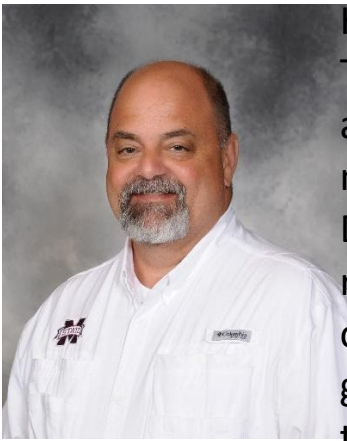


# THE CIRCUIT RIDER

Centenary United Methodist Church Newsletter

September 2022



Hail State!, Geaux Tigers!, Roll Tide!, I'll even put a Hotty Toddy in there. Its SEC football time again. I don't know about you, but I've been missing football. For many, if not most of us, our Saturdays will consist of our personal Game Day rituals, tailgating, wearing our proper school colors, ringing cowbells and screaming loudly. Whether in person or in our living rooms college football is exciting. It's easy to get caught up with the cheering crowds and the revelry of the sport. We will bake in the late summer sun or freeze

during an early winter cold snap in order to cheer our teams on the victory. Shouldn't we be that excited about praising our God and cheering one another on to the victory found in Jesus?

Vic Schaefer, the former Women's Basketball coach at Mississippi State, was known for this way of concluding interviews. At the conclusion of any interview, he would always say with excitement, "Praise the Lord! And Go Dogs!" Coach Schaefer was on to something, first, we should be exuberant in our praise of God. Secondly, we should set some priorities. There is nothing wrong with getting excited about your favorite team, just put God first. There are always highs and lows with our teams. Sooner or later we will find disappointment with our teams, but never so with God.

Psalm 150 is a great praise psalm. The Psalmist reminds us to praise God everywhere and with everything we have. Have fun cheering on your teams but remember to Praise God first.

God Bless, and Hail State! (Clanga, Clanga)

Bro Cecil

## UPDATE FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

### Next Steps

The church council has met with our District Superintendent and the Discernment process has begun. In the coming days you will be asked to participate in a small group for conversation. The purpose of the groups will be to discern how you feel about the subject of disaffiliation from the UMC. I know some already have strong feelings regarding this issue. I would ask that you engage these conversations with an open mind and a prayerful spirit. You will be receiving an information packet very soon and some questions to guide the conversation. We intend to utilize our Sunday School classes and some of our other established groups such as UMW, Green Leaves, etc... If you are not part of these groups, we will have a couple of groups meeting at night that you can participate in. It is important that we hear from *"all" of you.*

After the groups have met and had their conversations, the Council will meet and review the feedback that comes from these groups and will then decide as to whether we will have a church vote or not.

## TRIPLE F BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7TH



On Wednesday, September 7th, Triple F will resume. A meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. We need volunteers to sign up in the office to provide a meal. Choir practice will begin at 5 p.m. At 6 p.m., Brother Cecil will lead a study of the book 'The Class Meeting' for both adults and youth. Any choir members that would like to join after practice are encouraged to do so. Books have been ordered and are in the office for those that placed an order. Plans are to make another order later this week. If you are interested, please contact the office.

## YOUTH OUTING AT BRANCH LAKE HOUSE

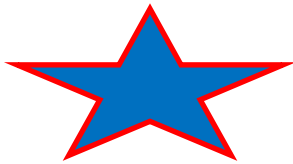
Lana & Ed Branch hosted the youth for a Back-to-School Bash on Saturday, August 6th. Jet skiing and tubing kept the kids entertained. Thanks to Debbie Brock for organizing the food and the parents. Centenary is thankful to Ed & Lana who are always willing to open their camp to their church family.



## SUNDAY, AUGUST 14th

Our school children were anointed with oil and blessed as they begin a new school year. Our children as well as our teachers were lifted up in prayer for a safe and productive school year. Continue to lift them up in prayer throughout this school year.

