light”  
Ephesians 5:8  
Join Reagin Brown & Ms. Jana on Sunday,  
January 15th at 4:00 pm  
For Acolyte Training**



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