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

*Celebrating Our 156th Year*

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# A FATHER'S DAY MEMORY

It was Father's Day week in 2006 and the Vernon family was moving to Lake Park, GA just south of Valdosta. I had just been appointed the new Pastor of Lake Park United Methodist Church. Obviously Celeste and I were much younger, Rhett was 12 and Mitchell was 9. We were excited about our new appointment, but first there was a Father's Day weekend to enjoy.

If you are a sports fan, you know Father's Day weekend is loaded: U.S. Open for golf, College World Series and sometimes the NBA Finals and Stanley Cup playoffs. Unfortunately our TV Cable guy cancelled our appointment to hook up our TV and couldn't reschedule until the following week. What was his name...oh that's right, Lucifer as I recall. To make matters worse my alma mater North Carolina was 1 of 8 teams to qualify for the College World Series. What to do?

In a classic reversal of Father's Day protocol, I decided to get my family and myself a big present. We checked into a nearby motel with a BIIGG TV, and an even bigger pool. In hindsight it was a brilliant move. We watched all the sports, swam in the pool just outside our room, ate pizza and cheeseburgers and we had a blast.

Initially it looked like my Father's Day experience would be no TV, no sports and no fun. By the end of the weekend, it was one of my best Father's Day weekends ever! Reminds me of how God often works. When things look bad, don't forget:

The Heavenly Father always:

- is in control
- has a plan
- loves His children

In Him

*Sam*

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"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him who have been called according to His purpose." Romans 8: 28

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## MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

### MRS. ELLEN WHITE

By: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Giddens  
Mr. Dale Helms  
Tom and Gretchen W. McKenzie  
Mr. & Mrs. Julian Rawls

## UPCOMING DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

**June 18** - Father's Day  
Safe Sanctuary Training  
Return Filled Baby  
Bottles

**June 25** - Communion

**July 9-12** - VBS, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

**July 17** - Men's Group (Please take note of the change of the date of normal meeting.)

**August 21** - Laity Council Meeting

## BE THE BEST OF WHATEVER YOU ARE

If you can't be a pine  
on the top of the hill,  
Be a scrub in the valley - but be  
The best little scrub  
by the side of the rill;  
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a bush, be a bit of the  
grass, Some highway happier  
make; If you can't be a muskie,  
then just be bass -  
But the liveliest bass in the lake!

We can't all be captains,  
we've got to be crew,  
There's something for all of us here.  
There's big work to do,  
and there's lesser to do,  
And the task we must do is the near.

If you can't be a highway  
then just be a trail,  
If you can't be the sun, be a star;  
It isn't by size that you  
win or you fail-  
Be the best of whatever you are?  
DOUGLAS MALLOCH

## 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

## 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
- Cephas: Young Adults (30+)

## JUNE CALENDARS:

Are available on the table across from Rev. Vernon's office.

## MEN'S GROUP:

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Men's Group will meet July 17, at 7:00 pm in the fellowship. Please make sure you make this change on your calendar for July.

## VBS: JULY 9 - 12

It is time to sign your children up for VBS. See the children's section on how to sign up on line.

Volunteers are needed and your assistance is very much appreciated. Contact Adrienne Harrison to sign up even if it is only for one night.

**Sunday, June 18:**

- 8:15 am Early Worship Chapel
- 9:00 am † Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am † Traditional Service

**Monday, June 19:**

- 10:00 am Chair Yoga

**Tuesday, June 20:**

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

**Wednesday, June 21:**

No Activities

**Thursday, June 22:**

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

**Friday, June 23:**

- 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 - 6/11/23**

8:13 am	.....	15
9:00 am	.....	73
Live Stream	.....	10
11:00 am	.....	45
Live Stream	.....	16
Weekly Receipts	.....	\$4,485.00
Received to Date - Op.	.....	\$135,667.00
Memorial/In Honor	.....	\$180.00
Missions	.....	\$20.00
Bucket Brigade	.....	\$81.42

