



# THE BULLETIN

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Worship God  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** (1867-2023)

*Celebrating Our 156th Year*

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## SAYING GOODBYE TO DR. CHARLES STANLEY

Long-time Pastor of First Baptist Church Atlanta, Dr. Charles Stanley passed away last week at the age of 90. In addition to his 51 years at First Baptist, Stanley was the leader of the Southern Baptist Convention for many years, founder of In Touch Ministry and authored more than 70 books. He was considered along with Billy Graham and Charles Swindoll to be one of the best preachers of his generation per *Christianity Today*. His life motto was:



“Obey God and leave all consequences to Him.”

Charles Stanley was one of my heroes. After graduating from college, I moved back to my hometown of Atlanta and lived there about 15 months before going on to seminary. During that time in Atlanta, I joined First Baptist Church for one reason only; I thought Dr. Stanley was the best Bible Teacher in Atlanta, and I wanted to learn from him. I was in that Church most every Sunday with my Bible, taking notes, hanging on Dr. Stanley's every word and he did not disappoint. Although Stanley didn't make a Baptist out of me, God did use his preaching to grow my faith and help me understand my own call to the ministry.

Thank You Dr. Stanley for impacting my Christian life and so many lives around the world for Christ!

In Christ,

*Sam*

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

The pastor and members of Cairo First UMC extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friend of **MRS. SANDRA (SANDY) LEE GOEMBEL.**

**NEW MEMBERS:**

We welcome **Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Knight and boys, Fletcher and Corbin,** to our family of faith. Stacy and Brynn come by transfer of their memberships from Union Springs Baptist Church.

**MEMORIALS:**

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

**MR. AL COOGLE**

By: Mike & Susan Chastain  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cliett  
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert W. Wind

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**MR. ED HALL**

By: Ms. Peg Thomas

**MRS. SAMMIE HARPER**

By: Mr. & Mrs. Herbert W. Wind

**MR. GRAY JERNIGAN**

By: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Almon  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cliett  
Ms. Peg Thomas  
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert W. Wind

**MRS. KATHY LINDGREN**

By: Southern Insurance Employees

**SENIOR RECOGNITION:**  
Next Sunday at the 9:00 am Contemporary Service, we will be honoring our two graduating Seniors:  
**Sarah Sheffield,** parents Tony & Fran  
**Tyson Allen,** parents Chad & Jamie  
***Congratulations Sarah and Tyson!***

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER (MAY 4)**

We are hosting a 12 hour prayer vigil in our chapel from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm on May 4. You can sign up for a 30-minute slot on the big Sign-Up poster. Our goal is to have at least 2 people praying continuously in the chapel all 12 hours of the prayer vigil.

**MAY MEETINGS:**

- May 1, 6:00 pm** - WinGS
- May 4, 7:00 am** - 7:00 pm - National Day of Prayer Vigil
- May 8, 7:00 pm** - Methodist Men
- May 10, 6:00 pm** - Church Night Supper Meal
- May 11** - 6:00 pm - Missions
- May 14** - Mother's Day
- May 15, 6:00 pm** - Trustees Meeting
- May 16** - End of the Year Preschool Program
- May 22, 6:00 pm** - Laity Council
- May 28, 11:00 am** - Joint Worship Service (Only one service)
- May 29, Memorial Day** - Office Closed

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**PERKINS UMMEN:**

Will meet Monday, May 8, at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Please contact Dale Helms or Billy Wind to make reservations for the meal.

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**MAY AND JUNE WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS:**

- May 7th** - Communion at 8:15 and 11:00 am May 14th - Mother's Day
- May 21st** - We will observe Pentecost a week early!
- May 28th** - Only One Service at 11:00 am
- June 4th** - Regularly scheduled Communion postponed until June 25th

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**WINGS MEETING:**

Will meet Monday, May 1, at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

Dr. Clair McCaskill will present the program as she shares about the local CASA Program (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and how our church is planning to become more involved in this vital ministry. Clair is a CASA volunteer and understands the local needs of the Grady County children who experience foster care. Please plan to attend the May meeting to learn more about CASA from our very own Clair McCaskill!



