

# THE CIRCUIT RIDER

## NOVEMBER 2024



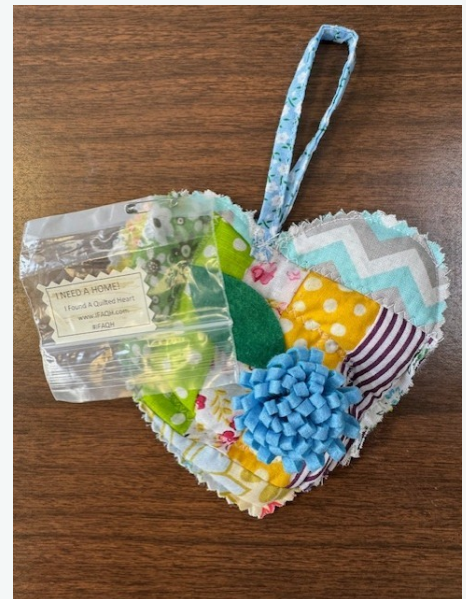
In April of 2023, I came to the church early on a Saturday morning to get the sanctuary prepared for Easter Sunday. As I was walking to the side door, I noticed what appeared to be trash or something hanging in one of the bushes near the door. As I got closer, I saw it was a heart. It didn't have a note or letter explaining why it was hanging there. Just a little bag with a tag that read "I NEED A HOME!" and "I Found A Quilted Heart". It also listed a web address of [www.ifaqh.com](http://www.ifaqh.com). Having needed to find out why this heart was in a bush near our church door, I searched the website. What I discovered was that these quilted hearts have been found all over the world. It began in 2014 and has spread worldwide. It's a small act of kindness meant to brighten the day those who find the hearts. The person creating or placing the hearts remain anonymous and those finding the hearts are encouraged to take a picture of the heart and add their story to the hundreds of other stories.

If you remember April 2023, we as a church were in the throngs of disaffiliation and I was feeling the stress of trying to lead well and getting little cooperation from the powers in the Louisiana Annual Conference UMC. The heart was timely, and I believe God-placed just for me. It hangs in my office just above my computer as a reminder that God provides in big ways and in small heartwarming ways.

Our Piecemaker's Group has made several quilted hearts which will be available to you this Sunday. The idea is to take one or two and place them in public places where they will be easily found. You can place them around town or take one or two on your travels and place them as you go. The website gives good guidance on placement. The emphasis is on those who find the hearts and never on those who create or place the hearts to be found. I think it's a neat little way to share a little bit of love. I invite you to take one and give your heart away...

Blessings,

Bro Cecil





**Sunday School begins at 9:30 each Sunday morning. Children Teachers are Lana Branch, Roseanne Ganley, Hope Smith, Patri Gast, Jessica Walker, and Caitlyn Bryant.**

**Elementary Children Teachers are Lenora Frazier, Cynthia McCormick, Jake McCormick, and Jamie Matise.**



**The Men's Class is taught by Clyde Bickham.**

**The Middle Adult Class is attended by Abby & Jake McCormick, Craig & Ellen Meyer, Frazier Bahm, & Amy Olyer. These regulars encourage you to join them on Sunday mornings.**

**The Youth Class is taught by Hope Bickham and Kay McCain.**

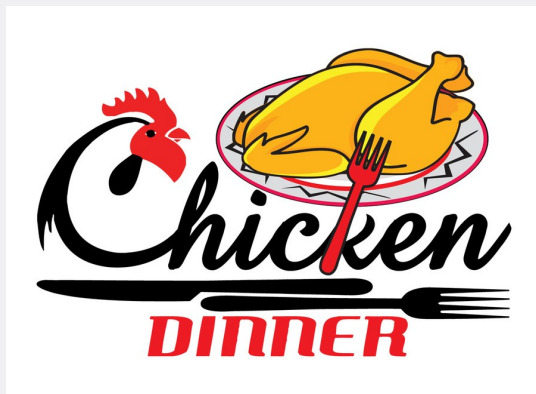


**The Matthew V Sunday School class meets in the library. The teachers are Faith Bahm, Mary Beverly, and Mike McCormick**





**Centenary donated flood buckets that were transported to Georgia after the hurricane. Many church members also donated items that were requested.**



**NOVEMBER 10th at CENTENARY**

**11:00 AM-1:00 PM**

**\$10/PLATE**

**(Chicken Quarter, Sausage, Green Beans, Bread & Dessert)**

**Tickets available in office and at church Sunday.**

**Proceeds from the dinner will go to the Kenya Uniform Drive and the Aldersgate Youth Retreat.**



**The Washington Parish Free Fair was a busy but successful week. It is mind boggling to focus on the fact that volunteers are the sole reason we continue to have a Fair. Thanks to the Centenary members who worked at the Membership Booth. Thanks to our members who donated their time in other areas.**



## METHODIST MEN

The men met on Sunday, October 6th and heard a very informative program about troubled youth and programs available to help them in the Parish. Counseling is also provided for women who are in abusive relationship through the Adapt Program.

Our next breakfast will be Sunday, November 3rd, at 7:00 a.m. The speaker will be Michael Rivers of "Truth in Nature", a program that works with young boys who have been abandoned by their fathers. If you like the outdoors, hunting, or fishing, this program will speak to you!

### After the Turkey Is Gone

After the turkey is gone, what then?  
Will we keep in mind the blessings  
for which we claimed to be thankful?  
Or will we allow the chaos of everyday  
life,  
real and imagined problems,  
to intrude into the contentment  
we felt on Thanksgiving Day.  
The cranberries, the stuffing and pie a  
dim memory,  
will we focus on trivial irritations,  
or will we hold on to what's really im-  
portant,  
the deep, satisfying, good things we  
have  
instead of what we imagine we want  
but haven't got.  
After the turkey is gone,  
cling to the blessings;  
remember what makes life worth liv-  
ing;  
continue thanks giving.  
—By Joanna Fuchs

I'm thankful, Thanks-  
giving,  
for good things to eat.  
But mostly I'm thank-  
ful  
I still see my feet.



## OCTOBER ATTENDANCE

October 6      SS      40

October 13      SS      38

October 20      SS      29

October 27      SS      32

Worship Service      78

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11/1 Bill Burris

11/9 Fielder Bahm

11/2 Mercer Brumfield

11/12 Rod Sabiston

11/5 James Richardson

11/15 Dianne Green

11/6 Sharron Bickham

11/17 Jane Johnson

11/6 Clyde Bickham

11/17 George Travis

11/8 Lark Draper

11/18 Ella K. Oyler

## 2025 Church Leadership

### Administrative Council

Chairperson-John Ganley

At Large-Mary Jo Poole

Church Secretary-Faith Bahm

At Large-Huey Beverly

Lay Leader-Craig Meyer

Lay Delegate-Jimmy Burris

Board of Trustees-Dick Richardson

Lay Delegate (alt.)-Mike Mobley

Finance Chair-Robert Tilghman

Treasurer-Julie Foret

SPRC-

Worship-Amy Oyler

Missions-

Evangelism-Ron Brumfield

Education-Patri Gast

Methodist Women-Mary Beverly

Methodist Men-Jimmy Burris

Youth-Brenda Lock

Children-Jamie Matise



### **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.**

**Families of: : Glenna Griggs, Dennis Whaley, Christy Ford, Corey Thomas, Lyndle Bullard, Linda Durden, Troy Ingram, Lynn Borgoyne, 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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**Custodian: Lee Dudley**

**Choir Director: Bonnie Pope**

**Treasurer: Julie Foret**

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**CHICKEN DINNER**

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