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Worship God
Grow in Christ

Build Community
Bless the World



CAIRO FIRST CHURCH

(1867-2023) – Celebrating Our 156th Year

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Rev. Sam Vernon, Pastor

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There are a few times during the year when I especially enjoy knowing what our church members plans consist of. One of those times is during the Holidays from Thanksgiving through Christmas and New Year's. That is why I might ask you "Are you traveling?" or "Do you have family coming in?" or "How will you spend Christmas Eve and Christmas Day?" Then I take great pleasure in thinking about all the fun, cool, spiritual things people are enjoying as the Holidays unfold.

Another time I like knowing our members plans are during the Summer Vacation season. Maybe it brings back awesome childhood memories of summer vacation. Maybe it is because it reminds me of family vacations past or gets me fired up for future vacations. Maybe it is because I'm a Pastor and I like praying for you and thinking about your great vacation experience or maybe I'm just nosey (HA!)

Maybe the best reason to be interested in other Christians' Holiday plans or summer vacation plans is because as Christians we are all one Body. "The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts, and though all its parts are many, they form one body." (1 Corinthians 12: 12)

So this summer in addition to our own family vacation, I have also enjoyed Mt. Rushmore, Cape Sandblast, California and even Scotland even if it was only vicariously through you.

In Christ

Sam

SPECIAL THANKS:

To all who had a part in the success of this year's VBS. Those volunteering for decorating, registration, teaching, assisting, providing food and any other service.

JULY/AUGUST

UPCOMING DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

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

July 25 - 6:00 pm SPR Committee

July 30 - Recognition of Teachers at all three services;

July 30 - 9:00 am - Blessing of the backpacks.

July 30 - 5:00 pm Back-to-School bash for children

August 6 - Next Service of Communion

August 21 - Laity Council Meeting

JULY CALENDARS:

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

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.

RESTROOMS:

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

PERKINS MEN'S GROUP:

Will meet Monday, July 17, at 7:00 pm in the fellowship Hall. Contact Dale Helms, Billy Wind or the church office to make reservations for the meal.

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

GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTATION:

WHEN: Sunday, August 13th, 6:00 pm

WHERE: Sanctuary

PRESENTER: Rev. Jimmy Towson

Jimmy is Pastor of Park Avenue Church in Valdosta (formerly Park Avenue United Methodist). He is also on the South Georgia Executive Committee of the Global Methodist Church.

WHY:

- To learn about this new denomination
- To find out why over 3,000 churches have already joined
- To hear why Rev. Towson's Church in Valdosta decided to join the Global Methodist Church
- To help us decide if our church wants to join the Global Methodist denomination

FORMAT: Rev. Towson will do about a 45 minute power point presentation and then there will time for questions and answers.

Childcare will be available until 7:30 pm. Presentation is open to everyone!

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.



Week of
July 16-22
2023



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, July 16:

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

Monday, July 17:

- 10:00 am Chair Yoga
- 5:45 pm Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Perkins Men's Club

Tuesday, July 18:

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

Wednesday, July 19:

No Activities

Thursday, July 20:

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

Friday, July 21:

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

Saturday, July 22:

- 9:00 am Fellowship Hall Reserved

† Live streaming

AT HOME:

- Mr. Ray Butler
- Mr. A.B. Clark (father of Sandra Clark)
- Miss Sandra Clark
- Mrs. Judy Cox
- 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. Dot Moses James
- 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

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 7/9/23

8:15 am	.....	19
9:00 am	.....	NA
Live Stream	.....	NA
11:00 am	.....	62
Live Stream	.....	NA
Weekly Receipts	.....	.\$5,290.00
Received to Date - Op.	.....	.\$152,311.00
Memorial/In Honor	.....	.\$0.00
Missions	.....	.\$25.00
Bucket Brigade	.....	.\$81.94

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.



Birthday Greetings

- July 16: Lindsay Coffey
- July 18: Gary Jones
- July 19: Brittney Gainous
- July 20: Fay Miller
- July 21: Walker Hopkins, Lucretia Whigham
- July 22: Connor Whigham

Sunday, July 16, 2023

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:15 am

*SCRIPTURE LESSONActs 6: 8 - 15

SERMONWhat We Can Learn From StephenRev. 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.**

*SCRIPTUREActs 6: 8 - 15

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

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

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

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

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

- **Acolytes:** Sonny Jack Stoddard and Mason McCaskill
- **Buckets:**

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to everyone who helped make VBS a success!! We ministered to over 40 kids and had over 30 adult volunteers throughout the week. It was an amazing week of learning about the Armor of God. We could not have pulled it off without amazing volunteers and donations of food, supplies, money and time!

Ephesians 6:10-11: *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.*

We hope you enjoy the music the kids will be singing today!!

- **July 30 - Blessing of the Backpacks during the 9:00 service.**

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...SCOTT

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

- **July 16 – Sunday School - 10:00 am**
- **No Youth Sunday Nights until after summer**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
More Love to Thee - Hamlin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Vernon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHRomans 8No. 887

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 384
Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Adagio from Clarinet Concerto - Mozart

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSICMr. Self
Partita on Showalter - Spong
(Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)

*AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S WORD

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

*SCRIPTURE LESSONActs 6: 8 - 15

SERMONRev. Vernon

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 6728
God Be With You

*BENEDICTIONRev. Vernon

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Jesus Shall Reign - 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.

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.



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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*
 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!