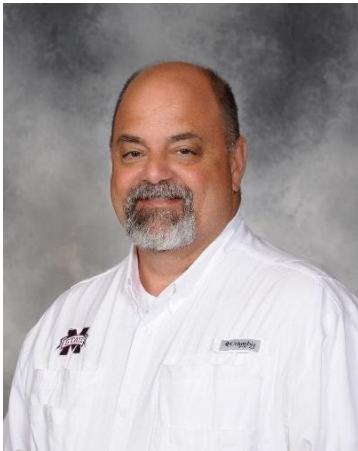


THE CIRCUIT RIDER

Centenary United Methodist Church Newsletter

November, 2021



NOTES FROM PASTOR CECIL

I have survived my first Washington Parish Fair. (Do I get some kind of sticker or button?). It was as busy as advertised and as fun as advertised. I got to ride some rides on the midway and pet cows in the barn with my grandson. There were plenty of funnel cakes and other goodies to be eaten, as well as some good music and entertainment to watch. The crowds were also generally well behaved as far as I could tell. All in all, it was a good week except for one small thing... litter.

I had been warned of the traffic in town. I had been warned about folks parking in the yard of the parsonage. No one warned me about the litter. Or the creative extent of said litterers. Every morning there was a new layer of paper and cups and empty containers strewn in the front yard. We even found a Styrofoam cup in our mailbox one morning. I guess I should have been expecting it. It kind of goes hand in hand with our human nature. We tend to mess up the pretty and nice things around us.

King David had it all, a kingdom, family, loyal subjects, popularity, and the ear of God. In a moment of lustful selfishness, he nearly throws it all away for a fling with Beersheba and the coverup that follows. Psalm 51 was written by David after he was confronted with his sin by the prophet Nathan. The Psalm serves as both a confession for David as well as a mark of his repentance. In verse 10, he asks God to "Create in him a clean heart".

Isn't it great that God does this! He takes our dirty and grimy hearts and cleans them right up. But we are human, and we tend to trash the nice clean places God has given us. We drop the papers and hide the cups of sin that keep finding their way into our lives. The good news this morning is that unlike me, God doesn't tire of cleaning. He will clean you up as often as you ask and cry out for him to create in you a clean heart.

Blessings,

Bro. Cecil

COFFEE ON THE PATIO



**Our next Coffee on the Patio will be held on
Wednesday, November 17th at 9:00 a.m.
Please join us and invite a friend!**

**Thanks to Jane & Dan
Johnson for donating the
umbrella on the patio!**



**The new playground fence will be
installed Saturday, Oct. 30th. If you
can help, please come to the
church at 2:00 p.m.**





The chicken dinner recently held at Centenary was a fundraiser for Vidalia Methodist Church (burned) and the Kenya Uniform Drive. The dinner ,after expenses, cleared \$3,871.14. This gives each of the above \$1,935.57. The Mini-Methodist collected money for the Uniform Drive plus others made donations to this cause totaling \$825.94. The church in Kenya will receive a total of \$2,761.57. Thanks to everyone for being a part of this mission project.



United Methodist Men

November Newsletter

The Methodist Men's Club Resumed Their Breakfast Meetings On October 3rd With A Great Pancake Breakfast Prepared By Barry, Jack, And Ben Bickham.

Our Speaker, Cole Ladner, President Of The Washington Parish Fair Association Did An Excellent Job Of Updating Us On This Year's Fair. He Pointed Out That Although Many Of The Cabins In The Mile Branch Settlement Were Damaged Last Spring In The Windstorm, The Settlement Would Be Open But Many Of The Buildings Would Be Closed To Visitors.

All Of The Members In Attendance Decided To Honor Our Late Member And Dedicated Cook, Bobby Draper, By Making A Special Contribution To The Methodist Children's Home In His Memory. Some Members Who Were Unable To Attend Have Contributed After The Meeting, But We Are Still Accepting Contributions, If You So Desire. Presently We Are \$23.00 Short Of Reaching Our Goal Of \$500.00.

Our Speaker For Our November 7th Meeting Will Be State Senator Beth Mizell Who Will Cover Hurricane Ida's Impact On Washington Parish, Broadband, And Redistricting Resulting From The 2020 Census. Please Make Every Effort To Attend So We Will Have A Good Representation For Senator Mizell.



