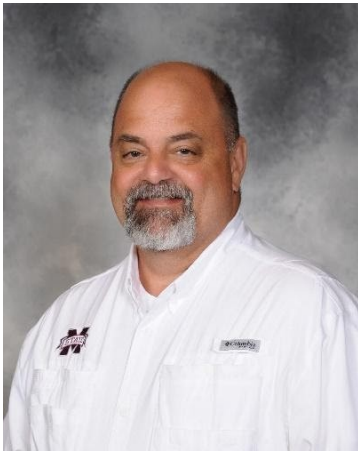


THE CIRCUIT RIDER

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May 2022

NOTES FROM PASTOR CECIL



I want to start this month's article with the words of a clergy friend of mine. Rev. Danny Estes wrote this Facebook post on the Monday after Easter. I thought it was worth sharing.

It is a very chilly first Monday of Easter here, overcast and damp. A day which is a reminder of the volatility of nature after Eden. We have a forecast for temperatures in the high 80s by week's end. As usual after Holy Week and Easter I find myself a bit tired this Monday. Another sign of life after Eden I suppose. What I have noticed this morning are school buses hurrying children to classes, delivery trucks making their rounds, people scurrying about with normal activities. Those who were diseased and infirm yesterday seem to remain so. Those in financial straits have not yet found that windfall for which they pray. Surgeries scheduled are taking place. Because of the way the calendar fell, taxes are still due today. Factories, hospitals, courts, mortuaries, construction crews, mechanics, first responders are all going about their business. In fact, it looks like any other Monday in my community. Exactly like any other Monday in my community. And I find myself pondering the question, "What difference, if any, did Easter make in the everyday lives of the folk who live here?" Was it all just chickens, rabbits, candy, and colored eggs? Or was there a hopeful tingle of Christ rising from the grave and a promise of better days? I wonder.

Sometimes, I wonder too, Danny. Do any of You? Do you wonder about the presence of the life changing power of Jesus in the everyday life of others? How about yourself?

If you are normal, then surely you wonder also. The good news today is that we don't have to just wonder about ourselves. We are in control of our discipleship. All we need to do is work at it. Yes, I said work at it. Grace and Salvation are free, but the change that comes from Discipleship costs us time and effort. I invite you to get busy and get to work. It's worth the effort.

Grace and Peace,

Bro. Cecil

NEWS FROM FORMER CENTENARY MEMBER LEE MCCAIN

Major Lee McCain is the son of Kay & Kelvin McCain and currently lives in Spring Lake, North Carolina. He is the older brother of Connor McCain and Allie McCain and the grandson of Mary Elizabeth Richardson. Lee is a Doctor of Physical Therapy with the U.S. Army National Guard. He serves at Fort Bragg as a physical therapist. Lee was one of five United States PT's invited to work at the Invictus Games in April in The Hague, The Netherlands. Lee is engaged to Captain Rebekah Schott, DDS.

The Invictus Games is an international sporting event for wounded, injured and sick servicemen and women, both serving and veterans. The Games use the power of sport to inspire recovery, support rehabilitation and generate a wider understanding and respect of all those who serve their country.



Prince Harry in the black shirt beside Lee in the blue shirt.



Dr. Lee McCain on the far right.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW ladies met on April 5, 2022. After a business meeting and lunch they enjoyed stuffing Easter Eggs with goodies for the Mini-Methodist Easter Egg Hunt. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 3rd.



CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Centenary UMM met on Sunday, April 3rd for a delicious breakfast prepared by The Bickhams and heard a presentation from Jon “Jerry” Laiche, local author and the Curator of the restored Original Folsom Library and Museum. Jerry gave the group quite a bit of information about the Creole cuisine in South Louisiana and New Orleans in particular, as featured in his book, Madame Langlois’ Legacy.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 1st @ 7:00 AM and our speaker will be Ms. Kim Kirby, Director of the Safe Harbor Shelter in Mandeville. Kim is a local resident and will be very informative and highly entertaining.

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us.



BUSY MINI-METHODIST ON PALM SUNDAY

The Mini-Methodist were active in our worship service as they marched in waving palm branches and sang a song for the congregation. Afterwards the kids enjoyed an afternoon of food and candy at the home of Jim & Dixie Cody. Highlights of the afternoon were the Jump House and a Easter Egg Hunt.



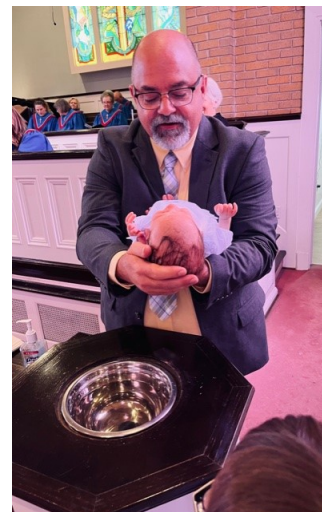
HE IS RISEN-EASTER SUNDAY



Thanks to Lenora Frazier and the other ladies who helped decorate the cross. It was nice to have so many of our former youth members in attendance.

LINCOLN HARRIS THOMAS WAS BAPTIZED ON EASTER SUNDAY

Lincoln is pictured below with his parents Chris & Stephanie and big brother, Graham



MISSIONS

The mission team is collecting supplies to complete 25 flood buckets. Each bucket contains about \$80 worth of supplies. Below is a list of items needed for each bucket. Material or cash donations will be appreciated.

