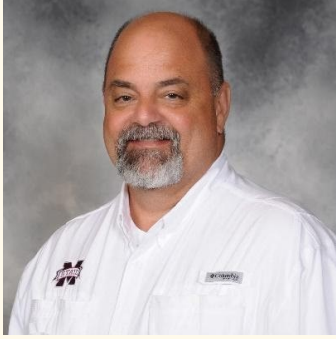


# THE CIRCUIT RIDER



**APRIL 2023**

After the weather events of this past weekend that affected our neighbors to the north, I've been thinking of the story of Jesus calming the storm on Lake Galilee. You can find the stories in Mark 4:35-41, Matthew 8:23-27, and Luke 8:22-25. Although each of the three synoptic Gospel writers tell the story with their own details, the basic storyline is the same. Jesus invites the disciples to get in a boat and sail to the other side of the lake. Jesus goes to sleep, and a huge sudden storm comes upon them. They wake Jesus in their panic and he chastises them for their lack of faith and then calms the storm. The disciples are amazed that he even has command over the wind and the waves.

The next morning, they are met on the other side of the lake by a man who is demon possessed and we have another miracle performed by Jesus. I believe one of the things we are supposed to see in these back to back stories is that the work doesn't end. There will always be something new to do for the kingdom. I'm also convinced that all the storms that seem to continually pop up over and over again are opportunities to exercise our faith in Jesus.

In a couple of weeks, we will be celebrating Easter. We celebrate that death has been destroyed and now holds no power over us. Jesus has at once, for all time, conquered and calmed the worst storm we could ever imagine. He has provided a pathway to love and peace, hope and joy, and faith and assurance. It's ours for the asking.

The folks in Rolling Fork, Silver City and Amory Mississippi need our prayers as they navigate through the aftermath of this past weekend's weather events, please pray for them. I'm also convinced that you know someone who feels trapped in a different type of storm. Pray for them also. And maybe try inviting them to a place where the one who can calm any storm will be able to whisper some words of love and grace into their ears.

**Blessings,  
Bro Cecil**



## PIECEMAKERS

These ladies enjoyed a meal at Café Bouchee on March 10th. A member of our congregation wanted to treat the ladies in honor of their mission work. A big thank you to this donor! Piecemakers next meeting is Tuesday, April 25th at 9:30 a.m.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2:00-4:00 P.M.**

**43412 HOKIE HILL (Covington Hwy)**

The McCormick's are hosting this year's hunt. Refreshments and eggs will be provided. Bring the grandparents, cousins and friends. Everyone is invited!



## EASTER LILIES

If you plan to purchase an Easter Lily for Easter Sunday, please notify the office by Tuesday, April 4th. The bulletin will list those being honored or remembered.



**Sunday, April 9th-7:00 a.m.**

**Mile Branch Settlement**

**Message will be given by Rev. Cecil Locke**



## EASTER SERVICE

**10:30 AM**

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Please bring cut flowers or greenery from your yard to help decorate the cross.



**SMOKED CHICKEN, SAUSAGE, HOTDOGS, TRIMMINGS, DESSERT**

**BOGUE CHITTO STATE PARK-BIG PAVILLION**

**Kid's Fishing Tournament begins at 4:00 p.m.**

**Corn Hole Tournament begins at 4:00 p.m.**

**Horseshoes and other games**

**Fellowship begins at 4:00 p.m.**

**The meal will be served at 6:00 p.m.**

**Invite! Invite! Invite!**



## **GREENLEAVES**

**Greenleaves met on Tuesday, March 21st and had 28 in attendance.**

**A wonderful meal was provided by Dr. Gerry Foret. The program was 'Name that Hymn'. A big thanks to Jill Bulloch for playing the piano. The team of Ron & Mercer Brumfield and Debbie & Jimmy Burris won the contest. Surprisingly, the strongest team member was Debbie who is not in the choir.**



**Greenleaves meets the third Tuesday each month. This is an informal gathering involving a meal, fellowship, and a short program. Everyone is welcomed to participate.**

**The next meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, April 18th at noon. The meal will be provided by Mercer & Ron Brumfield.**

**Come enjoy the food, fun, and fellowship!**



**FRIDAY, APRIL 7th**

**6:00 p.m.**

**CENETENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**UNITED METHODIST MEN**

The Centenary UMM met on Sunday, March 5th, and heard a very informative program by Ms. Ellen Burford, of Moving Mountains Ministry. Moving Mountains Ministry is an organization formed to help foster parents cope with the trials and tribulations of foster parenting. The Men's group voted to donate \$500 to this very worthy cause. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, April 2nd and our speaker will be Sean Johnson, the new CEO and Administrator of Riverside Medical Center. United Methodist Men is open to any male member of Centenary, Mt. Hermon, or Fisher and all men are encouraged to come and enjoy a delicious breakfast furnished by Barry, Jack, and Ben Bickham on the first Sunday of each month.

