

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

MARCH 2025



On Wednesday evenings, we have been studying the Book of Revelation. This week we are focused on the six trumpets. If it's been a while since you read the Book of Revelation, judgement comes from God as first seven seals are broken on a scroll, seven trumpets are then sounded followed by seven bowl or vial judgements are poured out onto the earth. We are right in the middle of the judgments, and I've been studying and reflecting today on how to make this study fresh and maybe a little more focused on our world today.

The judgements of God in Revelation tend to increase in severity and duration. It is a constant building towards the climax of the story. As the judgements unfold, we see a little of the history of the war in heaven and are introduced to the beast and his prophet. Part of what we are to see is that things will always get worse until they finally get better.

We are soon to be entering the season of Lent. Part of our Lenten journey is to reflect on our lives and specifically our lives as they relate to Jesus. Christians are not spared temptation and trials. In fact, I believe we are more likely to experience troubles and attacks from Satan than non-believers. Part of Lent is discovering and contemplating the constant building towards the climax of the story. Things were really bad for Jesus, until they were better after the resurrection. Our lives tend to flow the same way. Things are bad until they aren't, the difference maker is Jesus.

Blessings,

Bro. Cecil

FRANKLINTON WOMAN'S CLUB LOVE COFFEE

Centenary was full of guest on February 13th for the annual Love Coffee. The Activity Center is one of the recipients of this fund raiser and many from the center were in attendance. The Help Center also benefits from this event. Pictured below are those from the Activity Center, Mayor Darwin Sharpe, and some of the Methodist in attendance.



GREENLEAVES

Soup and crackers was a perfect meal for the cold February gathering. Thanks to Brenda Locke for the soup, wonderful desserts, and Cecil for his assistance.

Following the meal, Cecil gave a short devotion. Then Cecil explained the possibility of purchasing new windows for the sanctuary. Those in attendance had the opportunity to view samples of glass.

Join us on March 18th for good food and fellowship.

TRUSTEES

Our Trustees met on Tuesday, February 18th. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a bid received to replace the sanctuary windows. The rotting condition of the window frames, upkeep, inability to match the current glass panes, and heating and cooling efficiency were all discussed.



CHURCH COUNCIL APPROVES BID FOR SANCTUARY WINDOWS

The sanctuary will be getting new windows. The wood in the current windows is rotten but they have lasted 63 years. The sanctuary will look different. The 2 pane aluminum storm windows will not be stained glass. The inner glass has been selected but not the outer. Samples are in the church library. We encourage you to stop by and express your opinion

**SECOND SATURDAY
JAMBALAYA FUNDRAISER**
Centenary Methodist Missions

**Saturday 3/8/2025
10 AM to 2PM
Franklinton Farmers'
Marke**

**Jambalaya Bowl
18 oz for \$7.00
24 oz for \$10.00**



MISSION REPORT

The Mission Team plans to sponsor a Second Saturday Jambalaya Cook each month. The purpose is to raise funds for Centenary Global Methodist Church Missions. The recipients of the earnings will not be designated each month, but will go into the pot to be distributed as decided later. If you have never worked with our Mission Team and would like to get involved, call the church office and we will get you connected.

THANK YOU FROM ACK CHEPKOIYO MISSION SCHOOL

Centenary received a 10 page report from the school in Kenya, thanking us for the monetary donation for school uniforms. These were some of the words of the head teacher, Mrs. Florence, as she made her opening remarks during school uniforms issuing. The provision of the school uniforms have cushioned many parents who live below a dollar a week (not a day). From the speeches by the teachers, we heard that when the learners are well dressed, their self-esteem is raised and they participate well in class alongside other learners. Mr. Saia, a senior teacher, in his speech mentioned the struggles many parents go through economically, to an extent that they cannot afford basic school needs for their children and was very grateful to the mission team at Centenary Methodist Church for their generosity. 115 uniforms were sewn. The full report with pictures is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

METHODIST MEN

The Centenary Methodist Men's Club met on Sunday, February 2nd, and enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by Barry Bickham and Steve Mauer.

Our speaker, Tony Frickey (not related to the Frickes of Frickes' Cave), Park Manager of the Bogue Chitto State Park, gave a very informative presentation about the park

Some of the facts that he brought out were (1) Bogue Chitto State Park is the second most visited state park in Louisiana and (2) they average over 10,000 visitors per month. He also pointed out that there were many improvements going on at the park and that they were excited that Centenary would be holding their annual Spring Cookout there again this year.