1, 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid

Liquid laundry detergent (Two 25 oz or one 50 oz bottles only)

Liquid household cleaner (12-16 oz liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water- no spray cleaners)

Dish Soap (16-28 oz bottle, any brand)

1 can air freshener (aerosol or pump)

1 insect-repellant spray (6-14 oz aerosol or spray pump with protective cover)

1 scrub brush (plastic or wooden handle)

18 cleaning wipes (Handi-wipes or reusable wipes-No terry cleaning cloth)

7 sponges (No cellulose sponges)

5 scouring pads (no stainless steel, Brillo pads, or SOS pads)

50 clothespins

Clothesline (Two 50 ft or one 100 ft, cotton or plastic)

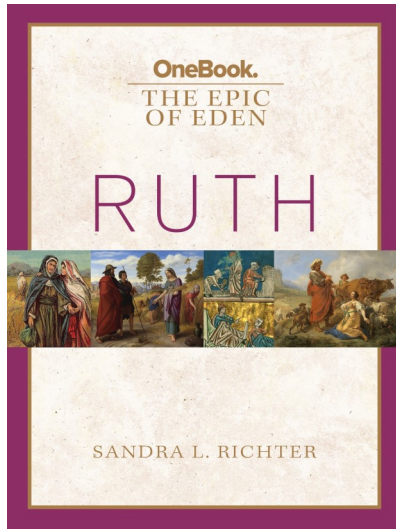
24-roll heavy-duty trash bags(33-45 gallon sizes)

5 Dust masks (The nicer ones with valves will not fit in the bucket)

2 Pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves

1 pair work gloves (Cotton with leather palm or all leather)





BIBLE STUDY

A new bible study began on Wednesday, April 20th and Thursday, April 21st. It is not too late to join one of the study groups. Bill Burris teaches the Wednesday class at 5:30 p.m. Brother Cecil teaches the Thursday class at noon.

GREENLEAVES

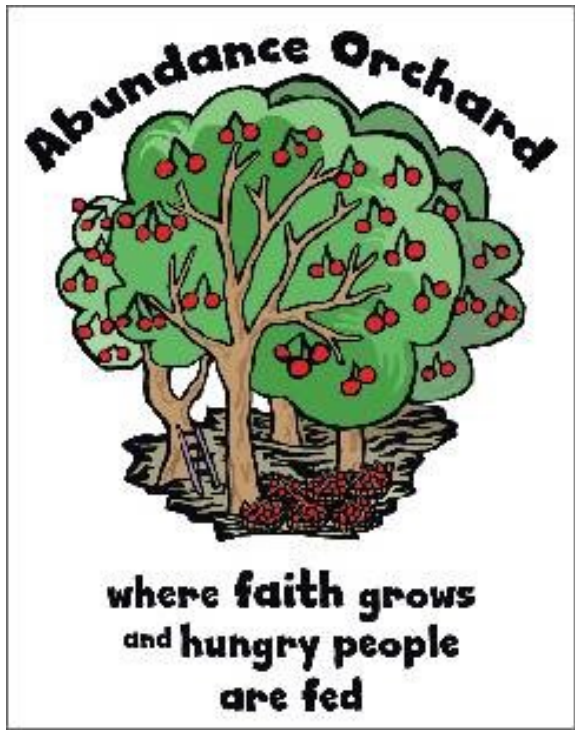
Elizabeth Ard presented the program at the April 19th meeting. Many in attendance have raved about the program that included information on past members such as the Wood sisters and Hallie Love. Even those that did not know these individuals found the program most interesting.



Next Meeting is May 17th at noon

Welcome
— TO THE —
LAKE HOUSE

Ed & Lana Branch's Lake House



CENTENARY VBS

Every Wednesday in June

5:00-7:00 p.m.

K-6th grade

Plans are underway for a fantastic Bible School this summer. Mark your calendars in preparation for this event. Invite your friends.

Please sign up in the office



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PEANUTS BY MONTE ALBERT

THANK YOU, PEANUTS.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children's Sunday School classes have been bringing their offerings each Sunday morning. Mercer is shown preparing to count their gifts to be sent to UMCOR to help with the situation in the Ukraine.



5/2 David Norwood

5/6 Mattie McCormick

5/7 Grayson Bell

5/9 Jesse Burris

5/10 Robert Thomas

5/11 Whitney Bahm

5/15 Michael Todd

5/20 Zachary Bell

5/20 Mary Jo Poole

5/23 Drema Sabiston

5/25 Amelia Norwood

5/30 Laura Logan



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:

Mike Cassidy, Margaret Burch

Tony Adams, Irvin Andre, Kathy Andre, Terrance August, Clara Jo Beaushaw, Jay Beverly, Jack Bickham, Fiona Bono, Al Bontrager, Debra Boudreaux, Lynn Bourgoyne, Genevieve Brannon, Edsel Brock, Michelle Brodie, Lyndle Bullard, Bob Burris, Fredrick Brumfield, Doris Calhoun, Polly Carter, Roland Carter, 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, Guy Lecompte, Betty Logan, Ed Lyles, Peggy Lyles, Fantasia Magee, Andrew Mains, Sherry Magruder, Griselda Marin, Jerry Means, Margie McInnis, Amanda McKenzie, Barbara McMillan, Mike McVean, Mike Mobley, Mickey Nail, Nile Neeley, Kaitlyn Passman, Sally Pollard, Nancy Pollard, Dick Richardson, Meredith Rodgers, Robert Smith, Bill Stager, Virginia Stager, Elliot Trahan, Luke Thomas, 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.



MAY DATES TO REMEMBER

5/3 UMW-noon
5/4, 11, 18, 25-Triple F, Bible Study,
Youth
5/5, 12, 19, 26-Bible Study-noon
5/16-Book Club-11 am
5/17-Greenleaves-noon
5/19-Council Meeting-6 pm

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