

# THE CIRCUIT RIDER

## OCTOBER 2024



It's official, we are a real denomination. Actually, we were already a real denomination, but all the "provisional" and "transitional" language has been dropped from all our documents and organizational structure. Thanks to the convening conference held in Costa Rica this past week, we now have an official constitution and an official Book of Doctrine and Discipline. The conference worked on perfecting about half of our former transitional Book of Doctrine and Discipline, the second half will be perfected during General Conference in 2026. It was approved by the convening conference to hold the 2026 General Conference at a yet to be determined location in central Africa. Our denomination has been intentional about showing the world that the Global Methodist Church is not simply Global in name only, but we are truly Global in nature.

The General Conference voted and approved a different form of Episcopal leadership than we are used to having. In our former denomination, Bishops were "residential" in nature and were deployed to Annual Conferences where they had more of an administrative and bureaucratic role. In the GMC, we have chosen to have fewer Bishops and have them serve in a "general superintendency" role. Six bishops were elected to serve as interim bishops for the next two years. They will be joining the two fulltime bishops we already have. Their primary responsibility will be as guardians of the faith. They will have oversight of Annual Conferences and will have more of a teaching and equipping role in our denomination. Beginning in 2026, Bishops will be elected at General Conference to serve a six-year term and can be reelected once. There were also some accountability safeguards which were approved. Our annual conferences will be led by an elected Conference Superintendent.

We also approved a new denominational mission statement. "The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples and spread scriptural holiness across the globe." That's a lot to live into here in little ole Franklinton. We have our task defined for us. We now have to be about the work of making disciples and spreading scriptural holiness. I'll see y'all in the mission field.

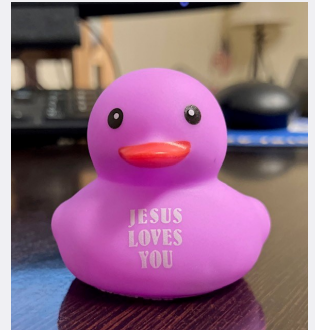
**Blessings,**

**Bro. Cecil**



### **FAIR TIME**

Centenary is a member of the Franklinton Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber will have a float in the parade this year. We were asked to donate throws for the parade. If you catch one of these ducks—Centenary is reminding you that Jesus Loves You!



**Centenary will work the Membership Booth at the Fair on Friday, October 18th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Volunteers needed!**

### **OFFICE HOURS DURING FAIR WEEK**

The church office will be open Monday and Tuesday. If you need pastoral care Wednesday-Saturday, call Faith (985-515-0134) or Brother Cecil (985-335-7662).



### **VOLUNTEERING**

As you walk around the church, notice how clean all the cement appears. A big thank you to Steve Asprion for spray cleaning the front of the church, all the sidewalks around the church and the patio area.

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th—7:00 a.m.**

**The guest speaker is Rusty Fornea of ADAPT.**





## GREENLEAVES



**In September, Greenleaves were treated to a wonderful meal prepared by Debbie and Jimmy Burris. Jimmy introduced Freda Billings from Bogalusa as the guest speaker. Freda kept everyone's attention as she discussed the book "Dr. Mary's Monkey". One of the characters in the book is a Dr. Mary Sherman. Freda then shared her personal experience as a child with polio and a patient of Dr. Sherman's. The day Freda was scheduled for surgery was the day Dr. Sherman was murdered.**



## GREENLEAVES WILL NOT MEET IN OCTOBER



## METHODIST WOMEN

**Centenary women, joined by Mt. Hermon women, First Baptist women, and friends, donated \$1500 to our contact in Kenya. The government has a tax on sanitary napkins and they are unaffordable to poor young ladies. Without them they must not attend school during this time. Our Kenya contact purchased and delivered them. The young ladies will receive education on proper usage.**

## CHARGE CONFERENCE

**Centenary Methodist and Mt. Hermon Methodist Churches will hold a joint Charge Conference on Sunday, October 27th at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.**





## MATTHEW 25:40 CLOTHING DRIVE



**Matthew 25:40 is a ministry that provides clothing to homeless individuals. Clothes collected are cleaned, repaired, and used as material to make something new. Centenary is beginning to collect donations and will end the drive on October 27th. Start cleaning out your closets and even if you deem it to be rags, it is acceptable. You can drop off your donations at the church. The organization will come to Centenary and pick up whatever we collect.**

### YOUTH FUN

**Our youth are still meeting on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. Recently they enjoyed an activity creating a muscle man.**



### MISSIONS

**Centenary will have a Chicken Dinner on Sunday, November 9th, at the church. Tickets will be sold in advance. The proceeds will go to support the Kenya Uniform Drive and Aldersgate Youth Retreat. The Kenya change bags will be distributed soon so start saving your loose change. More details to come.**



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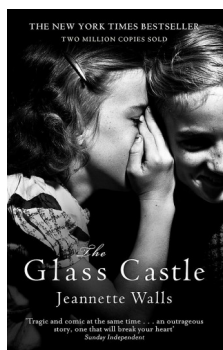


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## SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

September 1	SS	34	Worship Service	67
September 8	SS	42	Worship Service	83
September 15	SS	48	Worship Service	82
September 22	SS	36	Worship Service	76
September 29	SS	51	Worship Service	106



## BOOK CLUB

The next meeting for Book Club is Monday, October 21st at 11:00 a.m. The book is 'The Glass Castle' by Jeanette Walls. Read and come join our discussion.

10/1 Yvonne Thomas	10/18 Mary Kate Dykes
10/2 Claire Draper Barker	10/19 Kate Matise
10/3 Clay Foreman	10/20 Marilyn Richardson
10/6 Robert Tilghman	10/21 Edwin Lyles
10/7 Cheryl Brocato	10/26 Jimmy Burris
10/7 Margie Dunnington	10/27 Murdock Brumfield
10/10 Cash Smith	10/28 Connor McCain
10/12 Huey Beverly	10/29 Cynthia McCormick
10/12 Sofia Logan	10/29 Peggy Lyles
10/12 Gabby Logan	10/30 Jamie Matise
10/12 Elizabeth Logan	10/31 Amy Oyler
10/14 Carol Egan	10/31 Lynne Logan Robbins

Happy  
Birthday  
to you!





### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Judy Alston, Steve Bush, Edsel Brock, Fredrick Brumfield, Shelia Burnett, Bob Burris, Chip Burris, Addie Coxen, James Crabtree, Patrick Dier, Leslie Dobie, Amy Dudley, Dustin Fowler, Suzannah Fussell, Barrett Green, Alexia Grogan, Von Jarrell, David James, Carmen Jones, Jerry King, Marguerite Lipaini, 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, Gabriel Woolman.**

**Families of: Corey Thomas, Lyndle Bullard, Linda Durden, Troy Ingram, Lynn Bor-goyne, Prentiss Forrest.**

### **TEDDY BEAR BABIES**

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

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

### **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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