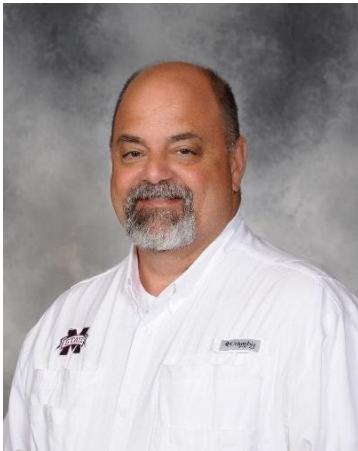


# THE CIRCUIT RIDER

Centenary United Methodist Church Newsletter

December, 2021



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

We are fully immersed in the holiday season. The flu put a small damper on our Thanksgiving celebration. Brenda and I just downsized a little and still had plenty of leftovers. It would have been great to visit with all our family, but just spending the time alone and a little sick helped us to concentrate on all the blessings we have in our lives.

Every year we say we are going to downsize the holidays. No more extravagant feasts, no more overspending, not as much running to and fro... y'all get the idea. I'm sure we aren't alone in thinking maybe less is more. Slowing down and stepping back is what Advent is all about. I encourage you to slow down and remember just how much God loves you. He stepped into human history in an incredible way. He taught us everything we need to know about the love God has for us. And he made it possible for us to experience that love.

The parties, the shopping, the food, and festivities are all good things. But without Jesus they are just additional stresses in our lives that we could all have less of. But with Jesus at the center, they become joyful celebrations that remind us of the great banquet prepared for each of us. Enjoy, sing, praise and know that you are loved.

Blessings,

Bro Cecil



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 with proceeds designated to the Help Center of Churches.

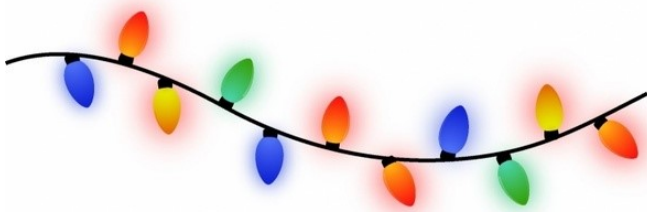
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In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

All orders due by December 9, 2021

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Memorial **Christmas Lights**

**\$2.50 per light**

The Memorial Christmas Tree is a project sponsored by Centenary Youth to meet various needs of children at Christmas. 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. All forms are due **December 9, 2021**.

**FHS Football Team enjoyed a pre-game meal at Centenary**



**The playground fence is complete. Thanks to the many volunteers!**





# Centenary's Annual Church Campout

## Bogue Chitto State Park







All women of the church are invited.



**Christmas Party  
&  
Ornament Exchange  
Dec. 9th at 6 p.m.  
Centenary Fellowship  
Hall  
Refreshments will be  
served.**

**Pastor Cecil & Brenda are hosting an Open House at the parsonage on Dec. 19th from 5-7 p.m. Please drop by and enjoy refreshments, fellowship, and admire the renovations to the parsonage. The address is 711 Williams Street.**



**Sunday, December 19th  
10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service**

## METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Centenary United Methodist Men met for breakfast on November 7, 2021 and heard an excellent presentation from State Senator Beth Mizell about the state of things in her district (Washington, St. Tammany, and Tangipahoa Parishes). She pointed out that members of the faith-based communities need to get involved in many areas of the legislative process in order to preserve many of the ideals that we, as Christians, hold sacred.

The issue of broadband expansion was also discussed and Senator Mizell pointed out that we have over \$180 million dollars coming to our district to expand broadband over the next two years.

It was also announced that our Bobby Draper Louisiana Methodist Children's Home Donation drive would reach its goal of \$1,000. Every member of UMM should be very pleased with this development.

Our speaker for our December 5<sup>th</sup> breakfast will be the Reverend Doctor Michael Sprague from Mandeville, La. He is the Louisiana State Chaplain with Capitol Commission and President of Grace Adventures, which reaches out to political, business and spiritual leaders in the New Orleans/Baton Rouge area. He spends most of his time in Baton Rouge working with legislators, lobbyists, administration, and capital staff in a non-political, non-partisan, pastoral/chaplain role.

The Bickhams, Barry and Jack, furnished us with another great breakfast and you are encouraged to come out in December and share another one with us.





Let us prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth. It is a time for faith communities and families to remember, through prayer, reflections, special music, and good deeds what the true meaning of Jesus' birth is.

