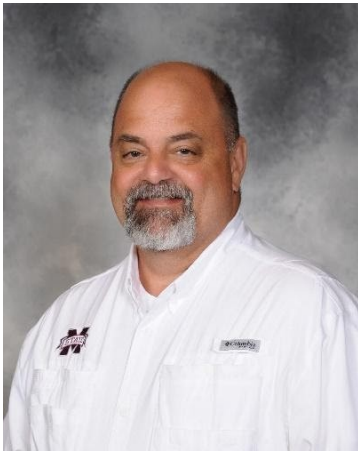


THE CIRCUIT RIDER

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NOTES FROM PASTOR CECIL



Things are really heating up around here, both figuratively and literally. It's 9:00 AM and it's already 82°. Add to that, the air conditioner at the parsonage has been on the blink for the last week and things can get miserable pretty quick.

Things are also heating up in the life of the church. We start VBS this week and it will continue Wednesday evenings through the month of June. Your prayers and assistance are desired and needed. Annual Conference will meet in Baton Rouge this month. It will be our first in-person gathering since the beginning of the pandemic and it may be quite contentious. We will be dealing with several petitions related to disaffiliation and your prayers are needed and desired for Jimmy and I as we discern how God is leading us to vote on them. We are in the preliminary stages of planning an international mission trip and again your prayers and assistance will be needed.

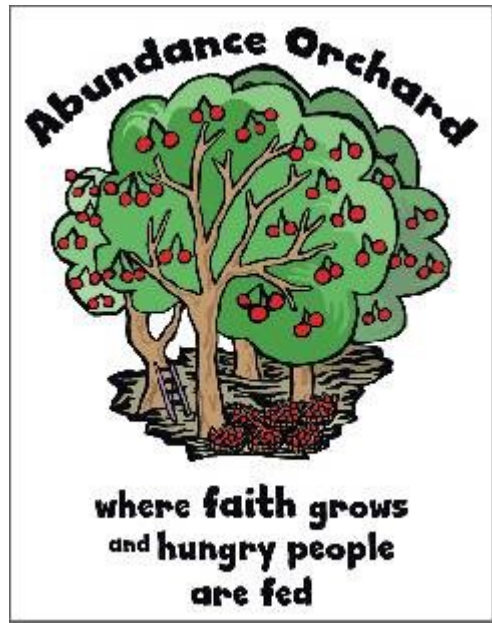
I know things have been and are continuing to heat up in many of your personal lives. There was a big wedding this past weekend (Congratulations Connor and Natalie). Wedding planning will certainly bring some heat into the lives of all involved. Vacations are being taken or planned and with them their special heat that traveling brings.

Mike Brock is working hard and diligently to fix the AC in the parsonage. Soon the house will return to a place of refuge from the outside heat. But what about refuge from all this other heat that we feel, if we aren't careful, we can be consumed by the heat of all the exterior things around us. The prophet Jeremiah said in chapter 17, verse 8, "For he will be like a tree planted by the water, that extends its roots by a stream and will not fear when the heat comes; but its leaves will be green, and it will not be anxious in a year of drought nor cease to yield fruit." If we plant our roots in Jesus, who is the river of life, we have no fear when the heat comes. He will provide refuge and respite from the heat. We will not simply endure, but will thrive and be productive.

Blessings,

Bro Cecil

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Every Wednesday Night in
June

5:00-7:00 p.m.

June 1

June 8

June 15

June 22

June 29

The VBS Team has planned a wonderful experience for our children. Please invite your friends!

MISSION TEAM REPORT

Thank you for your response to the flood bucket project. Your donations of items and money are appreciated. The buckets will soon be stuffed and stored until a need arises.



FOREIGN MISSION TRIP

The mission team is considering a foreign mission trip. A brief meeting to gauge possible interest was held in May. If you missed this and have a desire to be informed as the planning proceeds, please notify Brother Cecil.

TRIPLE F

Triple F will not meet during the summer. After Labor Day we will return to this Wednesday night activity.



RIVER CLEAN UP

The youth and the mission team have a service project planned for **June 18th**. Together, the plan is to travel up and down part of the Bogue Chitto River collecting trash. Plans are to begin in the morning and end the day around noon with lunch. **More specific details will follow.**



BIBLE STUDY

There are 2 sessions remaining in the Ruth bible study. The Wednesday night group will meet in the library on June 1 and June 8th. The study will begin at 5:30 p.m. No meal will be served due to Bible School.

COMING THIS FALL

A new Bible Study will begin after Labor Day. In 8 weeks we will read, study and discuss the book, "The Class Meeting". Everyone participating will need to purchase a book. Both Wednesday night and Thursday classes will be offered.



GREENLEAVES

On Tuesday, May 17th, Greenleaves enjoyed the hospitality of Ed & Lana Branch at their Lake House. Brother Cecil grilled hamburgers and everyone enjoyed games of Bingo.



GREENLEAVES IN JUNE

On Thursday, June 23rd, Greenleaves will travel to McComb, Ms. to fellowship together and enjoy a meal at The Dinner Bell. A departure time will be determined later.

