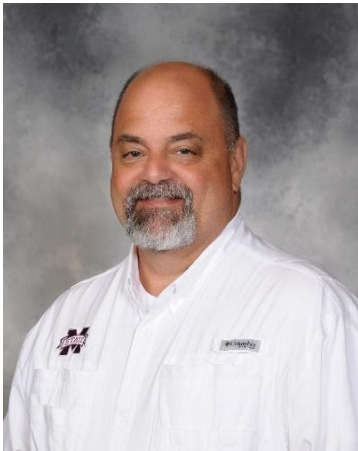


# THE CIRCUIT RIDER

Centenary United Methodist Church Newsletter

August 2022

## ***NOTES FROM PASTOR CECIL***



It has been a hot and busy summer so far. Here's some bad news, the heat isn't going anywhere anytime soon. Because of the heat most of us are limiting our time out of doors. We are finding things to do to keep inside near the AC. If you are searching for productive things to do inside, I've got a great idea for you, pray.

The great and wonderful thing about prayer is that we can pray anywhere and that includes in the comfort of your air-cooled homes and vehicles. While we are always in need of spending more time with God, your church could certainly use your prayers in this season.

If you don't know where to start, I'll give you a few suggestions. Start with some praising. Talk to God about the healings that he has either brought to you or allowed you to witness. Praise God for the spirit of work and mission that he has placed in the hearts of church members. Give God praise for the success of the recent BBQ Chicken dinner sale. Praise Him for the ongoing work that is being manifested in your life.

Pray for discernment. We as a church have entered into a season of discernment about disaffiliation. The council needs your prayers as we decide together where God is leading us. I need your prayers as I lead us through this process. Your fellow members need your prayers as we try to discern God's will for our congregation. Disaffiliation isn't the only area of our church life that needs prayer. Pray for discernment in how we can be more engaging in our local community. Pray that we discover new ways of ministering to those who have chosen to make Centenary their church home. Pray that we discover new ways of ministering to those in our community who have no church home.

And pray for yourself. Sometimes it feels selfish to pray for ourselves but pray anyway. If you are praying for a selfish desire that is not in God's will, He'll quickly let you know. But God desires to hear from you. He wants to hear about your wants and needs. If your prayer life is one of listening as well as talking, God will let you know what's important and what's not.

Praying with you and for you,

Bro Cecil

# THE UMC-COMMENTS MOVING FORWARD

As a way to stop any misinformation, and keep all of you informed as to where our church stands in the disaffiliation process, I'll try and walk you through the process that we are currently in.

First, we haven't disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church. We are exploring that idea. Our church council has voted to begin the process of disaffiliation. That doesn't mean we have left the UMC. It simply means we are talking about it. The council at its last meeting voted to invite our District Superintendent, Rev. Jan Curwick, to attend a meeting of the council. This meeting will be for her to bring us all financial information for us to consider.

After the meeting with the DS, we will have a church meeting to get that information to you. We will have as many meetings as you the body needs to make an informed decision of whether to proceed with the disaffiliation or to simply stop and remain in the UMC.

After this period of discernment, the church council may ask for a formal Church Conference to vote on disaffiliation. If the council votes to move forward with a vote, the DS will again be contacted, and she will set a date for the Church Conference. We will send notice either by email or US Mail to every professing member on our church rolls. We will also give notice of the time and date of the meeting by announcements from the pulpit and via the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter.

At the meeting, only those professing members who are listed on the membership rolls of the church will be allowed to vote. The vote will be taken by private ballot. It will take a 2/3 majority of the members present at the church conference to disaffiliate.

If the church votes to disaffiliate, at this point we will begin revising all pertinent legal paperwork to reflect the disaffiliation. We will then begin talking and discerning if we would like to be an independent Methodist congregation or if we would like to align with another Methodist denomination.

The last step would be for the Louisiana Annual Conference to vote to allow us to disaffiliate.

It is a lengthy and at times confusing process. As we enter a season of discernment, I invite you to ask questions. It is the desire of the council that we have input from you at every step in this process. Ask questions and stay informed.

