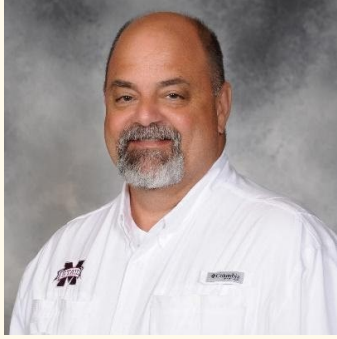


THE CIRCUIT RIDER



November 2023

On his 1999 album "Beach House on the Moon", Jimmy Buffett recorded a song about math that contained the lyrics "Numerical precision is a science with a mission, And I think its gonna drive me insane." I'm feeling those lyrics this morning. Julie left me some papers early this morning regarding the reporting of my salary to our Annual Conference. It seems our numbers aren't adding up. You would think it would be pretty easy to know what my salary is, but then math and rules get in the way.

We have to determine base salary then add in professional expenses, utility allowance, and any other allowances. Reimbursements that I am given that require a receipt are not included. Health insurance benefits paid on my behalf are included, but I'm covered under Brenda's work policy and the church has provided a supplement for me to offset that amount, so where does it go? and does it get counted in salary? I've run the numbers 3 times since June and have gotten a different result each time and my results are wildly different from Julie's. It enough to drive a person insane.

It's important that the numbers are correct. Those figures are used for my retirement benefits and for our conference givings. But I think I'm stressing out a little too much about whether it is the precise amount or a close good effort. I believe that God is more concerned with our good faith close effort than our precision. I mentioned stewardship/tithing this past Sunday and you could feel the tension in the sanctuary (I get the benefit of seeing all your faces on Sunday morning). I typically get asked questions about tithing such as, "Do I tithe on Gross Income or Net? What amount truly constitutes a tithe? And where is the scripture that affirms tithing?"

The short answer and the biblical answer is God honors your best good faith effort (Think Widow's mite). On November 19 we will spend some time at the altar praying over what that good faith effort looks like for us individually and for our families. I invite you to begin praying now and seek God's guidance. As for my salary numbers, I think God is leading me to beg Julie to come sit down with me and accept her counsel and run with what she figures out. I'll see y'all in the mission field.

Blessings, Cecil

BOGUE CHITTO RIVER CLEAN UP

On Sunday, October 8th, a group of adults and youth paddled the river and collected trash. Their run ended at the State Park where they enjoyed a meal of hamburgers and hotdogs.



GREENLEAVES

Julie Foret presented the program for the October meeting. She shared a video of pictures from her recent trip to Morocco and talked about the culture. Julie also shared her experience with the earthquake. Jane Johnson and Faith Bahm provided the meal. The next gathering will be on November 21st.



Thank you Lana Branch and Brenda Burris for the Fall Display!



Thank you to Hope & Barry Bickham and Chip & Brenda Burris for their parts in refurbishing our flower beds.



CONVERSION



Centenary members are pictured selling membership tickets at the Washington Parish Free Fair on Friday night.



CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m.

This will be our first charge conference as a member of the Global Methodist Church. This is different and new to us. Reverend Ben McGehee from the Pelican area of the Eastern Texas Conference will be our presiding elder. The conference is NOT for your church leadership only. Everyone plays a part. Each member will have a vote concerning our church leadership for 2024 and be a part of the decision making. This night will also be a time for information sharing and worship. Please put this date on your calendar and make plans to be present and active. A COVERED DISH SUPPER WILL FOLLOW!

CENTENARY METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Centenary Methodist Men's Club met on Sunday, October 1st, and enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by Barry and Jack Bickham.

Our guest speaker that morning was Ms. McKenna Rushing, 2022 WPFQ Queen who entertained us with her recollections of her past year's reign.

Special guests along with Ms. Rushing were Mrs. Mercer Brumfield, 2023 Fair Catalog Honoree, and Mrs. Kaye Ladner, Secretary of the Fair Association who came to lend moral support to Ms. Rushing. Both were greeted with hearty welcomes by the members.

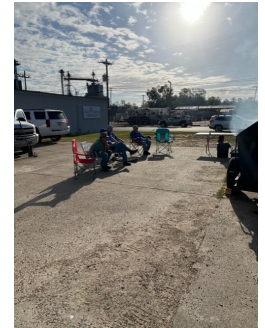
Our next meeting will be at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 5th where our guest speaker will be Mr. Jason Garbo who just published his first novel "Hammerhead". Jason will give us some background on how this novel came about and the publication process.

We urge all of Centenary's men to join us on Sunday.