UNITED METHODIST MEN



Centenary UMM met on Sunday, May 1st, for a delicious breakfast prepared by Barry, Jack and Ben Bickham and heard an informative program by Ms. Kim Kirby, Director of Safe Harbor Women's Shelter of Washington-St. Tammany Parishes. After the presentation, Brother Cecil offered the use of one of the church's rooms for client meetings or counseling sessions so that these victims did not have to go to the Sheriff's Office or the Courthouse so that possible contact with an abuser could be avoided.

Our June 5th meeting will be the final one before our customary summer break and will feature a speaker from the Varnado Store Museum for a program about what future plans or programs the Museum will offer. Our Breakfast meetings will resume on Sunday, October 2nd, 2022.



LOUISIANA UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

joyfully invites you to
join us to celebrate the grand opening of our

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME OF SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA

Friday, June 24, 2022 at 10 a.m.
49242 Hwy. 445 | Loranger, LA 70446



**Click Below to RSVP
by June 10th**

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

- VIA I-12, TAKE ROBERT EXIT TO HWY 445, TRAVEL N 6 MILES, CAMPUS IS ON THE RIGHT
- VIA HWY 190, TURN N ON HWY 445, TRAVEL N 4.5 MILES, CAMPUS IS ON THE RIGHT

**If you are interested in
attending, notify Brother
Cecil. He will RSVP for
those attending.**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW will meet on Tuesday, June 7th at noon. The meeting will be held in the library due to VBS setup. Bring a sack lunch and join the ladies for fellowship.!

PRAYER LIST

Please take time to view the prayer list printed in the newsletter or in Sunday's Bulletin. If there is someone that needs to be removed, please notify the office. Likewise, let us know if we need to add someone.

BOOK CLUB

Our book club will not meet in June. Please make a list of books to read for the remainder of the year. An outing is being planned for the club at which time we will choose our future readings. Details of the outing are being discussed and planned.



CENTENARY HELPING THOSE IN NEED

On May 19th, at the Administrative Council Meeting, the decision to help two organizations was approved. At right, Brother Cecil is presenting Marietta Thomas a check for Harmony Baptist Church. This church is located in the Pine/Thomas Community of Washington Parish and recently was destroyed by fire.

A second donation was given to Safe Harbor Women's Shelter of St. Tammany and Washington Parishes.



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Matthew 4:19

And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."

6/1 Mickie Norwood

6/2 Chris Thomas

6/5 Alexis Meyer

6/11 Dan Johnson

6/13 Faith Bahm

6/15 Wayne Fazekas

6/17 Bonnie Pope

6/17 Sarah Broadway

6/19 Sarah Tregre

6/19 Johnny Green

6/23 Jack Bickham

6/23 Lee McCain

6/24 Mary Beverly



6/24 Suellen Vise

6/25 Seth Schilling

6/26 Ronnie Bell

6/26 Marjorie Sisson

6/27 Raina Bahm

6/30 Ethan Brock



TEDDY BEAR BABIES

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

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

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.

Prayers for the families of:

Jim Pierce, Betty Champion, Mike Cassidy, Margaret Burch

Tony Adams, Irvin Andre, Kathy Andre, Terrance August, Clara Jo Beaushaw, Jenna Beber, Jay Beverly, Jack Bickham, Fiona Bono, Al Bontrager, Debra Boudreaux, Lynn Bourgoyne, Genevieve Brannon, Stacey Breaux, Edsel Brock, Michelle Brodie, Bob Burris, Fredrick Brumfield, Doris Calhoun, Polly Carter, Roland Carter, Dee Beverly Courtney, Jo Ann Crowe, Christy DeValle, Pat Dier, Margaret Falcon, Elaine Forrest, Prentiss Forrest, Vickie Gill, Lonnie Hamilton, Mike Henley, Terry Herring, Ronnie Hollen, Marilyn Kelley, Alex Kennedy, Pat King, Vicki Knight, Hal Ladner, Melissa Lebo, Donna Locke, Betty Logan, Ed Lyles, Peggy Lyles, Fantasia Magee, Andrew Mains, Sherry Magruder, Griselda Marin, Carol McBride, Lylia McInnis, Margie McInnis, Amanda McKenzie, Barbara McMillian, Mike McVean, Mike Mobley, Mickey Nail, Nile Neeley, Kaitlyn Passman, Sally Pollard, Mary Jo Poole, Judy Rabuffo, Chloe Rayburn, Dick Richardson, Meredith Rodgers, Belita Schilling, Robert Smith, Bill Stager, Virginia Stager, Elliot Trahan, Luke Thomas, John Watson, Betty Westmoreland, Duke Williams.

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.



JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER

6/1,8,15,22,29—VBS
6/1,8—ADULT BIBLE STUDY
6/2, 9—ADULT BIBLE STUDY
6/4-YOUTH/MISSIONS
6/7-UMW
6/16-COUNCIL MEETING
6/23-GREENLEAVES

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