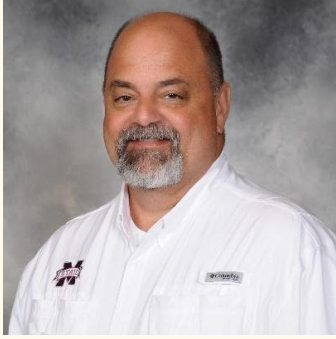


THE CIRCUIT RIDER

June 2024



We are living in unprecedented times! That's a phrase that nearly all of us have said or at least heard spoken in our lifetimes. The truth is these "unprecedented times" may not be so unprecedented. Travel, commerce, and information are conducted at exciting new levels of efficiency. The known world seems to be getting smaller even as it keeps expanding. Government is becoming imperialistic and more authoritarian. Peace and prosperity are available for some but certainly not for all. Dangerous speech is monitored and swiftly dealt with by the appointed authorities. Does this sound familiar? While some may see the above statements as being descriptive of our modern life, it is also the situation confronting the church in Acts. This is why we study the Book of Acts, to learn from those early Christians and build upon the legacy they have left to our care.

In Acts, we learn how the early church dealt with oppression and confrontation. We learn from the early church when to compromise and when to stand firm. We learn from the early disciples how to have healthy disagreements and find common ground. We learn how to be flexible and adapt our organization to the changing of our world as needed. In short, we learn how to be the church and how to embody its mission to the world.

Over the next several months we will be hearing from the Book of Acts during our worship on Sunday mornings. We will also be covering some material more in depth during Wednesday night Bible Study. Each week, we will list the material that will be covered in the next weeks sermon and Bible study. I hope you'll do the readings with us, but the sermons will stand alone and hopefully be encouraging and insightful if you don't. As you read through Acts, pay attention to how often you hear "They devoted themselves to prayer" or some similar phrase. The early church believed in and practiced prayer. I invite you to a time of prayer as you prepare for this series of sermons. Pray that God will speak through me despite my limitations. Pray that God will speak his words of truth to our church. And pray that God will unleash upon our church his will and promise for our future.

Blessings,

Bro. Cecil

CONGRATULATIONS CENTENARY GRADUATES



ALEXIS MEYER-Bowling Green High School. Will attend La. Tech University
ASHLEY FORET-LSU School of Medicine. Will complete her residency in Urology at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida.
COLEMAN GREEN-Tulane University. Will begin a Masters Program in Biology at Tulane.

TRUSTEES

The windows of the church sanctuary and steeple have been repaired and painted.

Mike Mobley and Steve Asprion plant a new tree by the back patio. Mike donated the tree.



MISSIONS

The Global Methodist Church issued a bulletin seeking aide for flooding victims in Kenya. Many are homeless due to the flooding and are living in tents not properly protected with mosquito nets. Malaria is a serious threat to the people. Centenary used their contact from the Uniform Drive in Kenya to provide quick aide. Five hundred dollars was donated for the purchase of mosquito nets and the same church will distribute them.

A Jambalaya Dinner Fundraiser will be held on Friday, June 7th at the Farmer's Market. Proceeds will benefit the Veterans

GREENLEAVES

Greenleaves met on Tuesday, May 21st and enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by Ron & Mercer Brumfield. Elizabeth Ard and Laina Asprion presented a moving program.

June 18th is the next meeting. Faith Bahm and Dick Richardson will provide the meal.



YOUTH

The Centenary women thank the youth for the necklaces they made for Mother's Day. What a wonderful testimony shared by Dr. Cheryl Tilghman as she gifted the necklace to her daughter prior to giving birth.



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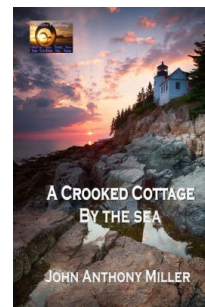
Gabriel Wade Woolman was born on May 17th to parents Lindsey and Wade Woolman. Centenary grandparents are Dr. Cherly and Robert Tilghman and Great grandmother Shirley Brown. Continue to keep Gabriel in your prayers.