Edward Aaron Logan



MINI-METHODIST HALLOWEEN PARTY



Children's Director, Jamie Matise, organized the children's annual Halloween Party. Chris Matise has the kids loaded and ready to head to their first stop. At the Bahm household the Mini-Methodist tossed the bean bag through the pumpkin's mouth and then went inside to see the scary witch and retrieve their treat from the scarecrow.



The next stop was the home of Ron & Mercer Brumfield. Here the children received a treat bag and enjoyed soccer and basketball.



A ride across town brought the gang to Ronald & Bonnie Pope's home. Delicious cookies and lemonade were provided followed by sack races.



After the racing, the children were excited to enjoy "fancy" water and treats served at the home of Lana & Ed Branch



The afternoon concluded at Brother Cecil & Brenda's home for "Fair" type games, hotdogs and chips.



Animal Print Sunday!



Centenary Folks at the Fair

Brother Cecil & Brenda experience their 1st WPF. UMM & Annette volunteered in the Membership Ticket Booth.







PIECEMAKERS

Instead of sewing, on Tuesday, October 26th, this group took a tour of the Methodist Children's Home. Jane Johnson, Sandy Miller, Sarah Tregre and Mary Beverly attended. They were joined by Doug Hall, Courtney Murphy and others. Below are pictures of this group, the main entrance, kitchen/dining area, classrooms and a dorm room.





11/1	Bill Burris	11/9	Fielder Bahm
11/2	Mercer Brumfield	11/12	Rod Sabiston
11/5	James Richardson	11/15	Dianne Green
11/6	Clyde Bickham	11/17	Jane Johnson
11/6	Sharron Bickham	11/17	John Travis
11/8	Lark Draper	11/18	Ella Kathryn Oyler

Washington Baptist Association

A request has been made for the following items for Hurricane Ida victims: Blankets, pillows, sleeping bags, hoodies (size L to 4X), coats, jackets. The items may be new or used. Pastor Matt Schoeft of FBC Golden Meadow requests the items be bagged and labeled to help make the distribution more efficient.

Please drop the items off at the Missions Office, 2116 Washington Street, Franklinton, between the hours of 9 a.m.-2p.m., Monday-Thursdays by November 11th. If further information is needed, contact Vickie Knight at vpknight2@gmail.com or call the church office.



CHURCH CAMPOUT

NOVEMBER 12-14

BOGUE CHITTO STATE PARK

Everyone invited for Saturday activities and supper!



TEDDY BEAR BABIES

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

Baby Verenna Isabelle Serrano-Parents: Melissa & Victor Serrano; Grandparents: Mickie & David Norwood; Aunts: Meg & Amelia Norwood

Baby Woolman-Parents: Dr. Wade & Dr. Lindsey Woolman, Grandparents, Dr. Cheryl & Robert Tilghman, Great-grandmother, Shirley Brown.

Baby Thomas-Parents: Chris & Stephanie Thomas, Brother: Graham Thomas, Grandparents: Sherman & Yvonne Thomas and Julie & Bill LaCroix.

FAMILIES OF:
 Ed Logan
 LaJohn Magee
 John Manning
 Gary Johnson
 Mary Nell Bateman
 Drew Rainer
 Bobby Draper
 Don Hoy
 Ed Lewis
 Dewayne Taylor
 Ann Scott Harrell

Irvin Andre, **Terrance August**, Carey Bateman, Clara Jo Beaushaw, Clyde Bickham, Fiona Bono, Al Bontrager, Debra Boudreaux, Margaret Burch, Carl Burnett, **Ginny Burris**, Polly Carter, Roland Carter, Shyanne Chunn, Pat Dier, Holly Fazekas, Wayne Fazekas, Prentiss Forrest, Vickie Gill, Paul Givens, **Lonnie Hamilton**, Mike Henley, Tiffany James, Marilyn Kelley, Alex Kennedy, Hal Ladner, **Betty Logan**, Ed Lyles, Peggy Lyles, Griselda Marin, Margie McInnis, **Jerry Melanson**, Nile Neeley, Kendall Parker, **Kaitlyn Passman**, Dick Richardson, Meredith Rodgers, Debbie Snell, Bill Stager, Luke Thomas, **Sherman Thomas**, **Catherine Tiner**, Miles Watts, Betty Westmoreland, Laura Zeringue.



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



NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

11/1 Men's Breakfast
11/12-14 Church Campout
11/15 Book Club
11/17 Coffee on the Patio
11/18 Church Council
11/23 Piecemakers

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