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The Tower

Cahaba Heights UMC

September 2013

Letter from the Pastor

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

Dear Friends,
This month's *Tower* includes lots of information about how you can be involved in CHUMC this Fall, but I want to point

out a very special event on September 29th, Magic City Miracle. Magic City Miracle is a product of The United Methodist Church's "ReThink Church" campaign. Area churches leave the walls of their sanctuaries to serve in the city together.

Last year was our first year to participate in this event and I am looking forward to serving with even more

of you this year! On MCM Day we join about a thousand volunteers from all over the city to work on projects throughout Birmingham. There is something for everyone! Last year our youth even wound up painting shelter walls with our bishop! Please look for more details in your bulletin and join us on September 29th!
-Rev. Kelsey Johnson

Let's Get Chummy: A Special Interview with Walt Stone

Walt Stone has been playing tennis with members of this church for thirty years! This month he will be retiring his racket on his 91st birthday. I asked him to tell me a little about "the league."

Mr. Stone: I retired in 1983, thirty years ago. I got some fellows from the church that were retired at that time and we started playing tennis three times a week. Rufus Dunn, Walt Muroski [whose wife Kathy is still a member at CHUMC], Leonard Duffee, and Lloyd "Cannonball" Richards were among the players. All were church members. We even had a pastor who played with us some until he retired, and Amy Bowers [a former associate pastor at CHUM] played also. We had a big time and went for a long time [thirty years!] and I decided it's time to hang up my racket on my 91st birthday [September 6]. I'm the only one left. All the others have passed on or have health problems. But that's the thing that kept me active and going all this time. I was proud that it helped a lot of people with their enjoyment, friendship, and health.

I asked Walt what he will do with all his extra time after his birthday.

Mr. Stone: I'll walk and ride a stationary bike and watch television while I do so I won't be bored. But I'm going to exercise for sure. You need to exercise and laugh a lot— those two things will carry you a long way.



Children's Ministry News

- The preschool will reopen on Sept. 3rd for the new school year
- Sept. 25th is the preschool/MDO Picture Day!
- Please look for information on Trunk or Treat in next month's *Tower*. We will celebrate Trunk or Treat on October 30th.



Brandon Busby helps carry drinks at First Light

Missions Update

This month Cahaba Heights UMC has engaged in the following monthly missions:

- We collected two big boxes of school supplies for Urban Ministry
- The Sr. High Youth and several of our adults served dinner to 50-60 women and children at the First Light Shelter

We received the following thank you note from Jimmie Hale Missions, one of the organizations that we help on a regular monthly basis:

“It's because of your kind donations and partnership in this ministry that we are able to help those in need and share the love of Christ with them. Thank you for your support of the Jimmie Hale Mission.”

20's/30's Kick Off

Our 20's/30's Sunday school class started on August 25th. The class enjoyed time meeting new people and making plans for the Fall. On Sunday mornings, the group will continue to meet at 9:45 am and will study Brian McLaren's book, *A New Kind of Christianity*. On Wednesday nights, the group will meet at 6:15 pm and enjoy a lighter fellowship time with discussion questions designed around MaryAnn McKibben Dana's book, *Sabbath in the Suburbs: A Family's Experiment with Holy Time*. Please join us! We would love to have you!



Wednesday Night Programs

We have a variety of opportunities available for all ages on Wednesday Nights at CHUMC! First, join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall (see details below), then choose from one of these offerings:

Nursery: Available for all children pre-K and younger

Kids: Play on the playground with Ms. Jana and friends

Youth: Meet downstairs in the youth room

20's/30's: Meet in the parlor for fellowship and discussion based on MaryAnn McKibben Dana's book, *Sabbath in the Suburbs: A Family's Experiment with Holy Time*

Adult Bible Study: Join Rusty in the Couples' Sunday School classroom for a study of the book of Jeremiah

Craft Class: Our most popular offering from last year is back for another semester. Join Ann Hoglund in the Ladies' Sunday School classroom for Crafts

Coffee & Conversation: Have a seat around the fireside and enjoy coffee and fellowship with others just looking to relax and fellowship mid-week

Wednesday Night Menus

Each week, check your Sunday bulletin to see what menu will be served that Wednesday night. The menus for our first two Wednesday nights are listed below:

Sept. 4: Chicken Tetrazzini and salad

Sept. 11: Chicken Pot Pie and salad

The cost is \$6/person with a maximum \$20/family. We hope you will join us for some of J.P.'s delicious cooking!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP



Operation Christmas Child Takes Off!

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, founded by Franklin Graham, in which individuals and groups such as CHUMC pack shoeboxes for boys and girls to receive at Christmas. These boxes also include materials from Samaritan's Purse to help spread the gospel in many areas of the world that would not otherwise be reached.

This year, we will be collecting items for our Christmas shoeboxes by bringing specific items each week for the next two months. Below is the list of items to bring each Sunday. Please place them in the collection box in the Narthex.

September 8th: Pencils and/or small pencil sharpeners

September 15th: crayons/drawing pads/coloring books

September 22nd: small toy cars/jump ropes

September 29th: balls/toy jewelry

October 6th: dolls/stuffed animals

October 13th: toothbrushes/toothpaste

October 20th: soap/washcloths

October 27th: t-shirts/socks

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September Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45 am Sunday Sch. 11:00 am Worship 3:30 pm Choir 5:30 pm Kids/Youth	2 Labor Day (office closed) Meals on Wheels (all week)	3 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group	4 9:00 am Women's Prayer Group 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Programs	5 10:00 am Sr. Adult Bible Study, Sr. Saints	6	7
8 8:30 am Men's Club 9:45 am Sunday Sch. 11:00 am Worship 3:30 pm Choir 5:30 pm Kids/Youth	9 8:00 am M-Team 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study	10 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 am C.H. U.M.S. outing	11 9:00 am Women's Prayer Group 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Programs	12 10:00 am Sr. Saints	13	14
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29 9:45 am Sunday Sch. 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm Magic City Miracle Day 3:30 pm Choir 5:30 pm Kids/Youth	30 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study					

3: Rachel Crisson

5: Dave Cobb

6: Walt Stone

7: John Tootle

11: Jean Harvey, Milke Parris

14: Dana Cobb, Alan Daniels

16: Linda Wheeler,

Chris Mizerany

18: Tyler Welch

19: Myrna Swain, Mary Alice Newell

25: Milke Mizerany, Jeanette Berryhill

26: Millie Flemming, Andrew Heckathorn

28: Patrick Heckathorn

29: Sam Stewart, Peggy Hanby, Phil Hamric

30: Gene Moore

September Servants

Readers:

1: Bill White

8: Don Harbison

15: Susan Maxey

22: Richard Barrow

29: Brandon Busby

Hosts/Greeters:

1: Freddie Huey, Gerald Gann

8: Mike Mizerany, Lewis Eberdt

15: Bill Maze, Bobby Williams

22: Marla Monk, Gerald Gann

29: Freddie Huey, Lewis Eberdt

Attention Seniors!

This month for our C.H.U.M.S. outing we will be going to Wills Creek Winery in Attalla, AL on Sept. 10th. We will leave the church at 10:30 am. You can either ride in the church bus or take your own transportation, but either way please make a reservation with the church office by September 5th.

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