**WEEK OF  
APR 30-MAY 6  
2023**

**Sunday, April 30:**

NO LIVE STREAMING TODAY

8:15 am	Early Worship Chapel
9:00 am	Contemporary Worship
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Traditional Service
5:00 pm	Men's Disciple Group
5:30 pm	Children
5:30 pm	Youth

**Monday, May 1:**

10:00 am	Chair Yoga
6:00 pm	WinGS

**Tuesday, May 2:**

8:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
10:00 am	Ladies' Prayer Group

**Wednesday, May 3:**

6:45 pm	Chancel Choir
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**Thursday, May 4:**

7:00 am - 7:00 pm	Prayer Vigil
8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
10:00 am	Chair Yoga

**Friday, May 5:**

2:00 pm	Service on CNS Channel 6
9:00 pm	Service on CNS Channel 6

**AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 4/23/23**

8:15 am	.....10
9:00 am	.....69
Live Stream	.....18
11:00 am	.....49
Live Stream	.....24
Weekly Receipts	.....\$1,355.00
Received to Date - Op.	.....\$98,381.00
Memorial/In Honor	.....\$445.00
Missions	.....\$0.00
Bucket Brigade	.....\$65.20

**BUCKET BRIGADE:**  
The bucket brigade offerings (loose change in buckets) goes to mission projects that the church sponsors throughout the year. The offering for April will go to the **Kenya Mission**.



**Remember in Prayer**

**OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)**

**GRADY GENERAL**

Mrs. Nell Mitchell

**AT HOME:**

Mr. Ray Butler  
Mr. Jack Drew  
Mr. David and Mrs. Catherine Elkins  
Mrs. Lauren J. Harrell  
Mrs. Charlene Powell

The Church and its ministries, the Church Staff and all Church members.

**NURSING HOME/ASSISTED**

**LIVING RESIDENTS:**

**MAGNOLIA PLACE:**

Mrs. Joan Cassels  
Mr. John Shiver  
Mr. John Summers (Father of Clair McCaskill)  
Mrs. Carolyn Trawick

**SOUTHERN PINES, THOMASVILLE, GA:**

Mrs. Doris Rehberg (Mother of Nell Owens)

**THOMASVILLE NURSING & REHAB:**

Mrs. Mary Meill

**PRESBYTERIAN HOME, QUITMAN, GA:**

Mrs. Opal Prince

**CHESTNUT RIDGE, CUMMING, GA:**

Mrs. Vivian Childs

**BRENTWOOD, TN:**

Dr. Bob Kral

**RESTROOMS:**

Are located on the ground floor. There is also a Ladies' Restroom as you exit the sanctuary door by the piano.

**BULLETINS:**

For those of you who receive a bulletin in the mail, place it in your Bible to bring to church with you on Sunday mornings.



**Birthday Greetings**

**May 1:** Mary Meill

**May 2:** Tim White

**May 3:** Will Bundrick

**May 5:** Patsy Maddox

**May 6:** Josh McCaskill, Frances Thrower

Sunday, April 30, 2023

**Traditional Informal – Chapel**

**8:15 am**

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON ..... 2 Samuel 24: 16 - 23  
SERMON .....Sacrificial Giving .....Rev. Vernon

**Contemporary – Sanctuary**

**9:00 am**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .....Rev. Vernon

WORSHIP

CHILDREN’S SERMON .....Celeste Vernon

\*AFFIRMATION OF GOD’S WORD

**This is God’s Word. I believe I am who He says I am,  
I have what He says I have and I can do what He says I can do.**

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SERMON .....Sacrificial Giving .....Rev. Vernon

**THOSE WHO SERVE: 9:00 AM:** SS Greeters/Ushers: **Chad Allen, Bill Harrell;**

**Worship Team:** Brian Morgan - vocals, guitar; Stacey Morgan - vocals, keys;

Myra Easom - Vocals; Scott Easom - Bass Guitar

**Tech:** Will Bundrick - video;

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY**

**NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE**

email: abharrison1@hotmail.com  
text: 229-254-2546

- Acolytes: Austin Kate Hudson and Bret Sanders
- Buckets:
- VBS is July 9-12! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Adrienne!

