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# The Tower

Cahaba Heights UMC

February 2013

## Letter from the Pastor

This year is flying by. By the time you read this it will almost be February. Christmas is behind us, the New Year has begun and we seem to be marching right towards spring.

When I think about February I think about all the holidays that are in such a short month: Columbus Day, President's Day, Groundhogs Day and most important of all I think of Valentine's Day. One day set aside each year that we express our love for other people. Valentines can be romantic, it can be friendly a great way to binge on chocolates and

it certainly helped make the Hallmarks millionaires.

Paul in his letter to the church at Corinth wrote lines about love that to me coincide with Valentine's Day. Love is patient, love is kind; it does not envy, it does not boast and it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth. It always protects, it always trusts, always hopes and perseveres.

Wouldn't church be a wonderful place if we

really loved like Paul says we need to. How easily in this day and age of rapid fire technology do we send an e-mail or text before we think about it. We hurt feelings that we never intended to hurt. As a family it is our responsibility to love in the same manner as Paul described. Let's make 2013 the year that we all and I put myself at the top of this list each pick a trait that Paul described and do our best to put it into practice with our church family. By the end of this year Cahaba Heights will not be known as only the friendly church but also as the loving church. What a compliment to our community.  
-Rusty

## State of the Church 2013

You are invited to join Rusty for coffee and cake on Sunday, February 3rd at 4:00 pm to talk about the life of Cahaba Heights UMC in the past year and the direction we plan to go in 2013. This will be a fun time

to catch up on news of the church, talk about plans for the coming year, and ask any questions you have for Rusty about the church and its ministries. Please feel welcome to bring your ideas and thoughts to

the meeting. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and nursery will be provided. Please call the church office if you have questions.

Don't worry- You'll make it to the Super Bowl!

# Gatlinburg Trip

March 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

This trip is geared to be an easy trip. There will be plenty of stretch stops as well as short distances between destinations. There will be very little walking that is required. We have lovely accommodations that have balconies that overlook the river. We are close to downtown Gatlinburg and we will take in many of the commercial sights as well as the sights in the National Park.

All meals are included except two breakfasts. The hotel has a free continental breakfast. On Thursday morning I will be taking any that care to go to the famous Pancake Pantry for breakfast.

The cost is as follows: Married Couples, \$372.00; Individuals, 2 per room, \$186.00; Single room 1 person, \$269.00.

This is going to be a wonderful trip. I hope you will plan now to go. I have made reservations for fourteen and the first ones to sign up are the ones going. All I need is your name and a \$30.00 check per person and you are on the list. Please call me if you have any questions. My cell number is 205-515-3003. -Rusty



The Men's Club Valentine's Banquet on Sun., February 10th will raise money to be divided between the Choir Fund and the Missions Committee. We hope you will come and support these ministries!



## Youth News! (Can You Help?)

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Chili Cook-Off on January 27th! We had fun, raised \$832 for the youth program, and tasted some fabulous chili and desserts! Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to all who donated!

In other youth news, we have moved! We are now in new quarters downstairs near the church offices and we need help supplying our growing program! Can you help donate the following items?

- Furniture
- Photo frames
- And especially: a vacuum cleaner!

Please call Lora or the church office if you have any of the above items for donation. We will arrange a pick-up.

- Used Bibles

# FEBRUARY 2013

## February Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 10:00 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm Kids' Party 3:00 pm Choir Practice 4:00 pm Meeting with Rusty	4 8:00 am M Team Meals on Wheels (all week) 6:30 pm Men's Club	5 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group 6:30 pm SPRC Meeting	6 9:00 am Women's Prayer Group 6:30 pm Kids/Youth/ Bible Study	7	8	9
10 10:00 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm Valentine's Banquet 5:00 pm Kids/Youth 6:00 pm Choir Practice	11	12 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group	13 9:00 am Women's Prayer Group 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service	14 Happy Valentine's Day!	15	16
17 10:00 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Kids/Youth 6:00 pm Choir Practice	18 President's Day 6:30 pm UMW Spirit Circle	19 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group	20 10:00 am UMW Faith Circle 6:30 pm Kids/Youth/ Bible Study	21	22	23
24 10:00 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm 4th Sun. Lunch 5:00 pm Kids/Youth 6:00 pm Choir Practice	25	26 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group	27 9:00 am Women's Prayer Group 6:30 pm Kids/Youth/ Bible Study	28		

- 2 John Tootle, June Wiggins
- 3 Richard Barrow, Myra Grissom Harper
- 5 Ginger Dismukes
- 14 Susan Maxey
- 11 Branscomb Beavers
- 12 Alan Dismukes
- 13 Faye Owens
- 15 Debbie Boyer
- 19 Robert Tootle
- 20 Catherine Armstrong
- 26 Sue Fitzpatrick, Savannah Busby, Christiana Crisson

# February Servants

## Readers:

3: Bill White

10: Richard Barrow

17: Don Harbison

24: Susan Maxey

## Hosts/Greeters:

3: Freddie Huey, Bobby Williams

10: Marla Monk, Gerald Gann

17: Bobby Williams, Freddie Huey

24: Mike Mizerany, Lewis Eberdt

## Attention Seniors!

**This month for our C.H.U.M.S. outing we will be heading to Bessemer to have lunch at The Bright Star (as we had intended to last month!) We will need an exact head-count to make reservations and provide for transportation. Please call the church office as soon as possible to let us know if you would like to come. The last day to reserve a place will be Sunday, February 10th.**

**We will meet on Tues., February 12th, at 10:30 am to drive to Bessemer together. Please see Kelsey with questions.**

**We hope you can come!!**

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