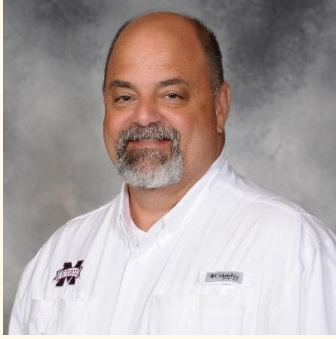


THE CIRCUIT RIDER



December 2023

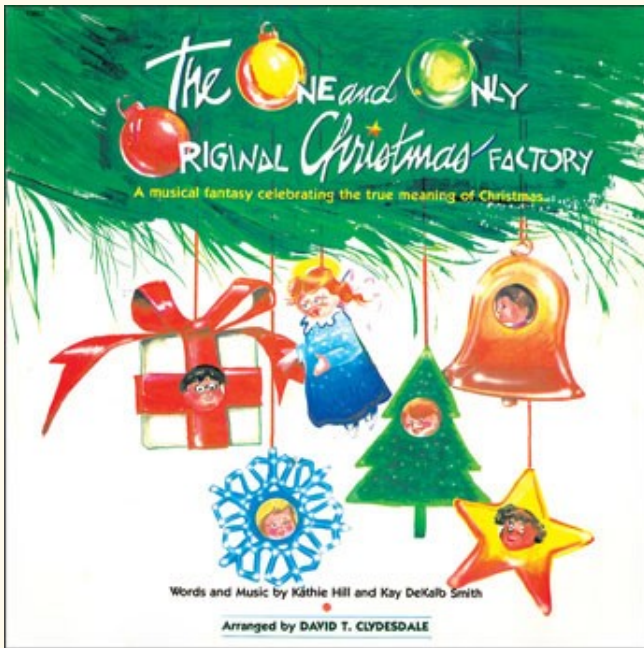
I woke up Thanksgiving morning with a sore knee and I have no idea what happened. It's like it just decided now was a good time to start hurting. It wasn't any better on Sunday and many of you commented on my limp and the cane I was using. I went to see Dr. Chris earlier this week when it became evident to my dense, thick-brained self that something was really wrong. The diagnosis is patellar tendonitis. I'm getting to the point in life where my parts are wearing out and causing pain as they do.

The treatment for tendonitis is basically to treat the symptoms and allow time to heal the little micro tears that are causing all the issues. Ice is my friend as Dr Chris says, along with a little pain management and a lot of waiting. From my reading it could take a couple of weeks to heal or maybe a couple of months. I just have to wait it out and not get impatient and do silly things along the way. Patiently waiting is not my greatest ability. I'm a person who likes to be proactive and usher things in, not sit back and wait.

Advent is an entire season of waiting. We are reminded how long the children of Israel waited for the arrival of Jesus. And we are reminded that we are still waiting for His return. While I can't be too proactive in waiting for my knee to heal and rush the process, I can be proactive in my waiting for Jesus to return. I can be engaged in the spiritual disciplines of Study, Prayer, and Worship. I can spend my time examining myself and my relationship with God. I can spend time with other believers learning from them or mentoring those who are new to faith. I can allow Jesus to heal some of the brokenness that I've been carrying around.

There is plenty to be done for the Kingdom as we longingly wait for our saviors return. I invite you to be proactive in faith this advent and seek out the Kingdom and your place in it. I'll be the guy with his foot propped up trying to draw closer to my Lord.

**Blessings,
Bro.Cecil**



DECEMBER 17th-10:30 a.m.
Centenary children and youth
will be joined by
Miss O'Bannon-Callie Foreman
and
Mr. Hathaway-John Allen
In the production
**The One and Only Original
Christmas Factory**
COME EARLY TO GET A SEAT!

DECEMBER 17th
5:00-7:00 p.m.
Hosted by Brenda and Cecil
At the Parsonage
711 Williams Street

Christmas
OPEN HOUSE

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AND HOLY COMMUNION
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th—5:00 p.m.



December 3, 10, 17, 24
The season of Advent anticipates
the coming of Christ in the physical
nativity in Bethlehem, reception of
Christ in the heart of the believer,
and the eschatological Second
Coming. Join us as our youth lead
us on this journey.

MISSIONS

The Kenya Uniform Drive was a huge success. We collected \$532 in change plus half the Chicken Dinner proceeds. The proceeds totaled \$3,200. The church in Kenya was given \$2,132 and \$1,600 stays here for local mission projects. Thank you for supporting Centenary missions.