**MISSION TEAM-BOGUE CHITTO RIVER CLEAN UP**

On Saturday, May 20th the Mission Team plans a Bogue Chitto River clean up from north of Franklinton to the State Park. This will be accompanied by swimming and a lunch cook out on the river. Hopefully, this will make the river a little nicer for locals and out of parish guests coming on Memorial Day.



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| 4/5 Sara Henley        | 4/22 Alex Brock       |
| 4/7 Jeffery Dunnington | 4/26 Cissy Draper     |
| 4/12 Sherman Thomas    | 4/27 Stephanie Thomas |
| 4/15 Cindy Ridgedell   | 4/30 Catherine Tiner  |

**MARCH ATTENDANCE REPORT**

<b>March 5</b>	<b>SS-36</b>	<b>Worship-92</b>
<b>March 12</b>	<b>SS-39</b>	<b>Worship-91</b>
<b>March 19</b>	<b>SS-37</b>	<b>Worship-78</b>
<b>March 26</b>	<b>SS-31</b>	<b>Worship-84</b>



## ALDRERSGATE YOUTH RETREAT

On March 24th–26th, our youth attended AYR at Camp Wesley Pines.

A wonderful time for our youth, adults, and mission team that provided a meal.



### CENTENARY PARTICIPANTS

**Griff McCormick**

**Jackson Bryant**

**Ella Kathryn Oyler**

**Alexis Meyer**

**Serena Bryant**

**Mattie Ganley**

**John Allen**

**Kay McCain**

**Cecil Locke**

**Brenda Locke**

**AnaMarie Locke**



## **PRAYER LIST**

**Irvin Andre, Kathy Andre, Clara Jo Beaushaw, Don Bernard, Beth Blalock, Hallie Blalock, Haylee Brooks, Izzy Brooks, Al Bontrager, Lynn Bourgoyne, Stacey Breaux, Jewell Burch, Bob Burris, Steve Bush, Polly Carter, Roland Carter, Patti Catalano, Willie Chauvin, Charlie Corkern, Kelli Darbonne, Amy Dudley, Lee Anna Dudley, Kathy Dykes, Elaine Forrest, Prentiss Forrest, Richard Holmes, Sue Johnson, Pat King, Margerite Lipani, Donna Locke, Betty Logan, Peggy Lyles, David McBride, Lylia McInnis, Margie McInnis, Bobbie Brumfield Miller, Mason Pepin, Mike Sharp, Catherine Tiner, Steve Wise.**

**Families of: Ellen Morris Wilson, Ann Harris, Alaina Jane Foreman, Pearl Descant, William Narretto, Rickey Roberts, Sherrie Magruder, Randy McLeod.**

## **TEDDY BEAR BABIES**

**Baby Boy Wallace-Parents: Ryan & Blaire Bienvenu Wallace, Grandparents: Paul Bienvenu and the late Stephanie Miller Bienvenu, and Centenary Great Grandmother Sandra Alston Miller.**

**Baby Girl Tregre-Parents: Cody & Sofia Tregre, Centenary Grandparents: Don & Sarah Tregre, Centenary Great grandmother: Margie Dunnington, Centenary Great uncle: Jeffery Dunnington.**

**Baby Madison Elizabeth McCain-Parents: Connor & Natalie McCain, Centenary Grandparents: Kelvin & Kay McCain, Centenary Great Grandmother: Mary E. Richardson.**

**Baby Bryant-Parents: John & Caitlyn Bryant, Siblings : Beau, Jackson, & Serena**

## **OUR MILITARY FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**Gavin Berne, Carson Fontenot, Megan McCain, Kelly Reiss, Brody Schilling, Dr. Rebekah Schott, Lee McCain, Jackson Stewart, Chad Penny, T. J. Smith, Josh Magee, Andrew Darbonne, Gavin Brumfield.**

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**Pastor: Cecil Locke**  
**Secretary: Faith Bahm**  
**Custodian: Lee Dudley**

**Choir Director: Bonnie Pope**  
**Treasurer: Julie Foret**  
**Nursery: Felecia Forrest**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>4/4 UMW</b>	<b>4/9 Easter Services</b>	<b>4/25 Piecemakers</b>
<b>4/7 Good Friday Service</b>	<b>4/17 Book Club</b>	<b>4/28 Church Camp</b>
<b>4/8 Easter Egg Hunt</b>	<b>4/20 Council Meeting</b>	<b>4/29 Picnic</b>

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