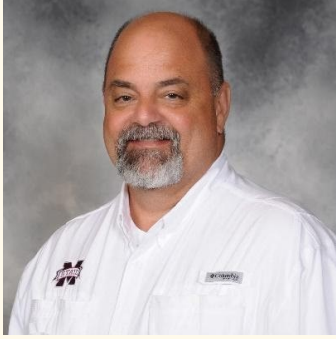


# THE CIRCUIT RIDER



**August 2023**

**How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! (Psalm 133:1) This verse of scripture has been continually on my mind during this past week. The Holy Spirit was present and ministering during our Annual Conference meeting in College Station, TX. The theme of the conference was "The Stories We Tell". The worship and workshop sessions were molded around the idea that we all have a story to tell. As I have been reflecting on the conference over the last few days, I've been convinced to lead us to a time of learning to tell our stories.**

**When we finish our Wednesday evening study of Isaiah, we will devote a couple Wednesday nights to learning to tell our story. It will be more of a hands-on workshop type setting. We will learn together how to discern what God is leading us to share. How to organize our story and how best to share our story with others. We will also learn how my story and your story becomes our story and His Story.**

**As we learn to share our story, we will also explore times of sharing our story during worship. If we can get some volunteers, we will begin setting aside some time in worship on Sunday morning for testimony (Our Story). Wouldn't it be great if during Advent, as we anticipate the arrival of our savior, we have a time to hear what that savior has meant to our brothers and sisters.**

**You will also be hearing a lot about small groups. Class meetings and Band meetings give us an opportunity to share our story as we grow in our discipleship. Again, my story becomes our story and finds its place in His story.**

**All of you have sung the old hymns such as "I Love to Tell The Story" or "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations". I've heard you sing the refrain from "Blessed Assurance", This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. At some point we have to stop just singing about our story and begin to actually tell it. I'll meet you in the mission field, I'll be the guy telling my story to whoever will stop and listen. Will you join me?**

**Blessings.**

**Bro. Cecil**

## MISSION TEAM MEETING HELD—PLANS MADE FOR FALL

The mission team met on June 29th to plan for future projects. A Bogue Chitto River cleanup day was planned for July 15th. This event had to be canceled due to the low level of the water. Upcoming events are as follows:

August 6th-Our communion offering will be donated to Franklinton Primary School to purchase spare uniform pants for children.

August 13th-Kenya Uniform Drive begins. Money bags will be distributed.

August-Moving Mountain Ministry Hygiene bags-check in the office for details.

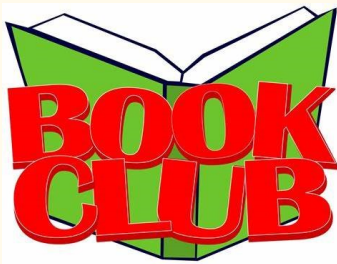
October 28th-Chicken Dinner Fund Raiser to benefit the Kenya Uniform Drive and contribute money towards new playground equipment at the Fairgrounds.

**Blessing of the  
Backpacks  
and the  
School Year**



## AUGUST 13TH-MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

All students and teachers are to bring your backpacks and receive a blessing for a safe and productive school year.



The Book Club met on Monday, July 17th and enjoyed salads provided by Mercer Brumfield and Mary Elizabeth Richardson. The following books were selected.

August: 'One for the Money' by Janet Evanovich

September: The Wedding Dress Circle by Jennifer Ryan

October: Someone Else's Shoes by Jo Jo Moyes

November: The Tuscan's Child by Rhys Broom

December: Garden of Lies by Eileen Goudge

January: Louisiana Longshot by Jana Deleon



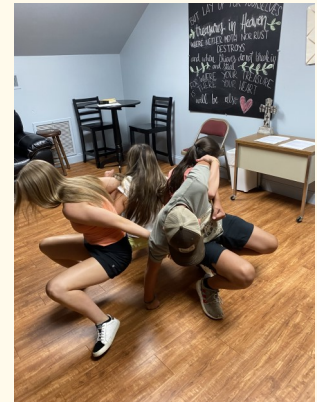
Thank you Mini-Methodist for providing our special music on Sunday, July 16th!





**GREENLEAVES JULY GATHERING**

On July 18th, Greenleaves enjoyed hamburgers prepared by Brother Cecil. He then shared a talk on 'Story Telling'. The August Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15th. Come and enjoy the food and entertainment.



Centenary Youth have now been meeting for a couple of months, coming together for some fun and fellowship. We've been playing games and reading scripture. We've kind of had a slow start because of everyone's summer plans, vacations and other activities. Once school starts, we intend to kick things off with a back-to-school party. Date, time and location are yet to be determined. We will also be painting and redecorating the youth room. There may even be an escape room in our near future as well as an outing to a trampoline park! So, if you are a youth (or you know a youth) between the ages of 12 and 18, we'd love for you to join us on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m., upstairs in the youth room. Wear comfortable clothes-you never know what might be on the agenda for the day!