Dear Faith,

Good afternoon and blessings

I am happy to let you know that the money wired reached ACK Chepkoiyo Church account on November 9,2023. We bless the Lord and thank you for all your efforts to make this happen. The USD amount sent translated to KES 316,653.77. This will support approximately 150 students, with each student being allocated KES, 2200 under the current Kenyan economy which is being challenged by inflation and high cost of living at the moment. The 2200 will include sweaters, especially for the very young children in lower grades.

Once again we want you to know that the office of the bishop, Chepkoiyo Mission church and the entire Chepkoiyo community says a big thank you to all Christians in Centenary Methodist, in Franklinton.

Thank you for your kindness and care for those who need the care most.

Let us share Matthew 5:1-12

With love and prayers

Selline Korir

Methodist Women Christmas Party

December 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Bring a wrapped ornament





Memorial Christmas Tree Lights

\$2.50/light

You can honor or memorialize a person by having a light shine on our tree as a token of love at Christmas. A letter is sent to the person or family designated, informing them of this special gift of love. The proceeds are used to help children in need.

Light is given by _____

In Honor of _____

Complete Mailing Address

In Memory of _____

To Whom is the letter mailed/complete mailing address

**Deadline to turn in
to office is**

December 13th



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for the sanctuary during the Advent/Christmas Season, please fill out the information below and turn it in to the church office along with your money. The cost is \$12.00 per plant. This is a fundraiser sponsored by our youth with proceeds designated to the Help Center of Churches. The deadline is December 13th.

Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

November 5	SS-43	Worship-80
November 12	SS-44	Worship-83
November 19	SS-39	Worship-77
November 26	SS-38	Worship-71



12/3 Hope Smith	12/16 Lori Ann Johnson
12/3 Madison Logan	12/18 Clay Carter
12/4 Scott Reedy	12/21 Mike McCormick
12/4 Roland Carter	12/23 Renee Burris
12/8 Olivia Richardson	12/23 Camden Barber
12/12 Craig Meyer	12/29 Callie Foreman
12/12 David Brocato	12/31 Kip Bahm
12/13 Polly Carter	



GREENLEAVES

The November gathering focused on things we are thankful for while enjoying a meal of spaghetti, salad and bread. The December meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 19th at noon.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, DEC. 3rd

7:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker

Rob Crain

BOOK CLUB

MONDAY, DEC. 18th

11:00 a.m.

GARDEN OF LIES

By

EILEEN GOUDGE

PIECEMAKERS WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER

PRAYER LIST

Judy Alston, Irvin Andre, Kathy Andre, Clara Jo Beaushaw, Don Bernard, Hallie Blalock, Genevieve Brannon, Greg Brooks, Jr., Haylee Brooks, Izzy Brooks, Al Bontrager, Lynn Bourgoyne, Stacey Breaux, Jewell Burch, Bob Burris, Sharon Bush, Steve Bush, Polly Carter, Roland Carter, Willie Chauvin, Kelli Darbonne, Amy Dudley, Lee Anna Dudley, Linda Durden, Kathy Dykes, Donald Folse, Elaine Forrest, Lenora Frazier, Jim Gilbert, Mike Gill, Barrett Green, Jessica Hornsby, Ryan Jenkins, Sue Johnson, Melissa Lebo, Margerite Lipani, Donna Locke, Betty Logan, Ed Lyles, Peggy Lyles, David McBride, Bobby McInnis, Lylia McInnis, Margie McInnis, Leighann Morel, George L. Morris III, Lindsay O'Donnell, Mason Pepin, Tom & Rene Riggs, Tanda Schilling, Mike Sharp, Dianne Smith, Brent Thomas, Corey Thomas, Yvonne Thomas.

REMEMBER THESE FAMILIES

Reggie Simmons, Thomas Hood III, Babs Fowler, Laura Parnell, Myrna Schilling, Freida Welch, Craig Forrest.

TEDDY BEAR BABIES

Baby Bryan: Parents: Keeley & Katelin Bryan, Centenary Great Aunt & Uncle: Brenda & Cecil Locke

Baby Bowen: Parents: Rev. Chad & Katie Bowen, Centenary Great Friends: Brenda & Cecil Locke.

Baby Oliver Blake Ginn-Parents: Faith & Zachary Ginn, Grandmother: Christine Beverly Ginn, Centenary Great-Grandparents: Huey & Mary Beverly.

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.

**IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT THE CHURCH DURING OFFICE HOURS
CALL 985-839-3808. OTHERWISE 985-515-0134 OR 985-335-7662.**

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

Choir Director: Bonnie Pope
Treasurer: Julie Foret

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