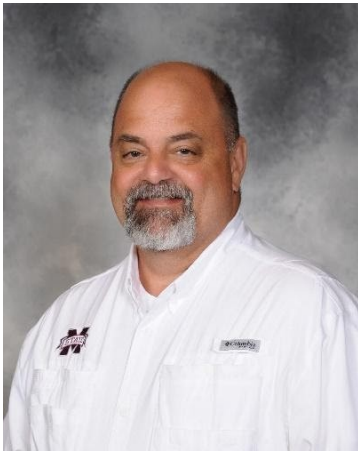


THE CIRCUIT RIDER

Centenary United Methodist Church Newsletter

July 2022

NOTES FROM PASTOR CECIL



A broken knee, a broken truck, a broken Air Conditioner, a broken Annual Conference leadership, a broken denomination - it seems I'm surrounded by brokenness. And unfortunately, it's the truth. We are all surrounded by brokenness. It's the state of our world since the Fall in the Garden of Eden. The fall not only broke our relationship with God, but it literally broke creation itself. So, what can we do about it?

We ourselves can do nothing to make things better in the long run. I know that doesn't seem to be very inspirational but stay with me for a minute. We can't do anything about all this brokenness, but God can. And he did, through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Through Jesus, God is reconciling the world back to Himself. That reconciliation includes our relationship to Him, each other, and the rest of creation. Through reconciliation all our collective brokenness can be healed.

That healing certainly includes the injuries and disease of our bodies. Sometimes, although admittedly rarely, God performs a miracle and heals us quite incredibly. Most often God uses some really smart people to prescribe medicine or make us wear really uncomfortable braces on our legs. We also await a day when miraculous or medical healing is no longer needed. We look forward to the day of complete restoration, but until then, God is actively doing what he does, healing, restoring, and remaking our brokenness.

God heals our brokenness in a number of ways. Sometimes he restores things to their former glory. Sometimes God renews and mends that which is broken. Sometimes God decides the best way to heal something that is broken is by creating something new out of the brokenness. And here is some exciting news. Although it is God who is doing the real healing, he invites us to labor alongside him and bring His healing to a Fallen world. Isn't that exciting, you and I get to help with God's redemptive work in this world.

Our call is to bring the good news of the Gospel to those who need it. It is to seek the lost and the wandering and bring them back home to God. It is to speak truth into a world that sometimes doesn't want to hear it. It is to love others as God has loved us. I'll meet you in the mission field. I'll be the one hobbling along but doing my best to serve God as I can. Will you join me?

Blessings,

Bro Cecil

ABUNDANCE ORCHARD

Where faith grows and hungry people are fed

BIBLE SCHOOL

A committee began planning this spring for Bible School at Centenary. Hope Bickham spearheaded the committee and Cynthia McCormick selected the material. Many adults and youth have volunteered each Wednesday night to offer the children a wonderful experience. Thank you!



WEEK 1-JUNE 1st

Leaders-Patri

Storyteller-Laura

Crafts-Callie

Music-Jessica



WEEK 2-JUNE 8th
Leaders-Hope & Patri
Storyteller-Craig
Activities-Kay
Music-Jessica



WEEK 3-JUNE 15th



Leaders-Jessica & Cynthia
Storyteller-Jake
Activities-Mike & Jessica
Music-Jessica & Caitlyn



WEEK 3-JUNE 15th



WEEK 4-JUNE 22nd

**Leaders-Mercer & Amy
Storyteller-Rod Sabiston**



WEEK 4



WEEK 5

Leaders-Jamie & Dixie
Storyteller-Craig



It is dangerous to say thanks to all the people that donated their time to Bible School in fear of leaving someone out. But, thanks to Brother Cecil, our youth helpers, all who provided meals, those that submitted pictures, those that worked directly with kids by helping with music, storytelling, crafts, and activities. **THANKS!**

GREENLEAVES

This group enjoyed an outing to The Dinner Bell in June. The next gathering will be at the church on July 19th.



FENCING COMPLETE

The final stage of the fencing project is now complete. The AC units have been hidden from view with new fencing replacing the old lattice fencing. A big thank you to David & Chip Burris for erecting this in 97 plus temperatures.