Reminder: If you were unable to attend Safe Sanctuaries training last Sunday, please contact Adrienne or Celeste on how to complete the training.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**NEWS FROM...SCOTT**

email: easom316@windstream.net  
cell/text: (229) 977-2247

- April 30 – Sunday School - 10:00 am
- April 30 – Youth Night - 5:30-6:30 pm
- May 21 – Senior Recognition Day

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY .....Dr. Crook  
*O My Father - arr. Potter*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .....Rev. Sam Vernon

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....I Timothy .....UMH 889

\*HYMN OF PRAISE .....UMH 154  
*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY .....Mr. Self  
*Schönster Herr Jesu - Schroeder*

\*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC .....Chancel Choir  
*Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven - Perry*

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\*SCRIPTURE LESSON .....2 Samuel 24: 16 - 23

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\*HYMN OF RESPONSE .....UMH 571  
*Go, Make of All Disciples*

\*BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE .....Mr. Self  
*Praise to the Lord - Reger*

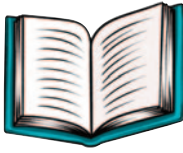
*+You are dismissed after the Benediction.*

*Please feel free to leave, or if you choose, sit quietly and enjoy the Postlude.*

\* Please stand as you are able.

**BOOK CLUB:**

We would like to expand our book club and would like to invite you to join us once a month for delightful reads and fun discussions. Contact Debbie Godbehere at 229-378-0635.



The book club will meet Wednesday May 17th at 5:00 pm to discuss *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

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**SINNER'S PRAYER**

**DEAR JESUS,**

I believe You are the Son of God. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins 2000 years ago. I confess that I am a sinner. Please forgive me of my sins. Come into my heart and be my Savior and make me into the kind of person You want me to be.

Amen

This is just one example of a prayer that someone could pray to become Christian. For the prayer to be effective it needs to be an honest expression of someone's heart.

**CHAIR YOGA CLASSES:**

With Lucretia Roddenbery will meet in the fellowship hall on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:00 am.

**FLOWER CALENDAR:**

A new flower calendar for 2023 has been placed on the bulletin board in the downstairs hallway.

Please sign up for flowers for 2023. And remember that two arrangements are needed.

**BE GOOD STEWARDS:**

When you leave the sanctuary on Sunday morning, please take a minute to replace the hymnal and/or Bible in the rack. Also, please take your used tissue and bulletin with you upon departing.

Thanks for your assistance as we do not have custodians coming in after Sunday services.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED  
318 S. BROAD STREET  
CAIRO, GA 39828

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## Directory

- Sam Vernon .....*Pastor*
- Ruth Sims .....*Adm. Assistant*
- Scott Easom .....*Youth Director*
- Adrienne Harrison ..*Children's Director*
- Ed Self .....*Organist*
- Brian and Stacey Morgan  
.....*Contemporary Worship Leaders*
- Linda Wood .....*.8:15 Pianist*
- Benjamin Crook .....*Pianist*
- Ashlei Steele ...*Preschool Director*
- Church Office .....*.229-377-3051*
- Emergency Numbers **.229-377-1017**  
*229-403-4028*  
*912-230-6627*

EMAILS: When sending emails to the church office, please use the following address:

**adm.cairofum@syrupcity.net**

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E-MAILS ADDRESS/CELL PHONE NUMBERS: Contact with church members is very important. Please turn in email addresses and cell phone numbers especially if you no longer use a land line for your telephone. Thanks

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

*Thanks ever so much!*