

# **THE CIRCUIT RIDER**

## **JUNE 2025**



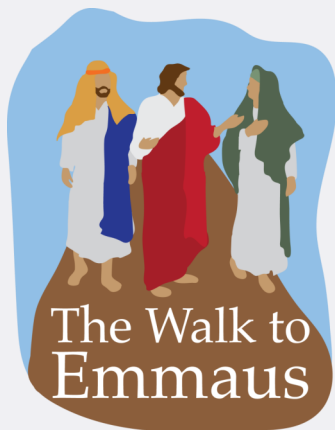
**It's hard to believe June is here. Everything is green once again and the grass keeps growing and growing and growing. Cindy and I spent the better part of three weeks in the southwest U.S. and being home is such a contrast because of how green everything is here. Green is a sign of life I suppose, and it is beautiful to see. The leaves that started coming out in April and May are now full size on the trees. Even though the azalea blooms have come and gone, the green leaves remain. The grass has grown thick enough to cover the imperfections in my yard and needs cutting at shorter and shorter intervals. When we think back, it was only 6 weeks ago that we were celebrating Jesus' resurrection. In a sense, Jesus' resurrection represents our resurrection from sin and death and thus a rebirth for us. Now if our spiritual maturity was as fast as the growth that comes after Easter we would be set! But unfortunately, it doesn't happen that fast.**

**We don't have to do a lot to see the green take over each spring, but that is not necessarily the case with our Christian maturity. Even though Christ has done all that has to be done for our being declared right in God's sight (our justification), in order for us to move on to the maturity God desires for us (our sanctification), we have things we need to do in cooperation with the Holy Spirit. We call these the spiritual disciplines and they include such things as prayer, Bible study, gathering together in church, taking communion, sharing our faith with others, doing good works, visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, and giving generously to the needs of others. We know in the spring our yards will begin to green up and grow even if we ignore them. We also know that they will look a whole lot better if we don't ignore them by providing fertilizer, water at times, weed control, and pest control. But there's a big difference between yard maintenance and spiritual maturity. For yard maintenance, we can generally take a break during the winter. But in order for us to continue to grow spiritually, we can't take a break. Not even in the summer. So I want to encourage you to continue your spiritual growth! Continue the disciplines mentioned above to do everything in your power to be a mature follower of Jesus!**

**Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. *James 1:4 NIV***

**Blessings,**

**Brian**



**The South Mississippi Walk to Emmaus Men's and Women's Walks are scheduled for Fall 2025.**

**Men's Walk #63 September 25-28**

**Women's Walk #64 October 23-26**

**If anyone would like to know more about either walk, or are interested in attending, please contact Craig Meyer (985) 705-3093 or Laina Asprion (504) 450-9850. We would love to speak to you about these events, or for any future Walks.**



**Dear Centenary Family,**

**Thanks so very much for the thoughts, prayers, visits, calls and food. I have felt the love and so appreciate being thought of and prayed for.**

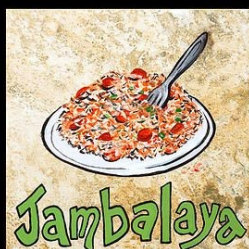
**Looking forward to being back to church with all of you.**

**Being a member of CMC is definitely being a member of a Big family.**

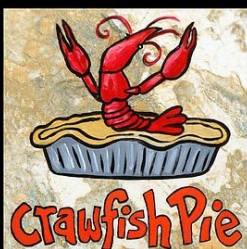
**Thanks & Love You, Cynthy**



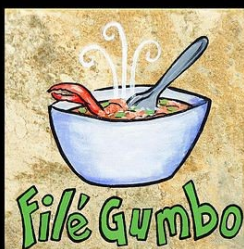
**This picture of a rainbow rising above our steeple was taken in 2017 by Jeff Tageant. What a wonderful image for us during this transitional phase. Our SPR committee has been busy gathering information for our presiding elder, Johnathon Beck. This committee met with him on May 19th to begin the official search for a new pastor. This rainbow can also remind us how blessed we are to have Brian & Cindy with us during this interim time. Lastly, we can be reminded how blessed we are that Cecil passed through our lives.**



