

# THE CIRCUIT RIDER

## SEPTEMBER 2024



**I've had Holy Communion on my mind this week. We will share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion during our worship hour this Sunday, just as we do on every first Sunday. As you gather on Sunday, or as we are worshipping together, I'd like you to take notice of the white cloths covering the Communion elements. Have you ever thought of why they are covered with a white cloth?**

**First, there is no scriptural basis for covering the elements. Scripture is simply silent on the subject. Scripture certainly speaks to the practice of the Sacrament and gives guidance on its administration, but the covering of the elements with a cloth is never mentioned. So why do we do it?**

**A study of church history shows that early on the church began covering the elements for communion. Some have suggested that it is an attempt to make known that which had been previously veiled. Or it is an act of reverence and respect. Both are good options for a theological understanding of covering the elements. But it also has a practical application. It keeps the bread and wine clean and undefiled. That's right, the big practical reason for the coverings... to keep the flies away. They keep the bad stuff out!**

**Our Methodist understanding of Holy Communion is that it is a Means of Grace. We believe Grace is present in the elements and in our consumption of them. We believe that by regularly experiencing the broken body and poured out blood of Jesus, we receive Grace. We believe the more Grace we receive, the more we begin to take on the love of Jesus and incorporate it into our lives. And that helps keep the real bad stuff out!**

**Blessings,  
Bro. Cecil**

## **METHODIST WOMEN**

The women ventured to a surprise destination in July. They met at the church and carpooled to Covington. They enjoyed good food, laughs, and fellowship at Olive Garden. The women meet in the Fellowship Hall on the first Tuesday of each month. Bring a sack lunch and join them on September 3rd at noon.



## **CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATING SENIORS**



**Ben Bickham and Allie McCain grew up together at Centenary Methodist Church. In August, they both graduated from college. Ben graduated from Southeastern with a B.S. Degree in Industrial Technology and is employed with Jack's Tree Service.**

**Allie graduated from LSU with a B.S. in Kinesiology. She is currently working at a medical clinic in Baton Rouge. She has applied to an accelerated nursing program.**

**Congratulations to our graduates!**

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 11th

This Sunday's worship service was full of many special events. Our students experienced the Blessing of the Backpacks and the children engaged the congregation in God Clap. Third graders, Raina Bahm, Beau Bryant, Elizabeth, and Sofia Logan were presented bibles. Ninety-seven attended this service.



## GREENLEAVES

Sherriff Jason Smith joined Greenleaves on August 20th. He mainly answered questions posed by the group. Mary Beverly and Sandy Miller provided a delicious meal consisting of ham, green beans, baked beans, and Sandy's Famous Banana Pudding. The next gathering is on September 24th at noon. Debbie & Jimmy Burris will provide the meal.



## 2 TEDDY BEAR BABIES HAVE ARRIVED

Amelia Jane was born on August 6th weighing 6 Lbs., 2 oz. She is the daughter of Jenna Beber & Aaron Schaubhut. Proud Centenary Great grandparents are Don & Sarah Tregre, and Great-great grandmother and Uncle, Margie & Jeffrey Dunnington.

Hudson Robert Hester was born on August 26th weighing 8 lbs., 13 oz. and measuring 21.25 inches. Proud parents are Emily and Chris Hester and siblings Hayden and Avery. Proud Centenary Grandparents are Jimmy and Debbie Burris.





## MISSION FUNDRAISER

**On Sunday, August 25th, the mission team sponsored a Hamburger/Ice Cream/Bingo fundraiser for local missions. The event was well attended and successful. The gourmet hamburger contest was won by Cecil Locke and Patri Gast. The homemade ice cream contest was won by Robert Tilghman. Thanks to all the participants in both contest. There were many bingo winners and the blackout winner was Clyde Oyler.**



**THANKS FOR ALL  
THE HELPING  
HANDS**

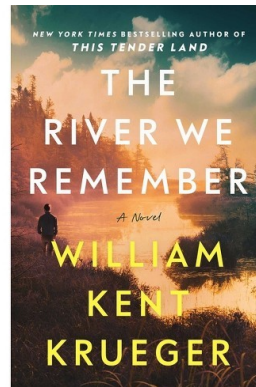


## AUGUST ATTENDANCE

<b>August 4</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>August 11</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>August 18</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>August 25</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>91</b>

### REMINDER

**No Men's Breakfast  
In September.  
Next Breakfast  
October 6**



**BOOK  
CLUB  
SEPTEMBER**

<b>9/1 Jane Burris</b>	<b>9/16 Ashley Foret</b>
<b>9/2 Betty Logan</b>	<b>9/21 Max Bahm</b>
<b>9/3 Lee Dudley</b>	<b>9/22 Logan Walker</b>
<b>9/3 Gerald Foret</b>	<b>9/24 Keaton Catrett</b>
<b>9/6 Mark James</b>	<b>9/25 Holly James</b>
<b>9/9 Richard Jenkins</b>	<b>9/25 Thomas Richardson</b>
<b>9/14 Steve Asprion</b>	<b>9/29 Emma Matise</b>
<b>9/14 Mike Mobley</b>	





### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Judy Alston, Steve Bush, Lynn Borgoyne, Edsel Brock, Fredrick Brumfield, Shelia Burnett, Bob Burris, Chip Burris, Addie Coxen, James Crabtree, Patrick Dier, Leslie Dobie, Amy Dudley, Linda Durden, Barrett Green, Alexia Grogan, Troy Ingram, Von Jarrell, David James, Carmen Jones, Jerry King, Marguerite Lipani, Betty Logan, Ed Lyles, Chandler McCain, Ila Martin, Mike Mobley, Leighann Morel, Terry Morgan, Darlene Warren Murphy, Pam Penny, Christie Pierce, Gayle Rester, Tanda Schilling, Dianne Smith, Bonnie Stokes, Corey Thomas, Gabriel Woolman.**

**Families of: Glen Graves, Jan Hughes, Ouida Minark.**

### **TEDDY BEAR BABIES**

**Baby Boy Ginn-Parents: Emily and Karlton Ginn, Grandmother: Christine Beverly Ginn, Centenary Great Grandparents: Huey & Mary Beverly.**

### **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.**

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