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# The Tower

Cahaba Heights UMC

May 2013

## Letter from the Pastor

—Night is drawing nigh—

For all that has been—  
Thanks!

For all that shall be—  
Yes!

-Dag Hammarskjold

Dear Church,

I love this prayer.

Sometimes it is easy to climb into bed at night and let my mind hover over the day's failures and disappointments. It is equally easy to wake up in the morning and, as I get dressed to prepare for what the day holds, to focus on the problems ahead

and my worries about how they will be solved.

But God shows us another way.

We have behind us a great and wondrous story— so long and so ancient that we can never know the entirety of it— that tells of time after time, day after day, when God has transformed impossible situations, redeemed sorrow and pain, and poured out new and unimaginable love and joy.

There is *so much reason* to be thankful in this

world, where God is present.

There is *so much cause* to hope, in this life of ours, where the God who loves us and delights in our joy is working all around us to bless us and gather us in to God's own love and joy.

I hope you'll pray this prayer with me this month, and as we look toward the future in our own lives and at CHUM, let's say, "Yes!" to what God might have in store.

-Rev. Kelsey Johnson

## Vacation Bible School!

This year, Cahaba Heights UMC's Vacation Bible School will be held July 14th-18th. The theme is "Kingdom Rock!" and our Children's and Music staff are already preparing for a fun VBS! We will need lots of volunteers to make VBS a success for our kids and our many neighbors who join us. We need help in science, crafts, snacks, music, recreation...the options are endless! Please see Jana for more information and look for a sign-up soon!

## Preschool Trikathon



The Cahaba Heights Preschool held a trikathon in April and raised \$275.00 for St. Jude's Children's Research. Great job kids!

Love, Ms. Jana

## Missions Update

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

- Collected **443** cans for Urban Ministry! Our donation will be matched by a generous donor. The Adult Couples' Class collected the most cans.
- Took cakes to the Cahaba Heights police and fire stations to remind them that we are grateful for them, especially

during the month of April.

- The UMW raised funds for and donated seven layette kits for Baby's First.

Our Missions Committee met together on April 3rd and voted on how to divide our Missions Funds among projects this quarter. If you would like to be a part of these decisions, please join us at our next meeting!



*UMW Layette Kits ready to go!*

## Spring Fling!

On May 19th, Cahaba Heights UMC will have a Spring Fling!

Wear casual clothes to church and plan to stay afterwards for a lunch together. This will be a fun opportunity for us to spend time together and enjoy the nice weather!

Because we will have Spring Fling on the 19th, we will *not* have Fourth Sunday Lunch in May. Please mark your calendars and listen for more details in worship on Sundays. Thank you!

*Be merry, really merry.  
The life of a true  
Christian should be a  
perpetual jubilee, a  
prelude to the festivals  
of eternity.*

*Theophane Venard*

# May 2013

## May Birthdays

- 1 Nancy Robinson
- 2 Emma Kate Cook
- 5 Jana Cook
- 9 Marshall Fitzpatrick, Dan Gilmore
- 10 David Cook, Ben Cook
- 12 Nancy White
- 13 Marla Monk
- 15 Leah Hobart
- 18 Bob Morgan, Kelsey Johnson
- 19 Don Harbison
- 20 Jon Marstrander
- 21 Julia McKinney
- 22 Ed McKinney
- 25 Bill Maze
- 27 Jared Gardner
- 30 Ruth Dismukes
- 31 Betty Gilmore

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 10:00 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Choir 5:00 pm Kids			1 10:00 am Women's Prayer Group	2 National Day of Prayer	3	4
6 Meals on Wheels (all week) 8:00 am M-Team	7 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group	8 10:00 am Women's Prayer Group	9 7:00 pm Piano recital - Dr. Dismukes's students	10	11 All-Day Boy Scout event in the Fellowship Hall	
12 10:00 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Choir 5:00 pm Kids	13 6:30 pm Men's Club & UMW	14 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 am CHUMS	15 10:30 am UMW	16	17	18
19 10:00 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm Spring Fling! 4:00 pm Choir 5:00 pm Kids	20	21 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group	22 10:00 am Women's Prayer Group	23	24	25
26 10:00 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Choir 5:00 pm Kids	27 Memorial Day	28 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group	29 10:00 am Women's Prayer Group	30	31	

# May Servants

## Readers:

**5/5: Bill White**

**5/12: Ginger Dismukes**

**5/19: Don Harbison**

**5/26: Brandon Busby**

## Hosts/Greeters:

**5/5: Freddie Huey & Lewis Eberdt**

**5/12: Gerald Gann & Marla Monk**

**5/19: Bobby Williams & Bill Maze**

**5/26: Marla Monk & Freddie Huey**

## Attention Seniors!

This month we will visit the Birmingham History Center in downtown Birmingham for a guided tour of some of Birmingham and Jefferson County's most interesting artifacts. Afterwards we will have lunch at Niki's. Please call the church office by Thursday, May 9th to reserve your spot so that we can make plans for transportation. We will meet at the church on May 14th at 10:30 am for the trip.

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