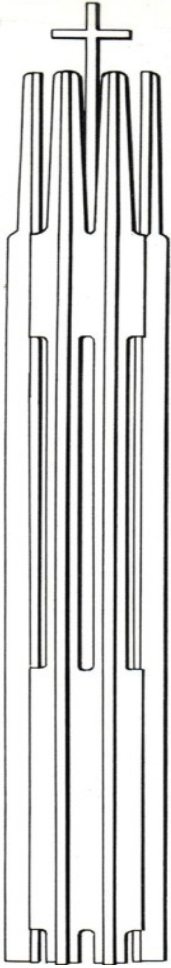


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Fulfilling our Mission

I had a friend who went to enroll his son in a new high school soon after they had moved to a new appointment. It was late June; there was a skeleton crew at the school, so the principal was the one who was doing the enrolling. For some reason, my friend and the principal began to talk about mission statements. The principal said, "I have a mission statement I read every few days to make sure I stay on task. It is on the wall right behind you." The principal then left his desk, and went and pulled back the leaves of a fake ficus tree to read the statement. Every time my friend told that story he would shake his head and say, "I doubt if he had looked at that mission statement in over a year."

I wonder how often we have read the mission statement of this church and then asked, "What am I doing to fulfill this statement?" Does the statement mean anything or does it just take up ink in the bulletin and Tower?

I confess that I have often helped churches develop mission statements then, along with the leadership of the church, immediately began to ignore the statement. Maybe the statements we developed were the right mission statements, maybe they were the wrong ones; all I know is we didn't find out if they were they right or wrong statements because we never focused on how we could fulfill those statements.

By now you may be asking yourself, "What is Cahaba Heights' mission statement, or do we even have one?" The church has one - "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." This is very much in step with the mission of the United Methodist Church, "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

If we want to be a vital church, then we need to keep asking ourselves the good and often painful questions, "Is everything we are doing helping us move toward our mission? Are we using our gifts and resources to share God's message of love and grace to help make disciples?"

Part of my task as your interim minister is to help you stay on track in fulfilling your mission. With God's help, through Jesus Christ, we can be the vital church that Jesus wants us to become.

Reagin Brown

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Our CHUM Family celebrating & serving for the month of October



4 Betty Sanders
6 Jack Maze
8 Richard Johnson, Jennifer Williams
Patti Gardner
Anna Scofield
24 Janette Marshall, Wendy Tootle
27 Sarah Scofield, Beth Cook
29 Bill Stewart
Dana Crisson, Lisa Harbison
Delane Parris, Shane Boyle

Call the church office at 967-0470 if you know of a

SERVANTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Usher/Greeters</u>
10/2	Richard Barrow	Bobby Williams & Bill Maze
10/9	Bill White	Marla Monk, Gerald Gann
10/16	Susan Maxey	Mike Mizerany, Lewis Eberdt
10/23	Brandon Busby	Freddie Huey, Bobby Williams
10/30	Don Harbison	Lewis Eberdt, Mike Mizerany

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TRUNK OR TREAT



Once again it's time to welcome all the **little ghosts & goblins** and the **big ghosts & goblins** to a fun-filled and safe Halloween experience. Everyone is welcome to come decorate your car trunk and bring plenty of treats. Can't you just taste the Men's Club grilled hot dogs and Carroll

Gardner's gumbo now?!! Come join the fun. Use the sign-in poster in the Narthex to reserve your parking space. There is a donation box in the Narthex also!

Ms. Jana

COMING SOON ANNUAL PECAN SALE



For the first time, there will be a price increase for the pecans this year. More information later.

A Word of Thanks and Appreciation.....

to Shana Williams, Worship Chairman, for the love shown in preparing our beautiful sanctuary for worship each Sunday morning. We are all blessed by your talents.

CALLING ALL KIDS FOR KFC

KFC meets on Sunday at 5:00 pm. We have started a series by Phil Vischer called What's in the Bible. This engaging new series walks kids through the entire Bible. All the kids are having a great time learning new and interesting facts about God's word. Join us and tell a friend!

Ms. Jana

KFC HARVEST FUN

On October 9, KFC Kids will have a hot dog & marshmallow roast followed by a hayride to pick your own pumpkin! We will leave the church at 4:30 and return by 7:00 pm. The location will be the Boyles' parent's home. Please let Ms. Jana know if you can join us by October 7. We will have a great time!

Ms. Jana



YOUTH HAPPENINGS

The youth room is almost complete so let's fill it up!! Youth meets during Sunday School, at Sunday night fellowship and on Wednesday evenings. Bring a friend, eat some delicious food and fellowship in the love of Christ!

Also, go ahead and clear your calendars for December 30 - January 1 for Refresh at Camp Sumatanga. For more information, contact Lora!

Contact information for Lora:
Cell phone: 256 493-7264
Email: ThisIsTheYouthEmail@gmail.com



Anyone is welcome to pick up projector and film strips. They are located in the room across from the office. For more information, contact Delane Parris at dsarris@email.com.

HO HO HO!!!

Let's "wrap up" some boxes for Operation Christmas Child at 4th Sunday lunch on October 23rd! Start bringing your shoeboxes now and leave them in the Narthex. Wrapping paper, scissors, and tape will be provided. Get in the Christmas spirit now!

FAIR HAVEN EVENTS

On **Thursday, October 13, 2011** at 12:00 noon, the Fair Haven Auxiliary's Annual Fall Frolic will be held. Tickets are \$20.00 each. See Reita Davis to purchase a ticket.

On **Sunday, October 16, 2011** from 2:00 until 4:00 pm, join the Fair Haven Retirement Community as they hold their 50 year celebration.



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