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
AUGUST 14th  
6:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall**

**SPRC MEETING  
AUGUST 24th  
6:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall**



## EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH



On July 20-22nd, Centenary was in attendance at the East Texas Conference of the Global Methodist Church. Brother Cecil is pictured above being ordained as a Deacon. Joining Cecil were his wife, Brenda, daughter, AnaMarie, Jimmy Burris, Lay Delegate, and Mike Mobley. This group came home with positive reports of their experience. On August 6th, Jimmy Burris will present the congregation with a formal report from conference.

### DAILY DEVOTION

Cecil mentioned in a recent sermon a daily devotion called Wake Up Call. Below is a link to receiving the devotion daily through email.

The address for the morning email devotion from J. D. Walt is [seedbed.com/wakeupcall](http://seedbed.com/wakeupcall)

### JULY ATTENDANCE REPORT

July 2	SS-34	Worship-74
July 9	SS-43	Worship-85
July 16	SS-40	Worship-89
July 23	SS-28	Worship-58
July 30	SS-36	Worship-78

## NEW CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH

### SHIRTS, APRONS, & CAPS

**Shirts-Royal Blue with white letters**

**Children: XSM, SM, M, LG (\$10)**

**Adults: SM, M, LG, XLG (\$10)**

**2XL (\$15) 3XL (\$17)**

**Aprons-Royal Blue with white letters (\$12)**

**Caps-various colors with logo (\$12)**

**Mercer Brumfield will have samples of the various sizes for the tee shirts and will display them in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings for the next 2 weeks. Let her know if you are interested.**



**GLOBAL**  
METHODIST CHURCH

## WOMEN

**Tuesday, August 1st at noon**

**Fellowship Hall**

**8/1 Lana Branch**  
**8/1 Debbie Burris**  
**8/3 Max Schilling**  
**8/7 Kelvin McCain**  
**8/9 Lenora Frazier**  
**8/10 Brian Ridgedell**  
**8/13 Chance Broadway**  
**8/13 Jacob McCormick**  
**8/16 Rick Brocato**  
**8/16 Michael Walker**  
**8/17 Abby McCormick**  
**8/18 Laurie Duncan**  
**8/18 Dixie Cody**  
**8/21 Allie McCain**



**8/24 Mary E. Richardson**  
**8/24 Clay Richardson**  
**8/27 David James**  
**8/28 Meg Norwood**  
**8/31 Meadow Smith**

## **PRAYER LIST**

**Irvin Andre, Kathy Andre, Clara Jo Beaushaw, Don Bernard, Huey Beverly, Jay Beverly, Hallie Blalock, Haylee Brooks, Izzy Brooks, Al Bontrager, Lynn Bourgoyne, Stacey Breaux, Jewell Burch, Bob Burris, Sharon Bush, Steve Bush, Polly Carter, Roland Carter, Willie Chauvin, Kelli Darbonne, Pat Dier, Amy Dudley, Lee Anna Dudley, Kathy Dykes, Elaine Forrest, Prentiss Forrest, Charles Hamilton, Ryan Jenkins, Sue Johnson, Pat King, Margerite Lipani, Donna Locke, Betty Logan, Peggy Lyles, David McBride, Bobby McInnis, Lylia McInnis, Margie McInnis, Lindsay O'Donnell, Mason Pepin, Tome & Rene Riggs, Myrna Schilling, Mike Sharp, Dr. Jerry Thomas, Catherine Tiner, Lennette Vilavaso & Family, Steve Wise .**

## **REMEMBER THESE FAMILIES**

**Patti McInnis Catalano, Jennifer Flemming, Jack Todd Edwards, Bobbie Brumfield Miller, Peter Bassil, Brad Orman, Eric Lampton, Cameron Robbins, Alaina Jane Foreman.**

## **TEDDY BEAR BABIES**

**Baby Bryant-Centenary Parents: John & Caitlyn Bryant, Centenary Siblings: Beau, Serena, & Jackson Bryant.**

**Baby Bryan: Parents: Keeley & Katelin Bryan, Centenary Great Aunt & Uncle: Brenda & Cecil Locke**

**Baby Bowen: Parents: Rev. Chad & Katie Bowen, Centenary Great Friends: Brenda & Cecil Locke.**

## **OUR MILITARY FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**Gavin Berne, Carson Fontenot, Megan McCain, Kelly Reiss, Brody Schilling, Dr. Rebekah Schott, Lee McCain, Jackson Stewart, Chad Penny, T. J. Smith, Josh Magee, Andrew Darbonne, Gavin Brumfield.**

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**Treasurer: Julie Foret**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**8/1 UMW**

**8/13 Blessing of Backpacks**

**8/14 Nominations Committee**

**8/15 Greenleaves**

**8/17 Council Meeting**

**8/21 Book Club**

**8/22 Piecemakers**

**8/24 SPRC**

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