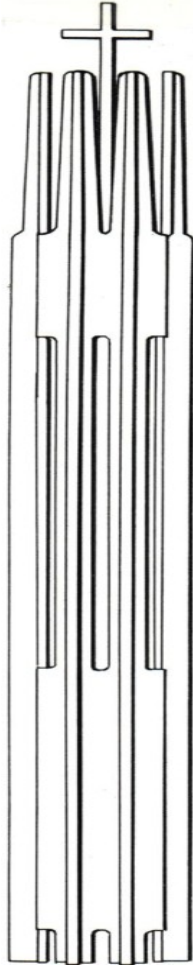


THE TOWER

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A word from James.....

After the “fixing” of the appointments by the bishop at the Annual Conference, clergy representatives from churches throughout North Alabama returned home to prepare for ministry in the coming year. Some ministers went home to pack in preparation for a move to a new appointment, while others prepared to continue the work started earlier at the church where they currently serve. I am in the latter group, and for me this is the beginning of year 4 at Cahaba Heights. During the past three years we have overcome some serious challenges, but now is not the time to rest. There is too much work that needs to be done. The constant challenge before us is expressed in the words of the “Great Commission.” In what some call the “marching orders of the church” Jesus told his followers to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Along with the command Jesus gave the following promise which should encourage every reader’s heart, “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20; NIV).

Thinking about the mission of the church reminded me that in a recent article for the newsletter I discussed a report aired by one of the cable news providers that stated only about 75% of the U.S. population is Christian. Once again, I repeat my fear that Christianity is losing ground. Losing ground is not God’s will for the church. I often think about a sermon that was preached by a bi-vocational preacher many years ago that he titled, “Where Has Your Go Ye Gone?” Concerned that his local congregation was losing ground, he preached this sermon as a wake-up call to everyone that would listen, encouraging them to do their part to strengthen the work of the church. As a congregation, we have made significant strides, but there are areas of weakness that must be addressed.

Other organizations face similar problems, and the successful ones formulate plans to address their issues of concern. Recently I received an email from the Alumni Association at my college alma mater asking for my support, and I responded by purchasing a brick for \$100. A mere \$100 donation will not build much, but if two thousand alumni buy a brick for \$100, the college will have \$200,000 of additional funds to help them carry out their mission. I am sure they are hoping that far more than 2,000 will respond to the appeal. Here is a thought I hope many will consider. If each of us accepted the challenge of inviting at least one person to church each week, I am convinced that we would see an increase in attendance.

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 for the month of



- 1 Catherine Mitchell
- 2 Patti Johnson, Pat Hope
- 7 Laura Goatley
- 8 Becky Scarbrough, Bob Morgan
- 10 Garret Greiner
- 11 Branscomb Beavers, Jr.
- 13 Michelle Hamrick
- 17 Jeanette Marstrander
- 19 Jan Wright
- 25 Wilma Richey
- 28 Virginia Butler, Jill Butler
- 30 Margaret Ruff

Please call the office at 967-0470 if your birthday is not listed!

SERVANTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Usher/Greeters</u>
7/3	Richard Barrow	Bobby Williams, Bill Maze
7/10	Dick Johnson	Marla Monk, Gerald Gann
7/17	Brandon Busby	Mike Mizerany, Lewis Eberdt
7/24	Ginger Dismukes	Bill Maze, Freddie Huey
7/31	Bill White	Bill Maze, Bobby Williams

HEY KIDS!

Family Movie Night July 8 and July 22



Movie starts at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own dinner if wanted. Popcorn will be provided!



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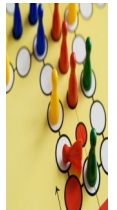


Doug & Sydney Rangeley
5 Ale House Retreat
Savannah, GA 31411

Save the Date - July 28 End of Summer BBQ and Game Night at CHUM



Bring your favorite board game to play with your friends. Starts at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Christian condolences to the family of Winnie Martin who passed away on June 25, 2011.

Wednesday Nights at CHUM

Welcome to the Bible Zone where the Bible comes to life! Join us each Wednesday Night from 5:00 pm to 6:30 for all the fun! See you there.....

VBS July 11 - 15 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Come join us for Inside Out & Upside Down on Main Street, where Jesus makes a difference every day. You can register online at cahabaheightumc.org or just see Ms. Jana. We still need volunteers. An event like VBS wouldn't be possible without great volunteers who are willing to share their time with us. So, if you can help, please let Ms. Jana know. See you on Main Street!!

Greetings Cahaba Heights UMC!!

My name is Tyler Shinstock, and I am now servig as your new Director of Youth Ministries at the church! Let me start by saying that we are a small youth group, but where two or more are gathered, the Holy Spirit is present! We are presently working on building our group to about 15 people just for the sake of trips. We have decided to name the youth ministry "CHUMXtreme". In the near future we have a few trips planned and some still in the making. On July 27, we will be attending an Atlanta Braves game, and after staying the night in Atlanta, we will be enjoying a hot day at Six Flags Over Georgia, getting us back on the 28th. The total price per student is \$75, due on July 10, 2011. In September, we will be tent camping at Camp Sumatanga, right down the road from here, for two nights.

Now, in the more distant future we will be attending Resurrection 2012, which is held in Gatlinburg, TN. These dates are January 20-22. Further info will be included in future "Tower" articles.

Sunday nights we will be doing a self group made curriculum starting in August. Times for this will be 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Wednesday nights we will be doing a small group bible study called Synago, also starting in August. Times for this study group will be 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

I am VERY excited to be part of this church, and I am absolutely looking forward to working with all of you and meeting you all very soon! May the Lord bless and keep all of you,

**Tyler Shinstock
Director of Youth Ministries**

Dates to Remember:

June 26 - Painting Tyler's Office/Starting on Youth Room's new design at 5:00 pm - 7:45 pm.

July 10 - Parent/Student Meeting in Conference Room @ 2:45pm (\$75. due for Atlanta trip)

July 17-22 - Sr. High (9-12) tent camp at Sumatanga

July 27-28 - ATL Extravaganza!!! (Leaving church at 12:00 pm)

August 14 - Parent Meeting for Fall Semester Schedule

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