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**Worship God
Grow in Christ**

**Build Community
Bless the World**



CAIRO FIRST CHURCH

(1867-2023) – Celebrating Our 156th Year

318 South Broad Street • Cairo, Georgia 39828-2717

Rev. Sam Vernon, Pastor

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CAIRO FIRST CHURCH

As of July 1st, the Disaffiliation process is complete and our official new name is CAIRO FIRST CHURCH. So going forward your checks should be made out to Cairo First Church. We will leave one of our accounts open for a while to make the total transition.

Our Denominational Search Committee has completed their research and is prepared to bring their recommendation to the August 21st Laity Council meeting. One of the Denominations we are considering is the Global Methodist Church. The Global Methodists are holding their first South Georgia Conference July 2 -29 at Epworth-by-the-Sea on St. Simons Island. The Vernons will be attending from our church and will bring a report to the August Laity Council.

On Sunday August 13th, we will host a presentation by the Global Methodist Church at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Rev. Jimmy Towson (Pastor of Park Avenue Church, Valdosta, and member of the South Georgia Executive Team of the Global Methodist Church) will do the presentation. After the 45-60 minute presentation, Jimmy will do a Question and Answer Session.

All of this is leading up to the August 21st Laity Council. That night the Council will hear from the Denomination Search Committee, Rev. Vernon's report from the Global Methodist Conference and answer any questions people have about the future options for our church to join a Denomination or remain independent. It will be up to the Laity Council to schedule a church-wide vote or table the Denomination decision until 2024.

In closing, thank you for your prayers for the church, your participation in the process and your patience with your Church Leadership and your Pastor as we navigate our transition out of the United Methodist Church.

In Him

Sam

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are placed there by the **Charles Stafford Family**.

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MR. EMERY MAYFIELD

By: Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cliett

IN HONOR GIFT:

A gift has been given to the Church in honor of

MR. THOMAS L. SMITH

By: Sheila and Keith Campbell

UPCOMING DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

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.)

July 25 - 6:00 pm SPR Committee

August 6 - Next Service of Communion

August 21 - Laity Council Meeting

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.

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 2ND

Patriotic theme at all three services. No Communion! We will get back on our regular first Sunday Communion Service in August.

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

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.

USE OF FACILITIES:

Going forward, if the Church Office is ever closed (July 4th, Labor Day, etc), we are asking that your group not meet that day. Thanks for your cooperation with this new policy.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

Will meet Tuesday, July 25th at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

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.

JULY CALENDARS:

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church office will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in recognition of Independence Day.



Week of
July 2-8
2023

Sunday, July 2:

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

Monday, July 3:

- 10:00 am Chair Yoga

Tuesday, July 4:

Church Office Closed
for Independence Day
No Activities

- 8:00 am Men's Prayer Group

Wednesday, July 5:

No Activities

Thursday, July 6:

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

Friday, July 7:

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

† Live streaming

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 6/25/23

8:15 am	14
9:00 am	54
<i>Live Stream</i>	8
11:00 am	41
<i>Live Stream</i>	16
Weekly Receipts	\$5,274.00
Received to Date - Op.	\$142,991.00
Memorial/In Honor	\$90.00
Missions	\$20.00
Bucket Brigade	\$38.91

BUCKET BRIGADE:

The bucket brigade offerings (loose change in buckets) goes to mission projects that the church sponsors throughout the year. The offering for July will go to the **Back Pack Ministry**. School will be starting soon and food will be needed for the elementary children.

Thanks for your donations. Donations can be made by check designating that it is to go to the bucket brigade offering.



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 are needed.



Birthday Greetings

- July 3:** Bert Stoddard, Rebecca Williams
- July 4:** Katherine Cook
- July 6:** Chloe Lee, Noah White
- July 7:** Chas Funderburk
- July 8:** Scott Easom

Sunday, July 2, 2023

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:15 am

*SCRIPTURE LESSONI Timothy 2:1-4
SERMON50 Reasons I Love AmericaRev. Vernon

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

CHILDREN’S SERMONStacey 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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SERMON50 Reasons I Love AmericaRev. Vernon

THOSE WHO SERVE: 9:00 AM: SS Greeters/Ushers: **Matt Sanders, Seth Stanaland;**

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

Tech: Nathan Hartsell - *video;* Miller Kate Morgan - *streaming;*

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

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

- Acolytes: Bret and Breanna Sanders
- Buckets:
- Thanks to everyone who has donated snacks and drinks to the children's department.
- VBS is coming up fast! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Adrienne.
- SAVE THE DATE: July 30
- Blessing of the Backpacks during the 9:00 a.m. service
- Back to School Bash - 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...SCOTT

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

- July 2 – Sunday School - 10:00 am
- No Youth Sunday Nights until after summer

Sunday, July 2, 2023

Traditional – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
Fanfare for the Common Man - Copland/Lloyd

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Vernon

*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

*HYMN OF THE PRAISENo. 698
God of the Ages

OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Ode to Joy from Symphony No. 9 - Mozart

*DOXOLOGY

TIME OF PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
Hearts to Honor You - Mauldin
Patricia Mitchell, soloist

*AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S WORD

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SERMON50 Reasons I Love AmericaRev. Vernon

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 575
Onward, Christian Soldiers (vs 1,2,5)

*BENEDICTIONRev. Vernon

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
We've a Story to Tell to the Nations - DeCou

*+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: Ruth Sims; 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.

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+)

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.

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

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*
- 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!