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**Franklinton Christmas Festival**

**Lighted Parade**

**December 4th**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Our Mini-Methodist will lead the parade on a float displaying the nativity scene.**



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**December 24th**

**5:00 p.m.**

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*In  
Loving  
Memory*

**Ginny Burris**

## **A NOTE FROM SELLINE KORIR IN KENYA**

I pray this email finds you well. In humility, I wish to let you know that the bank has alerted us that the funds you wired arrived into the church account.

A total of Kenyan Shillings 300,000 was credited into the church account. Please let all Christians, especially the mission team know that we appreciate and thank God for each one of them. We will send reports once we get the list of beneficiaries and then after when the beneficiaries are receiving uniforms.

May our loving God remember each one of you. Selline Korir

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## **SALSA & JELLY**

Thanks to all who purchased salsa & jelly from the La. Methodist Children's Home. We sold approximately \$900 worth. If you missed out and desire to purchase their products, let Faith know.

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## **2022 PLEDGE CARDS**

Next week you should receive your 2022 pledge card in the mail. Attached will be a list of groups and activities that you may desire to serve with/on.

Please prayerfully consider your monetary and gifts of service to our faith community. On Sunday, January 2, 2022, you will have the opportunity to present your commitment during the worship service.

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## **EMPTY STOCKING FUND**

If you would like to adopt a family for Christmas or if you could do the shopping for a family, please inform Hope Bickham or Kay McCain. If you need more details, call the church office.

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## **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CARL BURNETT**

**Saturday, December 4th**

**Centenary United Methodist Church**

**Visitation begins at 12:30 p.m. followed by the service at 1:30 p.m.**



## CONGRATULATIONS



Reina Elise Woolman was born on November 3, 2021. Centenary grandparents Dr. Cheryl & Robert Tilghman and great grandmother Shirley Brown, report that Reina and her parents Dr. Wade & Dr. Lindsey are doing great!

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12/3 Madison Logan

12/3 Hope Smith

12/4 Scott Reedy

12/4 Roland Carter

12/8 Olivia Richardson

12/12 Craig Meyer

12/12 David Brocato

12/13 Polly Carter

12/16 Lori Ann Johnson

12/23 Renee Burris

12/23 Camden Barber

12/27 Gayle Foret

12/29 Callie Foreman

12/31 Kip Bahm



12/18 Clay Carter

12/21 Jeanne Green

12/21 Mike McCormick

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## TEDDY BEAR BABIES

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

Baby Verenna Isabelle Serrano-Parents: Melissa & Victor Serrano; Grandparents: Mickie & David Norwood; Aunts: Meg & Amelia Norwood

Baby Thomas-Parents: Chris & Stephanie Thomas, Brother: Graham Thomas, Grandparents: Sherman & Yvonne Thomas and Julie & Bill LaCroix.

Baby Jennifer Mae Barker-Parents: Claire & Nick Barker, Grandparents: Cissy & the late Bobby Draper, Angela & Lee Barker

<p><b>FAMILIES OF:</b></p> <p><b>Carl Burnett</b></p> <p><b>Carey Bateman</b></p> <p><b>Marie Vince</b></p> <p><b>Courtney Ridgedell</b></p> <p><b>Ginny Burris</b></p> <p><b>Peggy Vessier</b></p> <p><b>Delton Kennedy</b></p> <p><b>Sherry Miller</b></p>	<p>Irvin Andre, Terrance August, Clara Jo Beaushaw, Clyde Bickham, Fiona Bono, Al Bontrager, Debra Boudreaux, Margaret Burch, Bob Burris, Polly Carter, Roland Carter, Shyanne Chunn, Pat Dier, Margaret Falcon, Holly Fazekas, Wayne Fazekas, Prentiss Forrest, Mike Gill, Vickie Gill, Paul Givens, Lonnie Hamilton, Mike Henley, Tiffany James, Marilyn Kelley, Alex Kennedy, Hal Ladner, Betty Logan, Ed Lyles, Peggy Lyles, Griselda Marin, Margie McInnis, J.Lindsey P. McIntosh, Jerry Melanson, Nile Neeley, Kendall Parker, Kaitlyn Passman, Sally Pollard, Dick Richardson, Meridith Rodgers, Debbie Snell, Bill Stager, Elliot Trahan, Luke Thomas, Catherine Tiner, Miles Watts, Betty Westmoreland,.</p>
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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



**DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER**

**12/5-Men's Breakfast  
12/9-UMW Christmas Party  
12/16-Church Council  
12/19-Open House at Locke's  
12/20 -Book Club  
12/28-Piecemakers**

**CENTENARY IS NO LONGER USING  
PO BOX 306  
ALL MAIL SHOULD BE ADDRESSED  
TO 1015 CLEVELAND STREET**

[office@cumcfranklinton.org](mailto:office@cumcfranklinton.org)

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