Brother Cecil had the honor of baptizing Jennifer Mae Barker. She is the daughter of Claire & Nick Barker and the granddaughter of Cissy Draper.



### MIDDLE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

For years, Barbara Travis Carter taught the middle adult Sunday School Class. Although a small class in quantity, the quality of instruction and leadership was large. Jake & Abby McCormick, Craig & Ellen Meyer and Amy Oyler are some of the regulars of this class. These class members recently erected a picture of Barbara in their classroom. After Barbara's death, this class has continued to meet. Barbara's leadership was so inspirational and she will never be forgotten by these lucky few class members.



## GREENLEAVES

A beach theme welcomed everyone to Greenleaves on Tuesday, August 16th. Cecil & Brenda provided hamburgers and banana splits. Afterwards, Bingo was played and Dan Johnson won the Grand Prize.

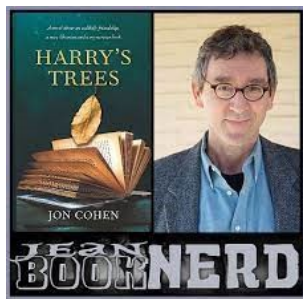


## MISSIONS

The Mission Team does not have any specific activity planned for September. The team is ready and eager if a specific need arises. Hopefully the flood buckets that have been assembled will not be needed any time soon. The team is providing a meal for the Wesley Foundation at Southeastern on November 16th.

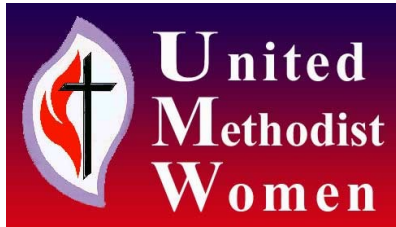
## SEPTEMBER BOOK CLUB

JOIN US ON THE 19th at 11:00 am



## PRAYER LIST

Please check the prayer list and notify the office if a name needs to be removed or added.



**Thursday, August 11th, the UMW enjoyed an outing to MugShots in Covington.**

**The September meeting will be on the 6th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a bagged lunch and drinks and dessert will be provided**



## CONGRATULATIONS

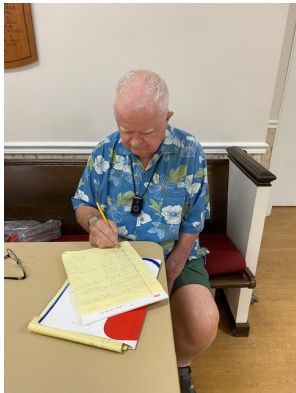


**Centenary Family, Barry, Hope, Jack, and Ben Bickham on the birth of Luke Bowen Fonda. Congratulations to parents Haley Stevens & Luke Fonda.**

**Centenary Family, Dan & Jane Johnson and Mary Jo Poole on the birth of Madelyn James. Congratulations to parents Lori Ann & Kort Pittman.**

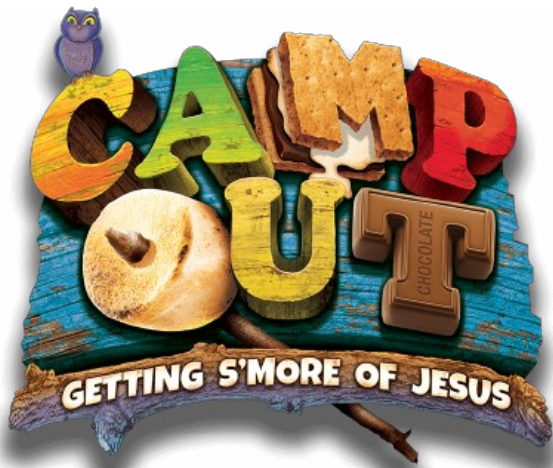
## CENTENARY BLOOD DRIVE

**Sunday, August 21st, Centenary held a blood drive in the Fellowship Hall. Many thanks to Huey Beverly for organizing this event. Huey reported that 22 units of blood were donated. Thanks to everyone for participating.**



