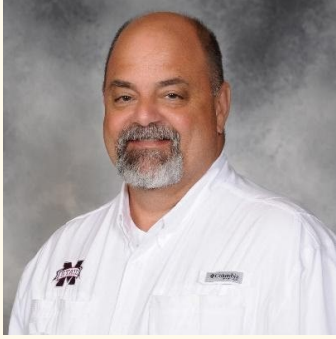


THE CIRCUIT RIDER



May 2024

Spring cleaning at the church is in full swing. We are doing things a little differently this year. Instead of picking a Saturday and trying to get everyone to show up in mass and work around each other, we have asked a few people to take specific areas or rooms of the church and organize the cleaning efforts. If there is a place you would like to volunteer to help clean, contact the church office and we will get you in touch with the right person or if it is an area not already taken, we will help you organize the cleaning of that area.

Some of the areas have already been cleaned and others are in the process. Yesterday some church members were here working in the library. Shelves and drawers were cleaned and dusted. Books were dusted and organized, and some much needed culling of stuff took place. It's amazing how much stuff can accumulate over time. Some things seem important or sentimental and we feel they must be kept, so we stuff them in a drawer or a corner and then forget they are there.

From time to time, we need to do some deep cleaning and throwing out. I'm positive there are boxes in my life from two moves ago that still sit unopened. If I haven't needed or missed the items, why am I still holding onto them?

I preached on Jesus's statement of "I am the true vine" this past Sunday. Part of that scripture speaks to God pruning the branches, so they bear good fruit. When was the last time you allowed God to do some deep cleaning or pruning in your life? What things or habits once seemed useful are you holding onto that God wants to throw out? He is faithful to shine light into the places that need cleaning if we are faithful to ask and look. Now, if y'all will excuse me, I've got some boxes at home and in my life to go through...

Blessings,

Bro. Cecil

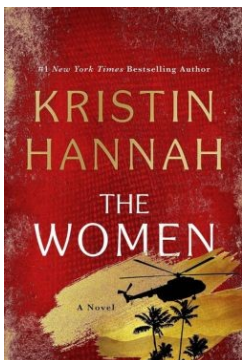
EASTER SUNDAY AND CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Centenary Methodist Church welcomes Fielder Bahm, Emma Matisse, and Mattie McCormick as professing members. We had 138 individuals attending.



GREENLEAVES

Greenleaves met on Tuesday, April 16th and enjoyed a wonderful meal provided by Debbie Brock. Chief of Police, Justin Brown was the speaker. Everyone enjoyed his talk and many questions were asked. Ron & Mercer Brumfield will provide the meal on May 21st. See you then!



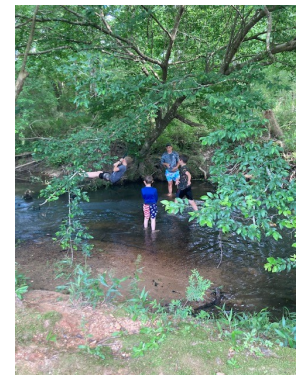
BOOK CLUB
MAY 20th
11:00 A.M.



MAY 12th
Special treat
Prepared by
our youth!

CHURCH CAMPOUT AND PICNIC

Friday, April 26th thru Sunday, April 28th, Centenary held their annual Church Campout. We had 8 families camping. On Saturday, we held the annual Church Picnic. A big Thank you to our cooks, everyone that brought food, and mostly everyone that attended. The kids enjoyed a nature hike and other activities prior to the picnic.



CENTENARY METHODIST MEN

APRIL 2024

The Centenary Methodist Men's Club met on Sunday, April 7th for their customary delicious breakfast prepared by Barry and Jack Bickham.

Our speaker that morning was Ms. Marsha Newman, Board Member of the Atoka Recreation Facility located on Highway 25 North of Franklinton.

Ms. Newman handed out diagrams of the proposed plans for the park since their receipt of a substantial grant from the state of Louisiana. She stated that the plans for the park had received approval from the State of Louisiana and they were awaiting approval from the Federal Government so that soccer fields, restrooms, and a concession stand could be constructed. Other projects would follow as financing could be obtained.

As she is also a member of the Washington Parish School Board, Ms. Newman gave the Men's Club information concerning the renovation of the Franklinton Jr. High School building. She invited all of us to attend the Open House planned for the Fall just before the start of the new school year.

Our speaker for the May 5th meeting will be Ms. Courtney Murphy, Development Officer for the Louisiana Methodist Children's Home located in Robert, Louisiana. Ms. Murphy will be informing the Men's Club members about ways that the Club can assist the Home in achieving some of their goals.

If you would enjoy a delicious breakfast and some great camaraderie, then join us this Sunday at 7:00 AM.



YOUTH NEWS

Our youth are meeting each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. with Brenda Locke. They have been busy the past several Sundays working on a surprise for all the mothers on Mother's Day. Plan to be there on May 12th.

APRIL ATTENDANCE

April 7	SS	43	Worship Service	93
April 14	SS	36	Worship Service	80
April 21	SS	41	Worship Service	86
April 28	SS	39	Worship Service	77

TRUSTEES

Always busy maintaining the church plant. A new door has been erected in the Men's Sunday School Class. All carpet has been professionally cleaned. The sanctuary windows are in the process of being painted. We are undergoing a thorough cleaning of the church. Different people have been assigned different areas. They will call and ask for volunteers. Many of you are aware that we have a rat problem. This problem has been addressed. A BIG THANK YOU TO CHIP AND SUGAR!



Happy

Birthday

to you!

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| 5/6 | Mattie McCormick | 5/23 | Drema Sabiston |
| 5/9 | Jesse Burris | 5/30 | Laura Logan |
| 5/10 | Robert Thomas | | |
| 5/11 | Whitney Bahm | | |
| 5/20 | Mary Jo Poole | | |



PRAYER LIST

Judy Alston, Whitney Bahm, Steve Bush, Debbie Burris, Lynn Borgoyne, Edsel Brock, Bob Burris, James Crabtree, Patrick Dier, Amy Dudley, Barrett Green, Alexia Grogan, Von Jarrell, Jerry King, Betty Logan, Ila Martin, Mike Mobley, Leighann Morel, Christie Pierce, Pam Pierce, Tanda Schilling, Dianne Smith, Dean Thomas.

REMEMBER THESE FAMILIES

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

TEDDY BEAR BABIES

Baby Woolman-Parents: Wade and Lindsey Woolman, Centenary Grandparents: Dr. Cheryl and Robert Tilghman, Centenary Great Grandmother: Shirley Brown.

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.

**IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT THE CHURCH DURING OFFICE HOURS
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