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The Tower

Cahaba Heights UMC

November 2013

Letter from the Pastor

“Choose this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

Joshua 24:15

Lately I have seen this excerpt from the Bible all over Pinterest, painted on cute signs and carefully stenciled in chalkboard lettering. This verse is much more than just trendy décor, though. In this chapter of Joshua, the Israelites were being challenged to choose between the old

gods of their ancestors and the God who brought them out of slavery in Egypt. At this point of decision, the Israelites chose YHWH and consciously put the past behind them.

You and I are rarely faced with such a momentous, dramatic decision when it comes to our Christian faith. But we are faced with hundreds of tiny decisions every week. Will we choose to serve the Lord with our money? With our time? By our

presence? Or will we devote those things to the service of something else, some other loyalty, some other god? Before we find ourselves swept up in the rush of the holiday season, let us take a moment to intentionally commit ourselves—our time, money, prayers, and presence—to the God we love and serve.

-Rev. Kelsey Johnson

Advent Workshop

The season of Advent starts December 1st and continues until Christmas. Are you confused about what Advent is? Would you like to celebrate Advent at home but don't know where to start? We have a workshop for you!

On Wednesday, November 13th we will offer a one-time Advent Workshop! Rev. Johnson will explain the history and meaning of the season of Advent and then our craft expert Ann Hoglund will lead us in assembling our very own Advent wreaths!

So gather the people you'll be celebrating with (friends, family, your dog...) and call the church office to register. The cost of supplies is \$15 per wreath, which you can either pay ahead of time or bring to the workshop.

On November 13th, meet us in the Fellowship Hall for dinner at 5:30 pm and then Advent Workshop at 6:15 pm. We hope to see you there!

P.S. Some people may think that November is too early to start thinking about Advent. Remember, Advent does not equal Christmas! It is its own season and it starts a full month earlier than Christmas. Come to the workshop and find out these facts and more!



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you so much to everyone who has collected supplies for our Operation Christmas Child project! Throughout the months of September and October we have been collecting toys, treats, and supplies to pack in shoeboxes and send to children in need. On November 17th, we will dedicate these shoeboxes during worship. We hope you will be there to celebrate and bless this special project!

*You have made us
for yourself, O
Lord, and
our hearts are
restless until they
rest in you.*

-St. Augustine

Centered Retreat

Join us for Centered at Camp Sumatanga Nov. 22-24! This retreat is open to 6th-12th graders. It is a time apart at a place set aside for us to “recenter” ourselves on Christ through rest, recreation, prayer, and worship. At Centered, our youth group joins several other Birmingham-area youth groups to grow closer to Christ and make new Christian friends across the city.

The cost for Centered is \$100 per youth, which includes lodging, five meals, and an event t-shirt. Each youth will also bring two snacks to share with the rest of the group

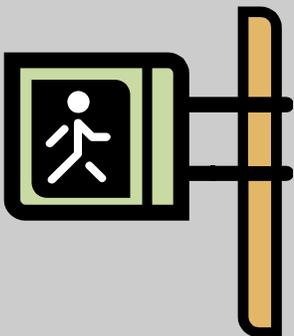
over the course of the weekend. If your youth would like to join us for Centered, please see Justin Banks or Kelsey Johnson. The deadline to register is November 17th.

We also need chaperones for the weekend. This is a very fun weekend for adults to get to know our youth and also have a great time with other chaperones. Please see Kelsey if you are interested in helping with the weekend.

If you would like to help finance the group’s trip to Centered, please mark your check “Centered” and the donation will be shared evenly between CHUMC participants.

20’s/30’s Wednesday Walk

Our 20’s/30’s group identified a desire to get healthier and to get to know our church’s neighborhood better. In order to meet both of those goals at once, the 20’s/30’s group has launched “Wednesday Walk.” On Wednesday nights at 6:15, they will leave the church and walk around the surrounding neighborhoods together. The walk will end with a short devotional at Starbucks. They would love for you to join them! Wear comfortable, light-colored clothes and bring a flashlight. Join the 20’s/30’s for exercise and exploration of our neighborhood.



NOVEMBER 2013

November Birthdays

- 1 Jeanette Mizerany
- 3 Patrick Heckathorn
- 4 Julie Beavers
- 9 Ronnie Saenz
- 17 George Ponder
- 18 Pam Newton
- 19 Pauline Darche
- 22 Faye May
- 25 Rebecca Cook
- 26 Ruth Peer

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 9:45 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Choir 5:30 pm Kids/Youth	4 8:00 am M-Team Meals on Wheels (all weekly) 5:30 pm Trustees Meeting	5 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group	6 9:00 am Women's Prayer Group 5:30 pm Dinner 6:15 pm Programs	7	8	9
10 9:45 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Choir 5:30 pm Kids/Youth	11 Veteran's Day <i>Church office closed</i>	12 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 am C.H.U.M.S. "What's So Funny & Wise"	13 9:00 am Women's Prayer Group 5:30 pm Dinner 6:15 pm Advent Wreath Workshop	14	15	16
17 9:45 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Choir 5:30 pm Kids/Youth	18 6:30 pm UMW (Spirit Circle) 6:30 pm Men's Club	19 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group	20 10:00 am UMW (Faith Circle) 5:30 pm Dinner 6:15 pm Church Fun Night	21	22 Youth to "Centered" Retreat at Camp Sumatanga	23
24 9:45 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship 12:00 4th Sunday Lunch 4:00 pm Choir 5:30 pm Kids/Youth	25	26 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group	27 No Wednesday Night Dinner or Programs <i>Church office closes at noon</i>	28 Thanksgiving Day <i>Church office closed</i>	29	30

November Servants

Readers:

3: Bill White

10: Susan Maxey

17: Don Harbison

24: Brandon Busby

Hosts/Greeters:

3: Freddie Huey & Gerald Gann

10: Mike Mizerany & Lewis Eberdt

17: Bill Maze & Bobby Williams

24: Marla Monk & Gerald Gann

Attention Seniors!

This month for our C.H.U.M.S. activity we will hear the short play “What’s So Funny and Wise” in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am on November 12. The cost is \$10/person. Please call the church office to make a reservation by November 7th. We hope to see you there!

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