BOOKCLUB

The book club will meet on July 18th at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Cissy Draper. Come prepared with a reading list. We will leave the church at 9:30 and Cissy will provide sandwiches.

PARSONAGE ROOF

The parsonage received a much needed roof in June. Thanks to our Trustees for keeping our properties updated. Thanks to David Burris for arranging the work crew and securing the materials.



MISSIONS

On June 18th, members spent the morning retrieving trash from the Bogue Chitto River. They covered from the Franklinton Boat launch downstream to the Bogue Chitto State Park and upstream to the city limits. About 1.5 pick up loads of trash were removed from our scenic waterway. This included items such as cans, cups, tires, inner tubes, barrels, clothing, and everything in between. Pictured below are Craig Meyer, Mike McCormick, Porter, Griff McCormick, and Chip Burris.



The next mission will be a grilled chicken dinner. Funds raised will be used for an international mission trip and the Kenya School Uniform drive. This event will be held at the Franklinton Farmer's Market from 11:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m. on Friday July, 22. The meal will include a leg quarter, green beans/ potatoes, bread and dessert for \$10 a plate. Please put this date on your calendar.

JULY 10th & JULY 17th— 6:00 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

ON

The state of the United Methodist Church

Brother Cecil will lead an informational, conversational driven discussion on the United Methodist Church. This is a time for everyone to ask questions, raise concerns, and express your opinion.



HATCHET HOUSE-JULY 10th

Time will be determined

YOUTH ROOM MAKEOVER

JULY 23rd

BOWLING GREEN INTERACT RAISED \$870

Under the direction of Dixie Cody, the BGS Interact club sold popsicles to raise money for the Ukraine. This money was given to our church to direct it for use in the Ukraine via UMCOR. A big thank you!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN & MEN

UMM will not meet until October. The women will have their regular meeting on July 5th at the church at noon.



CONGRATULATIONS

To Claire & Nick Barker and grandmother Cissy Draper on the birth of Jennifer Maye Barker.

SUNDAY, JULY 10th

Our Bible School Children will sing in church during the Children's Message. Children wear your Bible School T-Shirts.



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| 7/7 Delainus Hill | 7/21 Ron Brumfield |
| 7/8 Brenda Locke | 7/22 Beth Reedy |
| 7/8 Tommy Vessier | 7/24 Jocelyn Davis |
| 7/9 Vaida Bahm | 7/25 Jim Cody |
| 7/10 Barry Bickham | 7/28 Cole Green |
| 7/10 Michael Bickham | |
| 7/10 Sue McCain | |
| 7/14 Laurie Bell | |
| 7/14 Chip Burris | |
| 7/14 Hope Bickham | |
| 7/14 Peyton Richardson | 7/29 Annette Broadway |
| 7/16 Austin Reedy | 7/30 Shirley Brown |
| 7/17 David H. Burris | 7/30 Chris Foret |





TEDDY BEAR BABIES

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

Baby Joseph Ryan Schaubhut, Parents Jenna Beber & Aaron Schaubhut, Great grandparents Don & Sarah Tregre, Great-great grandmother & Uncle Margie & Jeffrey Dunnington.

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.

Families of: Leah Johnson, Mike Erwin, Carol McBride, John Watson, Jim Pierce, Betty Champion

Tony Adams, Irvin Andre, Kathy Andre, Terrance August, Clara Jo Beaushaw, Jenna Beber, Jay Beverly, Fiona Bono, Al Bontrager, Debra Boudreaux, 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, Dee Beverly Courtney, Jo Ann Crowe, Christy DeValle, Pat Dier, Margaret Falcon, Elaine Forrest, Prentiss Forrest, Vickie Gill, Lonnie Hamilton, Rita Hausald, Mike Henley, Terry Herring, Ronnie Hollen, Marilyn Kelley, Alex Kennedy, 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, Meredith Rodgers, Belita Schilling, Robert Smith, Elliot Trahan, Luke Thomas,

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



JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

7/5 UMW-noon
7/10 YOUTH-Hatchet House
7/10 INFORMATIONAL MEETING-6pm
7/17 INFORMATIONAL MEETING-6pm
7/19 GREENLEAVES-noon
7/21 COUNCIL MEETING-6 pm
7/23 YOUTH ROOM MAKEOVER

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