



## THE BULLETIN

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Worship God  
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Bless the World



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

*Celebrating Our 156th Year*

**318 South Broad Street • Cairo, Georgia 39828-2717**

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## WHEN GOD CREATED MOTHERS

WHEN THE GOOD LORD was creating mothers, He was into His 6th day of overtime when an angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the specs on this order? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic . . . have 180 movable parts . . . all replaceable . . . run on black coffee and leftovers . . . have a lap that disappears when she stands up . . . a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a broken love affair . . . and 6 pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands? No way!" "It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "It's the three pairs of eyes that a mother has to have." "That's the standard model?" asked the angel. The Lord nodded. "One pair sees through closed doors when she already knows. Another in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't, but what she has to know. And, of course, the ones in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word." "Lord," said the angel touching His sleeve gently, "go to bed. Tomorrow is another . . ." "I can't," said the Lord. "I'm so close now! Already she heals herself when she is sick, can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger, and can get a 9 year old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed. "But tough," said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what a mother can do or endure." "Can it think?" asked the angel. "Not only think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Lord.

"Lord, you are a genius! You've created Mothers!

*Happy Mother's Day  
To All Our Mothers!*

In Christ,

*Sam*

### **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

The pastor and members of Cairo First UMC extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **MRS. MARY HAZEL DOLLAR.**

### **MEMORIALS:**

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

**MRS. CAROLYN CHASON**

**MRS. SAMMIE HARPER**

**MRS. BETH WIGHT**

By: Tica S. Spake, Sue Singleton,  
Jane S. Stewart

**MRS. KAYE HELMS**

By: Chad, Jamie and Tyson Allen

### **MAY MEETINGS:**

**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 24, 6:00 pm** - Denomination Search Committee

**May 28, 11:00 am** - Joint Worship Service (Only one service)

**May 29, Memorial Day** - Office Closed

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### **MAY AND JUNE WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS:**

**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

### **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.

### **Cairo First is seeking a Nursery Director and a Childcare Worker.**

Responsibilities include recruiting volunteers, communicating with parents, ensuring the nursery's cleanliness and safety and most of all, a love for children!

Primary hours will be Sunday mornings and nights, as well as Wednesday nights. Additional hours will be added as needed based on the church's schedule.

Resumes can be emailed to Adrienne at abharrison1@hotmail.com

### **CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED:**

The Chancel Choir always welcomes new members, but now, in particular, we are in need of singers. We meet every Wednesday night for one hour, beginning at 6:45 pm in the choir room, which is located behind the Sanctuary in the main church building.

If you can read music, that is always a plus, but if you just "carry a tune", we can work with that as well. Come join us for a fun, rewarding musical and personal experience.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:**

All adult SS classes are now meeting. If you are not currently attending a Sunday School class, now is a good time to start. There are several options and you would be welcome to visit any or all of the classes.

- Burleigh Law: Mostly couples that have grown children and grandchildren.
- Azalee Wight: Mostly couples, some retired, others still working. Various members rotate teaching
- Pairs and Spares: Mixed group of singles and couples
- New Hope: Adults (45+) with teenage and college age children
- Cephass: Young Adults (30+)



# Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

## Sunday, May 14:

- 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

## Monday, May 15:

- 10:00 am Chair Yoga
- 6:00 pm Trustees

## Tuesday, May 16:

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

## Wednesday, May 17:

- 5:00 pm Book Club
- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir

## Thursday, May 18:

- 8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6
- 10:00 am Chair Yoga

## Friday, May 19:

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

† Live streaming

## 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.

**AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 5/7/23**

8:15 am	.18
9:00 am	.60
<i>Live Stream</i>	.14
11:00 am	.58
<i>Live Stream</i>	.24
Weekly Receipts	\$7,860.00
Received to Date - Op.	\$109,866.00
Memorial/In Honor	\$205.00
Missions	\$25.00
Bucket Brigade	\$67.35

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

## 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
- Mrs. Nell Mitchell
- 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.

## 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.



# Birthday Greetings

**May 14:** Jarin Prince

**May 15:** Colson Duncan

**May 16:** Mark Whigham

**May 17:** Lindsey Johnson

Sunday, May 14, 2023

**Traditional Informal – Chapel**

**8:15 am**

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON .....John 15: 26  
SERMON .....What Good Mothers Do .....Rev. Vernon

**Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)**

**9:00 am**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .....Rev. Vernon  
WORSHIP

CHILDREN'S SERMON .....Adrienne Harrison

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I have what He says I have and I can do what He says I can do.**

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**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:** Rebecca McKemie - video; Miller Kate Morgan - streaming;

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

### NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

- Acolytes: Mason McCaskill and Hadley Rae Morgan
- Buckets: Jemma Hartsell and Betts Harrison
- Save the date: VBS is July 9-12!

We've got a lot of summer fun planned for the kids! Check our facebook page and Remind app for more information!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

### NEWS FROM...SCOTT

- May 7 – Sunday School - 10:00 am
- No Youth Sunday Nights until after summer
- Summer Activities to come!

Sunday, May 14, 2023

**Traditional – Sanctuary (Livestream)**

**11:00 am**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY .....Mr. Ed Self  
*Jerusalem - Parry*

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

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....Modern Affirmation .....UMH 885

\*HYMN OF PRAISE .....UMH 64  
*Holy, Holy, Holy*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY .....Dr. Benjamin Crook  
*"Aeolian Harp", Etude, Op. 25 No. 1 - Frederic Chopin*

\*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC .....Chancel Choir  
*Come, Let Us Sing Our Joyful Songs - Young*

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\*HYMN OF RESPONSE .....UMH 445  
*Happy the Home When God Is There*

\*BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE .....Mr. Self  
*Sortie - Lefebure-Wely*

*+You are dismissed after the Benediction.*

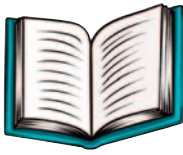
*Please feel free to leave, or if you choose, sit quietly and enjoy the Postlude.*

\* Please stand as you are able.

**Altar Guild:** Lisa Oliver; **Ushers:** Herbert Wind, Dale Helms

**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.

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

**CHAIR YOGA CLASSES:**

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

**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 .....: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**

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!*

**BABY BOTTLE boomerang**  
May 14 - June 18



- TAKE A BOTTLE
- FILL IT WITH LOOSE CHANGE, CASH OR CHECKS FOR FIRST OPTION CARE
- RETURN TO YOUR CHURCH OR ORGANIZATION BY JUNE 18TH



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