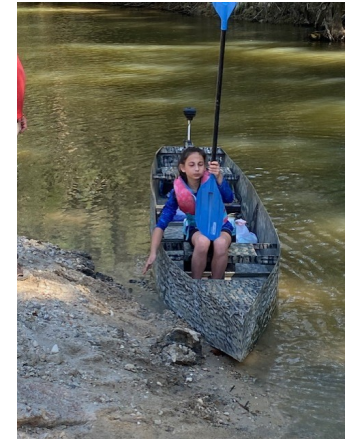
FOREIGN MISSION –KENYA UNIFORM DRIVE

On Sunday, October 29th, Centenary’s Mission Team sponsored a Chicken Dinner Fundraiser. Profits from this event will be split between the Kenya Uniform Drive and part kept here to be used for local mission projects. Thanks to all who purchased tickets and to those that sold tickets. Thanks to Mary Jo who sold more than 100 tickets!



Youth News

The youth have been a little scattered lately because of various activities like school competitions and the fair, but we are still meeting. We started out in October helping with the Mission team’s river clean up. The youth that participated worked hard and had a bit of fun as we picked up trash on the river. As the month progressed, we made some more headway studying about the life of Joseph. So, if you are between the ages of 12-18 (6th – 12th grades) or know someone who is, we’d love for you to join us on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m.



OCTOBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

October 1	SS-37	Worship-73
October 8	SS-44	Worship-91
October 15	SS-44	Worship-82
October 22	SS-29	Worship-61
October 29	SS-38	Worship-76

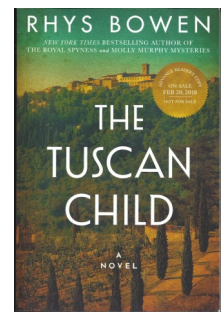
UPCOMING DEADLINES

We are approaching the time of year for our Memorial Christmas Tree Lights and our Poinsettia sales. The tree lights cost \$2.50 per light. A letter is sent to the person you are honoring or the family of the one you are remembering. The proceeds of this tree of lights goes to help children. Last year about \$600 was sent to the La. Methodist Children's Home to purchase books for their library. The forms for the Memorial Tree will be in the November 12th bulletin or you can pick one up in the office. The deadline to turn the forms in is December 13th. The poinsettias are purchased by the church and you can reserve one for \$12. The individuals being honored and remembered will be listed in the bulletin. The price has increased \$2 this year due to the cost the church pays. The poinsettias help decorate our sanctuary at Christmas. The deadline to reserve one is also December 13th.



BOOK CLUB

The November meeting of Book Club will be at 11:00 a.m. on the 20th. A light lunch will be served. Last month's meeting was cancelled due to conflicts. Come prepared to discuss both October and November books.



LOCAL MISSION

Ellen Buford of Moving Mountains Ministry was thrilled to receive the Hygiene Bags that Centenary members purchased and assembled.

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



PRAYER LIST

Irvin Andre, Kathy Andre, Clara Jo Beaushaw, David Berlin, Don Bernard, Jay Beverly, Hallie Blalock, Greg Brooks, Jr., Haylee Brooks, Izzy Brooks, Al Bontrager, Lynn Bourgoyne, Stacey Breaux, Jewell Burch, Bob Burriss, Sharon Bush, Steve Bush, Polly Carter, Roland Carter, Willie Chauvin, Kelli Darbonne, Amy Dudley, Lee Anna Dudley, Kathy Dykes, Donald Folse, Elaine Forrest, Babs Fowler, Mike Gill, Barrett Green, Charles Hamilton, Jessica Hornsby, Ryan Jenkins, Sue Johnson, Melissa Lebo, Margerite Lipani, Donna Locke, Betty Logan, Ed Lyles, Peggy Lyles, David McBride, Bobby McInnis, Lylia McInnis, Margie McInnis, Jordan McKenzie, George L. Morris III, Lindsay O'Donnell, Mason Pepin, Tom & Rene Riggs, Myrna Schilling, Tanda Schilling, Mike Sharp, Corey Thomas.

REMEMBER THESE FAMILIES

Freida Welch, Craig Forrest, Sybil Nowell, Pat King, Dr. Jerry Thomas, Marcia Magee, Dennis Seal, Mike Henley.

TEDDY BEAR BABIES

Baby Bryan: Parents: Keeley & Katelin Bryan, Centenary Great Aunt & Uncle: Brenda & Cecil Locke

Baby Bowen: Parents: Rev. Chad & Katie Bowen, Centenary Great Friends: Brenda & Cecil Locke.

Baby Oliver Blake Ginn-Parents: Faith & Zachary Ginn, Grandmother: Christine Beverly Ginn, Centenary Great-Grandparents: Huey & Mary Beverly.

OUR MILITARY FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Gavin Berne, Carson Fontenot, Megan McCain, Kelly Reiss, Brody Schilling, Dr. Rebekah Schott, Lee McCain, Jackson Stewart, Chad Penny, T. J. Smith, Josh Magee, Andrew Darbonne, Gavin Brumfield.

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