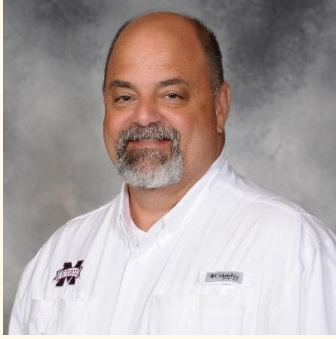


THE CIRCUIT RIDER



July 2023

The annual Nathan's Famous Hotdog eating contest will attract an estimated 35,000 spectators on July 4. Joey Chestnut is the defending champion, having won a total of 15 times since 2007. Last year he gobbled down 63 hotdogs and buns in the ten minutes allotted for competitors. He also holds the record for consuming 76 during the 2022 competition. I really like a good hotdog and I have been known to overindulge on them on occasion, but I can't imagine eating that many hotdogs in a single sitting.

Sometimes we treat our study of God's word like a hotdog eating contest. I've only got a few minutes so let's cram all we can get in our heads in the few minutes we devote to our devotional or study time. Just like eating 63 or 76 hotdogs in ten minutes cannot be very healthy for our bodies, rushing and cramming as much scripture as we can in five minutes isn't good for our spirits.

We need to learn to slow down. I know that goes against everything the world tells us but it's true. Psalm 1:1-2 says "Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. (NRSV)" Instead of seeing how much we can read and digest in a single sitting, how about we try smaller portions and let it sit with us for a while.

Meditation involves either clearing the mind or focusing on a single word, idea, or concept, or it may be a combination of clearing and focusing. Try taking small bites of God's word and focus on what he is revealing during the day concerning that little nugget. Both your body and your spirit will thank you.

Blessings.

Bro. Cecil



On Sunday, June 11th, a special service was held at Centenary Methodist Church. Everyone processed into the church (a Global Methodist Church) singing 'Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place'. As new members of this congregation of The Global Methodist Church a renewal of baptismal vows and a profession of faith was recited during a Litany of New Beginnings. Following the worship service, a covered dish luncheon was shared amongst members and guest.

Eastern Texas Conference GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome to the Eastern Texas Conference of the Global Methodist Church! You are receiving this email because your church has successfully connected with the Eastern Texas Conference. We are thrilled to receive your church into our connection. To date, we are about 300 churches and about the same number of clergy, located in eastern Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas. We expect that number to grow upwards to 400 over the next couple of months before the end of the second wave of disaffiliating churches.

YOUTH REVIVAL-JUNE 10TH AT WP FAIRGROUNDS

Brother Cecil, Hope Bickham, our Mission Team, and our youth were all involved in the planning and the experience of this event.



CENTENARY METHODIST WOMEN

On May 31st, the ladies hosted a birthday celebration at the nursing home. The next meeting will be held on July 11, 2023 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Note the date change due to the 4th of July.



TRUSTEES-PROGRESS

The attic of our church has been sprayed with insulation. This should help with our utility bill.



GREENLEAVES JUNE GATHERING

On June 20th the Greenleaves enjoyed a delicious meal provided by Walter & Dianne Smith. Following the meal, their son, Jason Smith, gave a presentation that was enjoyed by all. He shared the adventures of traveling and hiking the Grand Canyon with his son and his friends. Brother Cecil will provide the meal for the July meeting on the 18th. See you then!



MINI-METHODIST

Our children continue to meet twice each month. In July they will meet on the 9th for Bible Study and on the 23rd for music. Put these dates on your calendar and come join the fun. Jamie Matisse, Jessica Walker, Lenora Frazier, and Patri Gast are all involved in the Children's program.

ORGAN DONAR

Centenary has 2 organs that need to find new homes. The one of the left is old and the one on the right was just moved out of the sanctuary. The old one is to be donated. The other one we would like for someone to make an offer. Please share this information.



YOUTH NEWS

Our youth are meeting every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. with Brenda Locke. On Father's Day they met and had fun becoming fathers. Come join the fun!



CENTENARY HAS A NEW WEBPAGE

Ellen Burford was contracted to design a new Webpage for Centenary. The page still has some additions and adjustments to be made but check it out at

Centenarymethodist.com

JUNE ATTENDANCE REPORT

June 4	SS-50	Worship-98
June 11	SS-37	Worship-84
June 18	SS-29	Worship-78
June 25	SS-39	Worship-70

METHODIST MEN



GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH CONFERENCE

Brother Cecil, Brenda, and Jimmy Burriss will be attending the annual conference of the GMC on July 20-22 in Corpus Christi, Texas. Keep them in your prayers as they travel and experience this new beginning.

MOVING MOUNTAINS MINISTRY

Supporting the needs of children in foster care

Our Middle Adult Sunday School Class is leading a project to assist this ministry. Ellen Bufford, founder, has spoken to the men at Men's Breakfast about her ministry. The project consist of collecting the items needed for Hygiene Bags. The instructions are as follows: Place all items in a gallon Ziploc bag. Label either Girl, Boy, Teen Girl, or Teen Boy. If you have any questions ask Jake McCormick or Craig Meyer.

GIRL

Shampoo,
Conditioner
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Hair Brush
Body Wash
Body Sponge

BOY

Shampoo
Conditioner
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Hair Brush
Body Wash
Body Sponge

TEEN GIRL

Shampoo
Conditioner
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Hair Brush
Body Wash
Deodorant
Feminine pads
Body Sponge

TEEN BOY

Shampoo
Conditioner
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Hair Brush
Body Wash
Body Sponge
Deodorant

This can be a July project. How many bags can we assemble?

7/2 Monroe Carter
7/8 Brenda Locke
7/8 Tommy Vessier
7/9 Vaida Bahm
7/10 Barry Bickham
7/10 Michael Bickham
7/14 Chip Burris
7/14 Hope Bickham
7/14 Peyton Richardson
7/16 Austin Reedy
7/17 David Burris
7/21 Ron Brumfield
7/22 Beth Reedy
7/24 Jocelyn Davis



7/25 Jim Cody
7/28 Cole Green
7/29 Annette Stockstill
7/30 Shirley Brown
7/30 Chris Foret

PRAYER LIST

Irvin Andre, Kathy Andre, Clara Jo Beaushaw, Don Bernard, Huey Beverly, Jay Beverly, Hallie Blalock, Haylee Brooks, Izzy Brooks, Al Bontrager, Lynn Bourgoyne, Stacey Breaux, Jewell Burch, Bob Burris, Sharon Bush, Steve Bush, Polly Carter, Roland Carter, Patti Catalano, Willie Chauvin, Kelli Darbonne, Pat Dier, Amy Dudley, Lee Anna Dudley, Kathy Dykes, Elaine Forrest, Prentiss Forrest, Charles Hamilton, Sue Johnson, Pat King, Margerite Lipani, Donna Locke, Betty Logan, Peggy Lyles, David McBride, Bobby McInnis, Lylia McInnis, Margie McInnis, Mason Pepin, Myrna Schilling, Mike Sharp, Eli Stevens, Dr. Jerry Thomas, Catherine Tiner, Steve Wise.

REMEMBER THESE FAMILIES

Bobbie Brumfield Miller, Peter Bassil, Brad Orman, Eric Lampton, Cameron Robbins, Alaina Jane Foreman.

TEDDY BEAR BABIES

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

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.

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
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Treasurer: Julie Foret

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DATES TO REMEMBER

7/5, 12, 19, 26 Bible Study

7/17 Book Club

7/18 Greenleaves

7/20 Council Meeting

7/20-22 GMC Conference

7/ 25 Piecemakers

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