**BUCKET BRIGADE:**

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



**Remember in Prayer**

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

**AT HOME:**

- Mr. Ray Butler
- Mr. A.B. Clark (father of Sandra Clark)
- Mr. Jack Drew
- Mr. David and Mrs. Catherine Elkins
- Mrs. Lauren J. Harrell
- Mr. Bob Jones
- Mrs. Faye Miller
- Mrs. Charlene Powell
- Mrs. Marjorie Taylor

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
- Mrs. Janet Murphy
- Mr. John Shiver
- Mr. John Summers (Father of Clair McCaskill)
- Mrs. Carolyn Trawick

**CAMELLIA GARDENS, THOMASVILLE, GA:**

- Mrs. Patsy Maddox

**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

**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



**Birthday Greetings**

**June 18:** Keri Hartsell, Billy Hester

**June 20:** Seth Higginbotham, Clair McCaskill

**June 24:** Tim Andrews, Lauryn Howell

Sunday, June 18, 2023

**Traditional Informal – Chapel**

**8:15 am**

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON .....Ephesians 6:1-4  
SERMON .....What Christians Fathers Do .....Rev. Sam Vernon

**Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)**

**9:00 am**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .....

WORSHIP

CHILDREN'S SERMON .....Stacey Morgan

\*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 .....What Christians Fathers Do .....Rev. Sam Vernon

**THOSE WHO SERVE: 9:00 AM:** SS Greeters/Ushers: **Bradley Jones, Tony Sheffield;**

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

**Tech:** Will Bundrick - video; Miller Kate Morgan - streaming;

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE**

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

- Acolytes: Campbell Jones and Levi Bundrick
- Buckets: Jensyn Drew Morgan and Griffin Carter
- One more chance for Safe Sanctuaries training TODAY from 10:00-11:00 in the Fellowship Sunday School Classroom.
- We are in need for VBS Volunteers, July 9-12!  
Please contact Adrienne if you are willing to volunteer, even for one day!

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**NEWS FROM...SCOTT**

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

- June 18 – Sunday School - 10:00 am
- No Youth Sunday Nights until after summer

Sunday, June 18, 2023

**Traditional – Sanctuary (Livestream)**

**11:00 am**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY .....Dr. Ben Crook  
*What a Friend We Have in Jesus - arr. Huisman*

RECOGNITION OF FATHERS

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

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....Korean Affirmation .....No. 884

\*HYMN OF THE GOSPEL .....No. 710  
*Faith of Our Fathers*

OFFERTORY PRAYER .....Rev. Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORY .....Dr. Crook  
*Sonata in E Major, Op. 109:*  
*Andante molto cantabile ed espressivo - L.V. Beethoven*

\*DOXOLOGY

TIME OF PRAYER AT THE ALTAR FOR FATHERS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC .....Mrs. Patricia Mitchell  
*Great Is Thy Faithfulness - Runyan*

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

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON .....Ephesians 6:1-4

SERMON .....What Christians Fathers Do .....Rev. Vernon

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE .....No. 474  
*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

\*BENEDICTION .....Rev. Vernon

+POSTLUDE .....Dr. Crook  
*A Mighty Fortress is Our God - arr. Sara Jonassen*

*+You are dismissed after the Benediction.*

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

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**Altar Guild:** Anne Richter; **Ushers:** Herbert Wind, Dale Helms

**CHAIR YOGA CLASSES:**

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

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**OFFERING ENVELOPES:**

Are available for pick up. They will be in the hallway downstairs. If you would like to have weekly offering envelopes and there is not a package for you, please call the church office.

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

**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.

**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.

**SAFE SANCTUARIES** training during the Sunday School hour on June 18 in the Aldersgate/Fellowship SS classroom. Anyone wishing to volunteer with children or youth must complete the training. Contact Adrienne for more information.

**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**  
*229-403-0428*  
*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!*