Cecil Locke



Congratulations to Jenna Beber & Aaron Schaubhut on the birth of their son, Joseph Ryan. He was born July 6, 2022, weighing 6 lbs., 9 oz., and was 19 3/4 inches long. Centenary proud great grandparents are Sarah & Don Tregre and great-great grandmother Margie Dunnington, and great uncle, Jeffery Dunnington.

## YOUTH NEWS

The Youth enjoyed the afternoon of July 10th at the Hatchet House in Franklinton.

### AUGUST 6TH

The youth will enjoy an afternoon at the Branch Lake House from 3:00-5:00.

Bring your bathing suits!



## BIBLE SCHOOL MUSIC

Our Bible School Children shared some of the songs they learned in June. Everyone enjoyed their performance.

## BOOK CLUB

On Monday, July 18th, members of the Book Club traveled to the Folsom home of Cissy Draper. The group enjoyed refreshments and selected their reading material for the remainder of the year.

August-Educated by Tara Westover

September-Harry's Trees by Jon Cohen

October-The Last Flight by Julie Clark

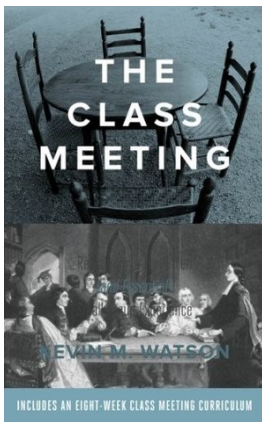
November-Life Flight by Lynette Eason

December-The Good Lie by A. R. Torre



## THE CLASS MEETING

On September 7, 2022, Triple F will resume for the Fall. This means **FOOD, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP!** Brother Cecil will be leading a study that focuses on Christian fellowship with one another. The text for this study is 'The Class Meeting' by Kevin M. Watson. The desire is to reclaim the Wesley Class Meeting as the primary disciple growing tool. His book gives a fresh meaning to this Wesleyan practice and shows its relevance for the church today. Prayerfully consider participating in this study! Each participant will need to purchase a book. The office will place an order, so notify us to get on the list!



### FALL SCHEDULE

**Choir Practice-5:00 p.m.**

**Food-5:30 p.m.**

**The Class Meeting-6:00 p.m.**

If you are willing to provide a meal one Wednesday night, please call the office.



## GREENLEAVES

On July 19th, Greenleaves met and enjoyed Trivial Trivia presented by Mercer Brumfield. She also served delicious ham sandwiches, salad and chips. The next meeting will be on **August 16th at noon**. The host will be Cecil & Brenda Locke. Banana Splits are on the menu along with hamburgers. Come enjoy the food and fellowship along with a few games of Bingo!



**August 2, 2022**

**Noon**



## CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

Thanks to everyone who participated on July 16th! Take special notice of Mike Mobley weeding the flower beds. It is great to see Mike back in action! The next clean up day is scheduled for November 12th. The trustees are planning about 4 such days a year in order to keep our facility clean and decluttered.



## KENYA UNIFORM DRIVE

The Mission Team will be donating part of the proceeds of the chicken dinner to the Kenya Uniform Drive. However, we would encourage everyone to take a bag and collect your loose change in order to increase our monetary gift. Every dollar we give to this church enables children the opportunity to have a uniform made for them which is required for attendance.



8/1 Lana Branch	8/1 Debbie Burris	8/3 Max Schilling	8/7 Kelvin McCain
8/9 Lenora Frazier	8/10 Brian Ridgedell	8/13 Chance Broadway	
8/13 Jake McCormick	8/16 Rick Brocato	8/16 Michael Walker	8/17 Abby McCormick
8/18 Laurie Duncan	8/18 Dixie Cody	8/21 Allie McCain	8/24 Mary Elizabeth Richardson
8/24 Clay Richardson	8/27 David James	8/28 Meg Norwood	8/31 Meadow Kaye Smith

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



# MISSIONS-CHICKEN DINNER

The mission team successfully completed another mission project. A chicken dinner was held at the Farmer's Market on Friday, July 22nd. The team of volunteers were blessed with an overcast morning that made the outdoor working conditions tolerable. Unofficially, the dinner grossed \$2,728. The funds will be used to support the Kenyan Uniform Drive and fund a foreign mission trip for interested church members.