**Jambalaya**



**Crawfish Pie**



**Filé Gumbo**

## **MISSIONS**

**Sounds great! Only serving Jambalaya, but it is GOOD!**

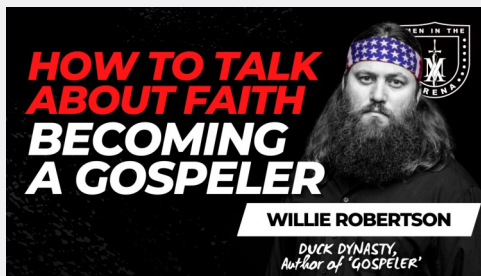
**June 14th at Farmer's Market**

**10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. \$7/\$10**



James "Chip" Burris and I both grew up going to Centenary Methodist Church. He was that redheaded, freckle faced boy that came into Sunday School late with his two brothers on Sunday mornings. The Burris Family sat on the right side in church. The Burch Family sat on the left. You've heard the old saying that "Cupid's Arrow Struck." Well 55 years ago, Chip walked into Centenary wearing his Marine Corps uniform. He had just finished boot camp at Parris Island. I guess it was the uniform that did it. Thus, a whirlwind courtship started that summer followed by a tour of Vietnam and me going back to college. A few years later, on May 24, 1975, we were married in this very church. Our flower girl got tired and sat down. We knelt down for the prayer and heard a few giggles. Some unknown person decided to put "Help Me" on the bottom of his shoes, just to mention a few of the unusual details that occurred that day. We have come full circle after living away and raising two daughters. We are back at Centenary where our love story started. God has blessed us with 50 wonderful years and priceless memories. I thank our church family for always being supportive. Franklinton is a wonderful place to live. God is good!

Brenda & Chip



How good are you at sharing your faith? Do you even try, or should you even try? How do you go about it? We began a 6-week study on May 28th to consider questions such as these. This is a video and discussion-based study featuring Willie Robertson of Duck Dynasty fame. It is not too late to join us. Hope to see you Wednesday, June 4th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## GREENLEAVES

June 17th at noon is the next gathering. Join us for food, fellowship, and entertainment.

