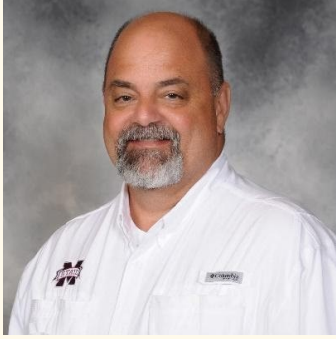


# THE CIRCUIT RIDER



July 2024

**Adulting is hard. If you haven't heard, Brenda will be taking a new job on July 1. With the change of employment comes a change in insurance. Brenda, Robert, Julie and I have been pouring over coverages and costs, and analyzing what may be best for our family and balancing that with what is financially prudent and healthy for the church. I'm tired of insurance issues. And I'm tired of making decisions... adulting is hard. I sometimes miss the days of little to no responsibilities. The days of no cares and worries and no real decisions. We may long for past days gone by, but we can never return to them, and that's a good thing.**

**When we are young and carefree, we tend to be very self-centered. It is through growing up and "adulting" that we truly learn how to love others. Paul told the church at Ephesus we must not remain as children being tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine, but to grow to spiritual maturity by using the gifts God has entrusted to us. (Ephesians 4:13-16) Picking insurance policies, paying taxes and keeping the lights turned on is not fun but it is necessary. It also serves as a time to take wise counsel from folks who possess spiritual gifts that you do not have. It is in spiritual maturity that we not only learn how to love and be loved, but we learn how to teach and instruct others to love.**

**Adulting is hard, but a life of love is worth it. Now if y'all will excuse me, I've got some growing up to do and an insurance policy to pick out.**

**Blessings**

**Bro. Cecil**

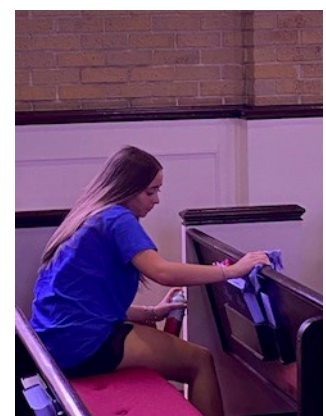
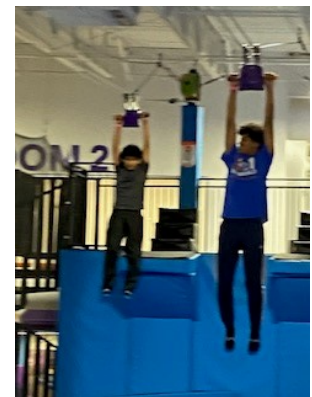
## Youth News!

This month has been one of a little fun and a little service. The month started out with a trip to Altitude Trampoline park where our youth enjoyed a journey down the zipline to a semi-soft landing on the trampoline beneath them. Other adventures at the park included extreme dodgeball and several rounds on the battle beam. They even got Bro. Cecil to battle. He lost the battle and went plummeting into the trampoline – it took a minute or two after his loss to roll to the edge and pull himself out, but he made it (much to the amusement of the youth). Our outing ended with a very hungry group hitting Raising Cane's for some much-needed nourishment.

The fun continued at one of our youth meetings with a lesson which began with the youth tossing water balloons at each other. The objective was to catch them without them bursting and getting them wet. When one burst, they had to take a step further apart and start tossing the next balloon. Once they were pretty wet, we discussed Peter and his adventure with Jesus walking on the water. We learned that we should never take our eyes off Jesus, even when we get hit in the face with the water!

Later in the month, some of our youth participated in the church clean-up. They vacuumed pew cushions and cleaned and dusted some of the sanctuary pews. Once that was finished it was on to the next project of assembling the Father's Day "goodie" bags.

The youth will continue to meet during the summer, every Sunday unless otherwise notified, at 2:00 p.m. If you know of anyone, ages 12-18, that would like to join us, all are welcome!!



## MISSIONS

In June, the mission team sponsored a Jambalaya Dinner at the Farmer's Market. The proceeds (\$1400) were donated to Veterans Outreach.

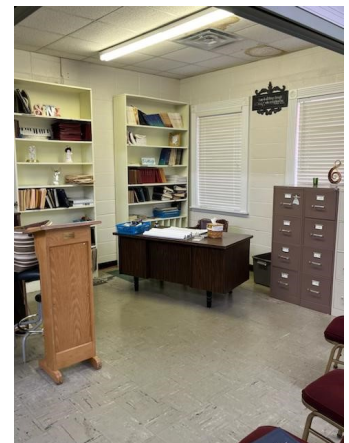


## MOSQUITO NETS

As reported earlier, Centenary responded to a request from the Global Methodist Church to give financial aid to Kenya during recent flooding. We made a contribution through our contacts with the Kenya Uniform Drive. We received a report and pictures of the families receiving their mosquito nets. They expressed their sincere gratitude to the Centenary Church.