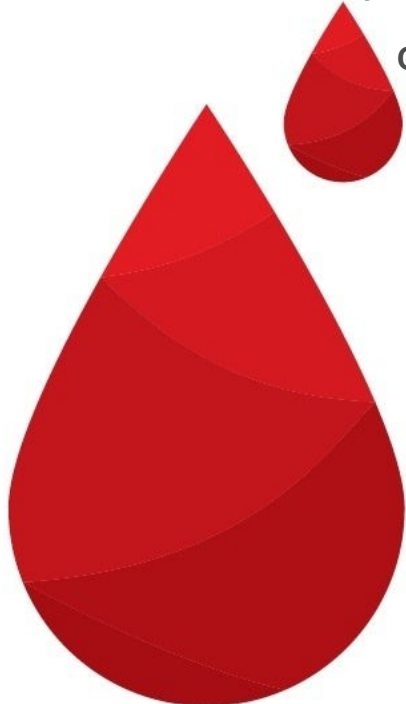






At Centenary on August 21,2022

Call the office to sign up



**GIVE  
BLOOD.  
GIVE  
LIFE.**



## **TEDDY BEAR BABIES**

**Keep the families below in your prayers as they anxiously await the birth of their child.**

Baby Boy Stevens-Fonda, Parents Haley Stevens & Luke Fonda, Centenary family, Barry, Hope, Jack & Ben Bickham.

Baby Steven, Parents Drew & Deb Stevens, Centenary family, Barry, Hope, Jack & Ben Bickham.

Baby Pittman, Parents: Lori Ann & Kort Pittman, Grandparents, Jeff Johnson & Jackie Johnson, Centenary Great-Grandparents, Dan & Jane Johnson and Great-Aunt, Mary Jo Poole.

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**Families of: John UpChurch, Lillburn Scheuermann, Frances Trahan, Lynda Jones, Phelan Bight, Debra Boudreaux, Brianne Pittman, Leah Johnson, Mike Erwin, Carol McBride, John Watson.**

Tony Adams, Irvin Andre, Kathy Andre, Terrance August, Clara Jo Beaushaw, Jay Beverly, Fiona Bono, Al Bontrager, Lynn Bourgoyne, Genevieve Brannon, Stacey Breaux, Edsel Brock, Michelle Brodie, Lyndle Bullard, Bob Burris, Sara Burris, Fredrick Brumfield, Doris Calhoun, Polly Carter, Roland Carter, Herchel Creel, Jo Ann Crowe, Christy DeValle, Pat Dier, Kathy Dykes, Margaret Falcon, Elaine Forrest, Prentiss Forrest, Vickie Gill, Lonnie Hamilton, Rita Hausald, Terry Herring, Curtis Hodge, Ronnie Hollen, Marilyn Kelley, Alex Kennedy, Donna Bateman Kilbourne, Pat King, Melissa Lebo, Donna Locke, Betty Logan, Ed Lyles, Peggy Lyles, Fantasia Magee, Andrew Mains, Sherry Magruder, Griselda Marin, David McBride, Lylia McInnis, Margie McInnis, Amanda McKenzie, Barbara McMillian, Mike McVean, Mike Mobley, Mickey Nail, Nile Neeley, Kaitlyn Passman, Sally Pollard, Judy Rabuffo, Chloe Rayburn, Meridith Rodgers, Belita Schilling, Robert Smith, Elliot Trahan, Luke Thomas, Yvonne Thomas, Steve Welch, Betty Westmoreland, Duke Williams, Steve Wise.

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





**AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER**

8/2—UMW—Noon  
8/6—Back to School Bash—Youth— 3-5  
8/15—Book Club—11 am  
8/16—Greenleaves—noon  
8/18—Council Meeting—6 pm  
8/21—Blood Drive

**IMPORTANT COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 23RD AT 6 PM**

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