BOOKCLUB

June 17th

A Crooked Cottage by The Sea

By: John Anthony Miller



BOOK OF ACTS-SERMON SERIES

June 2-Acts 1:1-8, "Our Mission"

June 9-Acts 1:21-26, "Reorganizing"

June 16-Acts 2:37-41, "Our Message-Salvation"

June 23-Act 2:42-47, "Our Shared Loves"

READ AHEAD

READ THE ENTIRE BOOK



I FOUND A QUILTED HEART

The IFAQH community of volunteers anonymously create and place small quilted hearts around the globe to brighten the day of a stranger. Brother Cecil found one recently outside the church door. Each heart contains a tag with a website where you can share your story of what the heart meant to you with others. Our Piece-makers are in the process of making quilted hearts to be distributed.

FUNDRAISING



JAMBALAYA FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH

FARMER'S MARKET

\$10/PLATE

11:00-1:00 p.m.

Proceeds go to Veterans Outreach

CENTENARY METHODIST MEN

The Centenary Methodist Men's Club met on Sunday, May 5th, for a delicious breakfast prepared by Barry & Jack Bickham. One addition to the menu this morning was omelets that everyone enjoyed.

Our speaker was Ms. Courtney Murphy of the Methodist Children's Home who came to speak with us about a Men's Mentoring program that the Home offers to the 32 young men. Courtney pointed out that many of these young men have no male figures in their lives and this offers them an opportunity to interact with a male figure.

The club decided to donate \$500 to the Children's Home to assist them with many of their programs.

Our June program will be presented by Ms. Susan McNeese and Ms. Joannie Sanders of the Mt. Hermon Garden Club who will tell us about the dedication of the portion of Highway 38 that is now designated as a Blue Star Memorial Highway. Several Veteran members of the Club will share with the rest of us their experiences upon returning from overseas and combat.

Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. and all men of Centenary and Mt. Hermon Methodist are urged to attend.

A BIG SHOUT-OUT TO THE ANONYMOUS DONOR OF THE NEW AMERICAN FLAGS THAT ARE AT THE ENTRANCE AND ACROSS THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY. IF YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED, OUR FLAGS ARE GETTING A LITTLE WORN AND WE COULD USE SOME MORE NEW ONES IF YOU ARE SO INCLINED.

MAY ATTENDANCE

May 5	SS	40	Worship Service	79
May 12	SS	38	Worship Service	67
May 19	SS	40	Worship Service	66
May 26	SS	36	Worship Service	56

SHARON AND STEVE BUSH

Many of our long time members remember our former pastor Steve Bush and his wife Sharon. Steve has been sick, so please keep him in your prayers. During this illness, they have moved to Alexandria, LA.

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6/1	Mickie Norwood	6/19	Johnny Green
6/2	Chris Thomas	6/23	Jack Bickham
6/5	Alexis Meyer	6/23	Lee McCain
6.11	Dan Johnson	6/24	Mary Beverly
6/13	Faith Bahm	6/24	Suellen Vise
6.15	Wayne Fazekas	6/25	Seth Schilling
6/16	Will Walker	6/26	Ronnie Bell
6/17	Bonnie Pope	6/26	Marjorie Sisson
6/17	Sarah Broadway	6/27	Raina Bahm
6/19	Sarah Tregre	6/30	Ethan Brock



PRAYER LIST

Judy Alston, Steve Bush, Lynn Borgoyne, Edsel Brock, Bob Burris, James Crabtree, Patrick Dier, Leslie Dobie, Amy Dudley, Margie Dunnington, Barrett Green, Alexia Grogan, Von Jarrell, Jerry King, Betty Logan, Tammy Magruder, Ila Martin, Mike Mobley, Leighann Morel, Christie Pierce, Pam Pierce, Tanda Schilling, Dianne Smith, Dean Thomas, Gabriel Woolman, Lindsey Woolman.

REMEMBER THESE FAMILIES

Rusty Borgoyne, Elaine Gosselin, Linda Brumfield, Clara Sue Watts Driftmier, Kim Hartzog, Buddy Manning, William Hunt.

TEDDY BEAR BABIES

Baby Amelia Jane Schaubhut-Parents: Jenna Beber & Aaron Schaubhut, Centenary Great Grandparents: Don & Sarah Tregre, Great-great grandmother and Uncle: Margie & Jeffrey Dunnington.

Baby Boy Hester-Parents: Emily and Chris Hester, Brother Hayden, Sister Avery, Centenary Grandparents: Jimmy and Debbie Burris.

OUR MILITARY FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Gavin Berne, Carson Fontenot, Megan McCain, Kelly Reiss, Brody Schilling, Jackson Stewart, Chad Penny, T. J. Smith, Josh Magee, Andrew Darbonne, Gavin Brumfield, Dillon Mitchell, Mason Knudson.

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