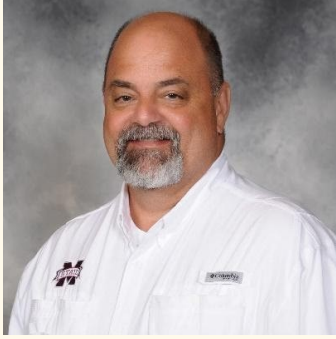


# THE CIRCUIT RIDER



**March 2024**

Yesterday I had to travel down to Folsom for some bloodwork to be done for Dr. Chris. Apparently, the Air Conditioning in my truck has decided that it no longer wants to blow cold air in my face. It was not a comfortable drive. The outside temperature was only in the low 80's but I was not a happy person. It's caused me to do a little self-reflection.

We (more specifically I) have become too accustomed to modern conveniences. It's as if we can't function when the slightest hiccup occurs to throw off our routines. My first automobile was a 1980 Datsun B210, two door coupe. It came equipped with 240 AC. That's two windows down and 40 MPH. I drove that car for about five years in the unrelenting heat and humidity of South Mississippi summers. Now a twenty-minute drive in a warm car causes me discomfort and is almost enough to ruin my day.

We (again more specifically I) have become a little too accustomed to easily following Jesus. It was never meant to be easy. Jesus says in Mathew 10 that he didn't come to bring peace but a sword. He repeatedly talks about the hardship that awaits his disciples. Paul often wrote about suffering for the gospel. But Paul also was great at bringing perspective to our suffering. In 2 Corinthians 4:8-12 Paul says, "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

There is a point to suffering, it forces us to rely upon God and God alone, it draws us together and it provides a living testimony to the goodness and grace of our Lord. What difficult or uncomfortable thing is God calling you to do?

**Blessings,**

**Bro. Cecil**



## GREENLEAVES

On Tuesday, February 20th, Greenleaves gathered and heard Doug Hall speak. Doug is a Lead Development Officer for La. Children and Family Services. He spoke concerning the daily operations of the Children's Home in Robert and explained future growth. Doug extended an invitation for any group or individuals to come and tour the facility.

Greenleaves will meet again on March 19th. Elizabeth Ard and Steve & Laina Asprion will provide the meal. Come enjoy the food and fellowship.



**Support the Children's Home**  
**Salsa-\$7**  
**Jelly-\$8**  
**Available in the church office**  
**While supply last.**  
**Only Pepper Jelly's remain**





**MISSIONS**

**Centenary's Mission Team sponsored a Chicken Dinner on Saturday, February 24th at the Farmer's Market. Courtney Murphy from the Children's Home was present since the proceeds will be donated to the home in Robert, Louisiana. Final figures are not complete but they will receive a little over \$2,000. Courtney was also given 3 quilts to give to 3 young men that recently left the home due to age. Our church helped these men financially as they transitioned to living in apartments. The chicken dinners that did not sell were also donated to the children and staff in Robert.**

**A big Thank You to our mission team, those that prepared cakes and cookies and to all who purchased tickets.**







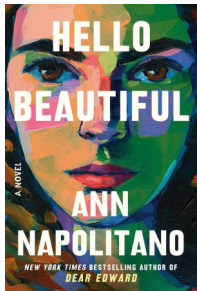
## CONGRATULATIONS

Oliver Blake Ginn was born on February 9, 2024. He weighed 7 lb., 15oz., and measured 20 inches. Proud parents are Faith & Zachary Ginn. Christine Beverly Ginn is the proud grandmother. CENTENARY PROUD GREAT GRANDPARENTS are Huey & Mary Beverly.



## CONGRATULATIONS MERCER

Representing the WPF, Mercer attended Louisiana Fair's State Convention in February. She was selected as the Volunteer of the Year for District IV. She is also a wonderful volunteer for Centenary Methodist Church.



## BOOK CLUB

Join us on March 18th at 11:00 a.m.



**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS  
CHURCH CAMPOUT  
APRIL 26th—APRIL 28th**



## YOUTH

**Building their faith with Jenga  
and Bible questions.**



## FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

February 4	SS	43	Worship Service	80
February 11	SS	35	Worship Service	65
February 18	SS	37	Worship Service	80
February 25	SS	43	Worship Service	82

## THE EASTER EXPERIENCE—WEDNESDAYS AT 6 pm during LENT

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 Burriss  
3/14 Irvin Andre  
3/20 Stacey Richardson  
3/30 Cheryl Tilghman  
3/31 Anna Reedy

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Many projects dealing with our church plant are keeping our Trustees busy. The stove area in the kitchen must be degreased and thoroughly cleaned. All the cabinets need to be emptied, purged, and cleaned. Volunteers are needed.

A new door is needed in the Men's Sunday School Classroom and other exterior doors need repair or replacement.

All carpets in the facility need cleaning. At present, 2 quotes are being obtained for this project.

The front flower beds need attention and this is being addressed.

If you see other tasks that need to be addressed, please notify the office.

**MARCH 29th-6:00 p.m.**



## **PRAYER LIST**

**Judy Alston, Debbie Burris, Lynn Borgoyne, Edsel Brock, Bob Burris, James Crabtree, Patri Gast, Barrett Green, Alexia Grogan, Betty Logan, Ila Martin, Mike Mobley, Leighann Morel, Christie Pierce, Pam Pierce, Rickey Richardson, Tanda Schilling, Dianne Smith, Dean Thomas.**

## **REMEMBER THESE FAMILIES**

**Francis Tilghman, Mark Cassidy, Robert Spooner, Pam Cook Forrest, Jerry Millet, Susan Suarez, Charlie Wild, Reggie Simmons, Thomas Hood III.**

## **TEDDY BEAR BABIES**

**Baby Woolman-Parents: Wade and Lindsey Woolman, Centenary Grandparents: Dr. Cheryl and Robert Tilghman, Centenary Great Grandmother: Shirley Brown.**

## **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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**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

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