## KENYA UNIFORM DRIVE

**September 18th is the deadline for our uniform drive. Continue to save your change and be prepared to turn it in on this Sunday.**



## CHURCH CAMPOUT

Our churchwide campout weekend will be November 11th, 12th, and 13th at the Bogue Chitto State Park. Camping spots quickly get filled, so make your reservations in the Upland RV Area (Sites 18-30) We encourage all non-campers to come enjoy the activities on Saturday the 12th. There will be a scavenger hunt for kids at 3:00 p.m. Plans for Saturday evening include gourmet hot dogs, and singing around a campfire.

9/1 Jane Burris

9/2 Betty Logan

9/3 Gerald Foret

9/6 Mark James

9/9 Richard Jenkins

9/14 Michael Mobley

9/16 Ashley Foret

9/21 Max Bahm

9/22 Logan Walker

9/24 Keaton Catrett

9/25 Holly James

9/29 Emma Matise

Our custodian Lee Dudley—9/3



Please let the office know if you see something that needs our attention. We recently discovered the Cry Room in the sanctuary was in need of attention. It is now clean and ready. Thanks for lending a helping hand Patri!

## **PRAYER LIST**

**Irvin Andre, Kathy Andre, Terrance August, Clara Jo Beaushaw, Jay Beverly, Fiona Bono, Al Bontrager, Lynn Bourgoyne, Genevieve Brannon, Stacey Breaux, Edsel Brock, Michelle Brodie, Lyndle Bullard, Bob Burris, Sara Burris, Steve Bush, Fredrick Brumfield, Doris Calhoun, Polly Carter, Roland Carter, Herchel Creel, Jo Ann Crowe, Christy DeValle, Pat Dier, Kathy Dykes, Margaret Falcon, Elaine Forrest, Prentiss Forrest, Vickie Gill, Lonnie Hamilton, Rita Hausald, Terry Herring, Curtis Hodge, Ronnie Hollen, Brenda Magee Jackson, Marilyn Kelley, Alex Kennedy, Donna Bateman Kilbourne, Pat King, Vicki Knight, Melissa Lebo, Margerite Lipani, Donna Locke, Betty Logan, Ed Lyles, Peggy Lyles, Fantasia Magee, Andrew Mains, Sherry Magruder, Griselda Marin, David McBride, Lylia McInnis, Margie McInnis, Amanda McKenzie, Barbara McMillian, Mike McVean, Mike Mobley, Mickey Nail, Nile Neeley, Kaitlyn Passman, Sally Pollard, Judy Rabuffo, Chloe Rayburn, Meridith Rodgers, Belita Schilling, Robert Smith, Elliot Trahan, Luke Thomas, Yvonne Thomas, Pat Trosclair, Steve Welch, Betty Westmoreland, Duke Williams, Steve Wise.**

**Families of: David Anderson, Carolyn Watson, Tony Adams, John UpChurch, Lillburn Scheuermann, Frances Trahan, Lynda Jones, Phelan Bight, Debra Boudreaux, Brianne Pittman, Leah Johnson, Mike Erwin, Carol McBride, John Watson.**

## **TEDDY BEAR BABIES**

**Baby Stevens, Parents Drew & Deb Stevens, Centenary family: Barry, Hope, Jack & Ben Bickham.**

## **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, Jordan Blackwell. Josh Magee, Andrew Darbonne, Gavin Brumfield.**



**Pastor: Cecil Locke**  
**Secretary: Faith Bahm**  
**Custodian: Lee Dudley**

**Choir Director: Bonnie Pope**  
**Treasurer: Julie Foret**  
**Nursery: Felecia Forrest**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>9/6 UMW-Noon</b>	<b>9/7,14,21,28 TRIPLE F-5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>9/15 COUNCIL MEETING-6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>9/19 BOOK CLUB-11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>9/20 GREENLEAVES-Noon</b>	<b>9/27 PIECEMAKERS-9:30 a.m.</b>

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