

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

MAY 2025



May is here, Certainly April was a month none of us will forget. It's hard to lose someone you know and love, especially when they are in the prime of life doing the Lord's work serving in not just a church, but your church. But then Easter came again, and we were reminded that because of Jesus' resurrection we have hope. A hope that ensures us that death will not have the final say in the life of a believer. That there are still people to reach and people to love and that is why the church exists, to be Jesus' hands and feet, to be the body of Christ where we are. We have a mission and a purpose, "to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe", which for us begins right here in Franklinton.

May & June seem to be months filled with special days. Ascension Sunday and Pentecost Sunday come in June, not to mention other holidays that occur in these months such as Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, Flag Day, and recently we have added Cinco de Mayo and Juneteenth. We certainly won't be able to celebrate each of those days as a church but we definitely want to celebrate the ones that only the church celebrates. But the truth is that each and every Sunday is a celebration of Jesus' resurrection. And of course the first Sunday of each month we celebrate the work Jesus did on the cross to save us in the way he told us to celebrate it, through Holy Communion. I would invite you to make every effort to come be a part of these important celebrations. The Message paraphrases Hebrews 10:25 this way, "Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshiping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching." I don't know anything more encouraging to a pastor or a congregation than to see a relatively full church for worship on Sunday mornings. I know we are all busy with vacation plans, camping, ball games, and other summer activities. There are some Sundays we just won't be able to be here due to other commitments. But let's make sure we make it a high priority to be here on the Sundays we can be not only to encourage ourselves as we worship, but to encourage one another also.

Blessings,

Brian



CENTENARY METHODIST SENIOR

ELLA KATHRYN OLYER

Ella Kathryn is the 18 year old daughter of Clyde and Amy Olyler and granddaughter of Mercer and Ron Brumfield. She will be graduating from Bowling Green School on May 9th where she has been involved in numerous clubs and is vice president of Student Council and captain of the Buccanettes dance team. She will be graduating with 21 dual enrollment college credit hours while maintaining a 4.14 GPA. Ella Kathryn plans to attend the University of Alabama to major in News Media. She would eventually like to attend law school and become a criminal prosecutor.

CONGRATULATIONS ELLA KATHRYN!

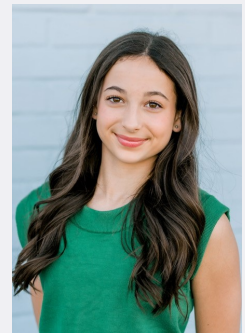
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HONORING ELLA KATHRYN OLYLER

On Sunday, May 25th, we will recognize Ella Kathryn as our graduating senior. Her desire is to share this day with her church family. Mark your calendars and join us as we celebrate with her.

CONGRATULATIONS MADDIE

Centenary's Maddie McCormick was named Pine's Junior High Student of the Year.



HE IS RISEN!

Alexis, Ella Kathryn, Griff, and Maddie pose with the cross on Easter Sunday.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

Centenary pays a monthly fee for a subscription to RightNow Media. Anyone in our church can use this site. The site contains bible story videos for children, studies for youth and adults as well. If you are considering a Bible Study, you might want to examine what is offered. Here is a link to the site.

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/cmcfranklinton>

CENTENARY METHODIST MEN

APRIL, 2025

The Centenary Methodist Men met for breakfast on Sunday, April 6th and enjoyed a delicious breakfast furnished by Barry Bickham.

The speaker that morning was Sonnett Ireland, Director, Washington Parish Library System, who informed us of improvements that the Library System was implementing as well as renovations currently going on in several of the parish branches. Members asked several questions about the Library's operations and made some suggestions that were of interest to them.

Our speaker for May will be Ms. Tammy Montgomery, Nutrition Educator for the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, who will educate our members on making healthy choices in their diets.

Our year is winding down so if you want to start attending these breakfasts and enjoy the fellowship we urge you to attend this month.



MISSIONS

Second Saturday Jambalaya Fundraiser

Farmer's Market

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

\$7.00 or \$10 servings

MAY 10TH

CHURCH CAMPOUT AND PICNIC BOGUE CHITTO STATE PARK



NOVEMBER 7th-9 th is the next CHURCHCAMPOUT

Several campers have already booked their spots in the Upland. Book now because the campground fills up quickly.



APRIL ATTENDANCE

April 6	SS	26
April 13	SS	39
April 20	SS	43
April 27	SS	31

Worship Service	53
Worship Service	86
Worship Service	116
Worship Service	67



5/6 Mattie McCormick

5/9 Jesse Burris

5/10 Robert Thomas

5/11 Whitney Bahm

5/20 Mary Jo Poole

5/23 Drema Sabiston

5/30 Laura Logan



CONGRATULATIONS

Weslee Raye Thomas was born on April 1, 2025. Proud parents are Robert & Carolee Thomas. Centenary grandparents are Larry & Patri Gast. Centenary great grandparents are Lenora & Percy Frazier.



WELCOME BACK AND THANK YOU

Centenary welcomes Brian & Cindy Ridgedell. Brian was the pastor at Centenary before retiring. He and Cindy live in Loranger. Brian has agreed to be our interim pastor while the Global Methodist Church and Centenary begin the process of finding and hiring a new minister. This process is expected to take a minimum of 3 months. Brian will not be in the office each day but is accessible.

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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, Rita Haswald, David James, Melissa Lebo, Marguerite Lipaini, Ed Lyles, Jeanne' Lynch, Madelyn Massicot, Mike Mobley, Leighann Morel, Pam Penny, Jane Rester, Virginia Stager, Tanda Schilling, Drew Stevens, Bonnie Stokes, Sandy Winkle, Rodney Wood.

Families of: Tommy Vessier, Cecil Locke, West Vaughn, Melva Dean Conerly, Sue Magee, Dr. David Powers, Richard Morgan, Dan Foil, Carolyn McGlothlin.

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 MOTHER'S DAY

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