Our March breakfast will occur on Sunday, March 2nd, and our speaker will be Shane Smith, Principal of Franklinton High School and the newly elected Vice President of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) who will give us some insight into the classification system used in determining playoff slots in the future.

We urge every man in Centenary to attend..



**CAMPING RESERVATIONS
CHURCH CAMPOUT
APRIL 26 & APRIL 27
BOGUE CHITTO STATE PARK**

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

MARCH 5TH

12:00

&

6:00 PM



FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

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| February 2 | SS | 37 | Worship Service | 78 |
| February 9 | SS | 41 | Worship Service | 84 |
| February 16 | SS | 33 | Worship Service | 63 |
| February 23 | SS | 39 | Worship Service | 62 |



3/1 Percy Frazier 3/5 Kathy Andre
3/6 Hannah Simmons 3/9 Griff McCormick
3/12 Spencer Green 3/13 Ed Branch
3/13 David Hood Burris
3/14 Irvin Andre 3/20 Stacey Richardson
3/30 Cheryl Tilghman 3/31 Anna Reedy



CONGRATULATIONS

Lorna Louise Myers was born on February 15th and weighed 6 lbs. Proud parents and grandparents are Lark & Marc Myers and Cissy Draper and the late Bobby Draper.

Youth News

Our youth are meeting regularly on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. and having some fun while strengthening our community and faith. Recently we have taken a look at the life of David and what we can learn from his life to apply to our own. Now we have just started a new mini-series entitled "Why Jesus". Today, culture is blurring the lines between different faiths, and it is becoming increasingly difficult for our youth to grasp how their faith in Jesus Christ is unique from other beliefs. In these study sessions we will tackle questions that our youth may have about Jesus and point them to scriptural truths about our Savior. All youth ages 12-18 are welcome to join us!!

Our youth are planning on attending the upcoming Aldersgate Youth Retreat. It will be held on April 4-6, 2025, at Camp Wesley Pines, in Gallman, Mississippi. Centenary youth have attended this retreat each year since Bro. Cecil and I began our ministry here. The retreat is fun while being spiritually uplifting in a way that our youth usually don't experience in traditional worship services. All youth 12 – 20 yrs of age are welcome to attend the Aldersgate Youth Retreat. If you know anyone who is or may be interested, please contact either myself or Bro. Cecil for more information. Brochures and registration forms will be available soon!



PRAYER CONCERNS

Judy Alston, Irving Andre, Emerson Barger, Joan Brooks, Marsha Brown, David Brown, Ad II Burris, Bob Burris, Will Burris, Jim Cody, Vignan Deshaboina, Patrick Dier, Sanjana Saraswathi Ganginen, Barrett Green, David James, Marguerite Lipaini, Laura Logan, Ed Lyles, Jeanne' Lynch, Madelyn Massicot, Mike Mobley, Leighann Morel, Pam Penny, Tanda Schilling, Drew Stevens, Bonnie Stokes, Rodney Wood.

Families of: Melva Dean Conerly, Sue Magee, Dr. David Powers, Richard Morgan, Dan Foil, Carolyn McGlothlin.

TEDDY BEAR BABIES

Baby Thomas-Parents: Carolee & Robert Thomas, Centenary Grandparents: Patri & Larry Gast, Centenary Great Grandparents: Lenora & Percy Frazier.

Baby Boy Richardson-Parents: Peyton & Sydney Richardson, Centenary Great Grandmother: Mary Elizabeth Richardson.

Baby Stevens-Parents: Drew & Deborah Stevens, Grandparents: Drew & Peggy Stevens, Centenary Family: Barry & Hope Bickham.

Baby Boy Worth-Parents: Spencer Worth & Lizzy Hafey, Grandparents: Allen & Casey Worth, Centenary Family: Barry & Hope Bickham.

OUR MILITARY FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Gavin Berne, Carson Fontenot, Kelly Reiss, Brody Schilling, Jackson Stewart, Chad Penny, T. J. Smith, Josh Magee, Andrew Darbonne, Gavin Brumfield, Dillon Mitchell, Mason Knudson, Jonathan Pignato.

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CHURCH CAMPOUT APRIL 25-26**

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