## CHURCH CLEAN UP

We are continuing our church clean up. Much progress has been made. Recently, choir members began the task of cleaning the choir room. The next rooms to clean are the bathrooms. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the office.



July-The Heiress by Racheal Hawkins

August-None of This is True by Lisa Jewell

September-The River We Remember by Kent Krueger

October-The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls

## BOOK OF ACTS-SERMON SERIES

June 30-Acts 3:1-10, "Giving All You Have"

July 7-Acts 4:23-31 "Speaking with Boldness"

July 14-Acts 5:1-6, "Lying to Self and God is Never a Good Idea"

July 21-Acts 5:33-39, "Fighting Against God"

July 28-Acts 7:58-60, "The Cost of Truth"



## JANCY WILLIAMS

Jancy and her children (Anderson, Joseph, Zaid, and Kiera) have been attending our church. Anderson and Joseph are active in our youth program. Jancy is from Honduras and her English is improving. Currently, Jancy has a job cleaning a service station in the late evening and night. This timing keeps her away from her children when they are home from school. Jancy would like to begin her own cleaning business. She is interested in cleaning homes, apartments and offices. If you could use her help or can spread the word, we can help her get started. Texting Jancy at 985-295-3542 will be best due to text being translated to Spanish. If you have any questions you can call the church office.

## Milk & Honey Cooking School Presented by: Brenda & Cecil



**Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.**

**Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office.**



## COKE MACHINE

**Our Coke Machine has been restocked. A big Thank You to Steve Asprion for taking the job of keeping the machine stocked.**

## JUNE ATTENDANCE

June 2	SS	35	Worship Service	65
June 9	SS	35	Worship Service	75
June 16	SS	39	Worship Service	87
June 23	SS	41	Worship Service	80



7/2 Monroe Carter	7/17 David Burris
7/8 Brenda Locke	7/21 Ron Brumfield
7/8 Tommy Vessier	7/22 Beth Reedy
7/9 Vaida Bahm	7/24 Jocelyn Davis
7/10 Barry Bickham	7/25 Jim Cody
7/10 Michael Bickham	7/28 Cole Green
7/14 Chip Burris	7/29 Annette Stockstill
7/14 Hope Bickham	7/30 Shirley Brown
7/14 Peyton Richardson	7/30 Chris Foret
7/16 Austin Reedy	



Washington Parish Council on Aging  
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Thanks Mrs. Sandie Miller and Centenary Methodist Church family for the beautiful handmade totes they donated to the clients at the Franklinton Senior Center.



## SPECIAL OFFERING

Thank you for your response for the special offering collected on June 23rd.

This money is to help offset the expense of the Global Methodist Church Conference in Costa Rica. We collected \$831.

## **PRAYER LIST**

**Judy Alston, Steve Bush, Lynn Borgoyne, Edsel Brock, Fredrick Brumfield, Bob Burris, Addie Coxen, James Crabtree, Patrick Dier, Leslie Dobie, Amy Dudley, Margie Dunnington, Barrett Green, Alexia Grogan, Troy Ingram, Von Jarrell, Jerry King, Betty Logan, Ed Lyles, Tammy Magruder, Ila Martin, Cynthia McCormick, Mike Mobley, Leighann Morel, Pam Penny, Christie Pierce, Pam Pierce, Gayle Rester, Tanda Schilling, Dianne Smith, Bonnie Stokes, Dean Thomas, Gabriel Woolman.**

## **REMEMBER THESE FAMILIES**

**Dorothy Gill, Steve Abernathy, Gary Stafford, Rusty Borgoyne, Elaine Gosselin, Linda Brumfield, Clara Sue Watts Driftmier, Kim Hartzog, Buddy Manning, William Hunt.**

## **TEDDY BEAR BABIES**

**Baby Amelia Jane Schaubhut-Parents: Jenna Beber & Aaron Schaubhut, Centenary Great Grandparents: Don & Sarah Tregre, Great-great grandmother and Uncle: Margie & Jeffrey Dunnington.**

**Baby Boy Hester-Parents: Emily and Chris Hester, Brother Hayden, Sister Avery, Centenary Grandparents: Jimmy and Debbie Burris.**

## **OUR MILITARY FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

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

**IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT THE CHURCH DURING OFFICE HOURS  
CALL 985-839-3808. OTHERWISE 985-515-0134 OR 985-335-7662.**

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**HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY**

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