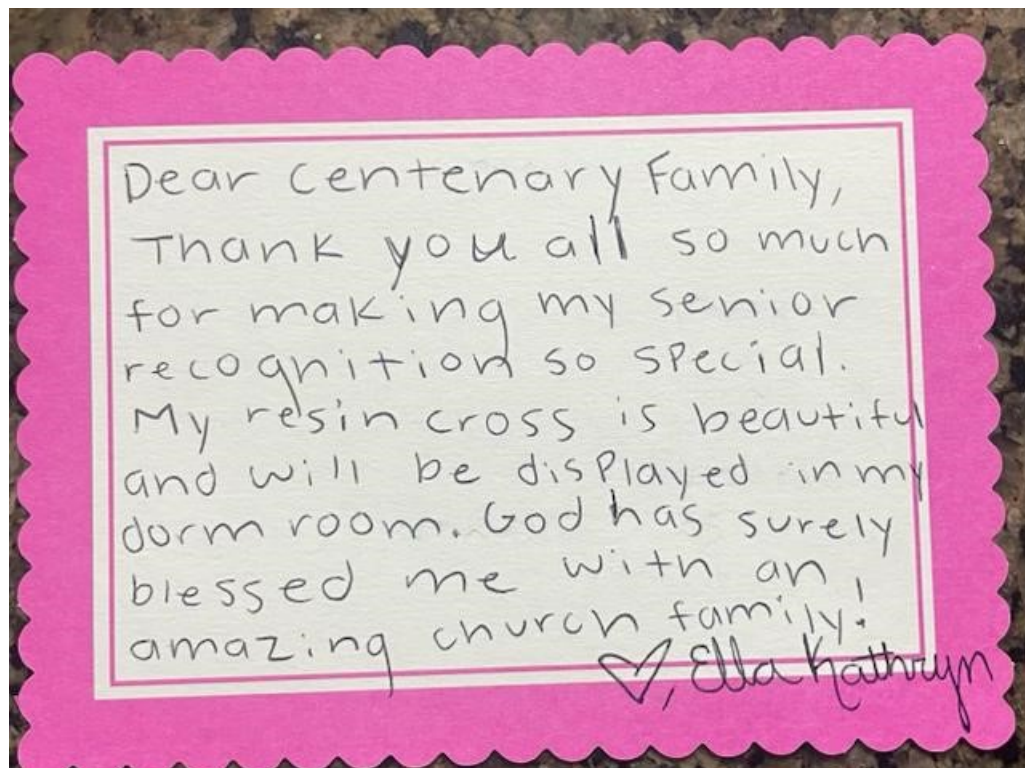
## BOOK CLUB

The Get Away Girls by Dee MacDonald and Frozen River by Ariel Law Hon will be discussed at 11:00 am on June 16th.



## CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS

Centenary's Ella Kathryn Oyler and AnaMarie Locke graduated in May. A covered dish dinner was held on Sunday, May 25th to honor these graduates.



## MAY ATTENDANCE

May 4	SS	35	Worship Service	82
May 11	SS	41	Worship Service	99
May 18	SS	33	Worship Service	59
May 25	SS	28	Worship Service	74



6/2 Chris Thomas	6/23 Lee McCain
6/5 Alexis Meyer	6/24 Mary Beverly
6/11 Dan Johnson	6/25 Seth Schilling
6/13 Faith Bahm	6/26 Marjorie Sisson
6/16 Will Walker	6/27 Raina Bahm
6/17 Bonnie Pope	6/30 Ethan Brock
6/17 Sarah Broadway	
6/19 Sarah Tregre	
6/19 Johnny Green	
6/23 Jack Bickham	

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Methodist Men met Sunday, May 4th with Mike McCormick presiding in the absence of President, Jimmy Burris.

Following their customary delicious breakfast prepared by Barry Bickham, the club heard an interesting presentation by Ron Brumfield who displayed and explained various arrowheads he had collected around Washington Parish over the years.

Our last meeting of the year will be this Sunday, June 1st, where we will hear a presentation by Ms. Patsy Welch of the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Washington Parish.

All members are urged to attend this breakfast before we take our customary Summer break.



## SUMMER TRAVELS

As you travel this summer you might worship elsewhere on a Sunday. If you do, share a picture of the church you visited. Kip and I attended this church recently at Percy Quinn State Park.



### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Judy Alston, Irving Andre, Emerson Barger, David Berlin, Joan Brooks, Fredrick Brumfield, Ad II Burris, Bob Burris, Will Burris, Russell Creel, Jim Cody, Gayle Collier, Heather Young Crawford, Vignan Deshaboina, Patrick Dier, Sanjana Saraswathi Ganginen, Paul Givens, Barrett Green, David James, Melissa Lebo, Marguerite Lipaini, Ed Lyles, Jeanne' Lynch, Madelyn Massicot, Cynthia McCormick, Mike Mobley, Leighann Morel, Pam Penny, Jane Rester, Virginia Stager, Tanda Schilling, Drew Stevens, Bonnie Stokes, Sandy Winkle, Rodney Wood.**

**Families of: J. D. Broadway, Jean Folks, Rita Haswald, Tommy Vessier, Cecil Locke.**

### **TEDDY BEAR BABIES**

**Baby Boy Richardson-Parents: Peyton & Sydney Richardson, Centenary Great Grandmother: Mary Elizabeth Richardson.**

**Baby Stevens-Parents: Drew & Deborah Stevens, Grandparents: Drew & Peggy Stevens, Centenary Family: Barry & Hope Bickham.**

**Baby Boy Worth-Parents: Spencer Worth & Lizzy Hafey, Grandparents: Allen & Casey Worth, Centenary Family: Barry & Hope Bickham.**

### **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, Jonathan Pignato.**

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**HAPPY FATHERS DAY**

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