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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

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## REFLECTIONS FROM THE WAITING ROOM

Like most Pastors, I spend a good bit of time in Hospital Waiting rooms. It occurred to me that Waiting Rooms and Churches have a lot in common.

1. People are there for a variety of reasons.
2. Folks are very concerned with what time it is and how long they have been there.
3. Many who are there are tired but quickly discover it is difficult to experience deep sleep because of the environment (HA!)
4. As folks in both settings begin to share their burdens, sickness or other concerns with each other, a bond forms.
5. Being patient along with being skilled in the art of WAITING (Isaiah 40:28-31) comes in pretty handy.
6. Prayer seems more important here.

Of course there are differences as well. The biggest being, in one setting many are seeking a great physician, while in the other setting more are seeking "The Great Physician."

In Christ

*Sam*

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

The flowers on the altar today are placed there by his family in memory of **MR. JERRY JOYNER**

**MEMORIALS:**

Memorial have been given to the church in loving memory of

**MR. PERRY BROWN**

By: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Bradley  
Mr. Dale Helms

**MR. JACK C. DREW**

By: Mr. Dale Helms  
Mr. & Mrs. Julian Rawls  
Mrs. Carolyn Trawick

**MRS. PATSY MADDUX**

By: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Almon  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cliett  
Mr. & Mrs. Julian Rawls  
Mrs. Carolyn Shelfer  
Miss Monteen Stewart  
Ms. Peg Thomas  
Mrs. Carolyn Trawick

**IN HONOR GIFT:**

A gift has been given to the church in appreciation of **Ruth Sims** by the Jack C. Drew Family.

**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER  
UPCOMING DATES TO PUT ON  
YOUR CALENDAR:**

**August 27 - 6:00 pm -**  
AIM Presentation

**September 3 -** One Service at 11:00 am

**September 10 - 5:00 pm –**  
- Men’s and Women’s Disciple Groups  
- Children / Youth Groups Resume

**September 11 -** Perkins Men’s Group Meets

**September 13 - 6:00 pm -**  
Church Night Suppers Begin

**September 18 - 6:00 pm -**  
WinGS Meet

**September 25 - 6:00 pm -**  
Laity Council

**September 27 - 6:45 pm -**  
Church-wide Vote on Denomination Decision

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**Emails:** When sending emails to the Church Office, please use the following address:

adm.cairofum@syrucity.net

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**NOTE OF WELCOME:**

We welcome Dr. Erikka Edwards as our guest musician today at the 11:00 am service. Erikka is the Director of Choral Arts at Cairo High School, and will be playing gospel arrangements on the clarinet.

**LABOR DAY SUNDAY(SEPTEMBER 3):**

**Only one worship service this day at 11:00 am. Brian and Stacey Morgan will do all the music. Rev. Vernon will preach and communion will be offered.**

**TONIGHT, 6:00 PM!**

**AIM Presentation**

Association of Independent Methodists 30-45 Minute Presentation in Sanctuary

Q & A afterwards.

**CHURCH-WIDE VOTE ON  
DENOMINATION DECISION**

- Wednesday, September 27 after Wednesday Night Supper

- We will be mailing out a letter on Monday, August 28 with more specifics about the vote.

**FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY (OCTOBER 22):**

Just one service this Sunday. Ed Self and the Morgans will both lead us in our music. After the service, we will have lunch in the fellowship hall. The Church will provide the meat(s) and drink. We are asking you to bring covered dishes and/or dessert.

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**Dear Church Family,**

We want to thank you for your **generous donations of clothing** - sports coats, suits, shirts and pants. We have reached our weight limit and goal in this area.

We continue to need your **Prayers for guidance and discernment and Monetary support** as we will purchase the food and school supplies in Kenya after we arrive.

In His Service and Love,  
Ed and Linda Wood  
HereAml, Inc.

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Week of **August 27-  
September 2  
2023**



## Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

### Sunday, August 27:

- 8:15 am Early Worship Chapel
- 9:00 am † Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am † Traditional Service
- 6:00 pm AIM Presentation

### Monday, August 28:

*No activities*

### Tuesday, August 29:

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

### Wednesday, August 30:

*No Activities*

### Thursday, August 31:

- 8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

### Friday, September 1:

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

† Live streaming

### CHURCH NIGHTS SUPPERS:

On a weekly basis will begin on Wednesday, September 13. More information will be forthcoming. You can call or email the church office to make reservations for the meal.

### AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 8/20/23

8:15 am	.....NA
9:00 am	.....68
Live Stream	.....14
11:00 am	.....50
Live Stream	.....14
Weekly Receipts	.....\$2,725.00
Received to Date - Op.	.\$185,126.00
Memorial/In Honor	.....\$270.00
Missions	.....\$870.00
Bucket Brigade	.....\$51.51

### BUCKET BRIGADE:

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

### AT HOME:

- Mr. Ray Butler
- Mr. A.B. Clark (father of Sandra Clark)
- Miss Sandra Clark
- Mrs. Judy Cox
- Mr. David and Mrs. Catherine Elkins
- Mrs. Lauren J. Harrell
- Mr. Bob Jones
- Mrs. Faye Miller
- 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

#### 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

#### ATLANTA, GA

- Ike & Charlene Powell

#### BRENTWOOD, TN:

- Dr. Bob Kral



## Birthday Greetings

**August 27:** Rebecca Davis,  
Jeff Jolly, Diane Rudd

**August 28:** Nolan Duncan, Will Porter

**August 29:** Carole Oates

**August 30:** Larry Cliett

**August 31:** Mike Bishop,  
Matthew Duncan,  
Abby McCaskill,  
Felicia Stoddard

Sunday, August 27, 2023

**Traditional Informal – Chapel**

**8:15 am**

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON .....  
TESTIMONY .....Seth Higginbotham

**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.**

\*SCRIPTURE .....I Samuel 3:1-10  
SERMON .....A Preview of the Samuel Sermon Series .....Rev. Vernon

**THOSE WHO SERVE: 9:00 AM:** SS Greeters/Ushers: **Jarrett Harrison, Robert Hudson;**

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

**Tech:** Nathan Hartsell - video; **Jarrett Harrison** - streaming;

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY**

**NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE**

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

- Acolytes: Bret and Breanna Sanders
- Buckets: Jemma Hartsell and Carroll Hopkins
- Sunday Nights resume - Sunday Nights start Sept 10. If you have not already, please sign up for snacks and to volunteer!

**SAVE THE DATE:** Fall Festival - October 29 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
If you are interested in doing a game or trunk, please contact Adrienne.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**NEWS FROM...SCOTT**

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

- August 27 – Sunday School - 10:00 am
- Sunday Nights resume - September 10 at 5:00 p.m.

Snack and drink donations are needed-and much appreciated! Thanks!

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY .....Dr. Erika Edwards, clarinet  
*Rock of Ages - Bulla*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .....Rev. Vernon

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....Romans 8 .....No. 887

\*HYMN OF PRAISE .....No. 77  
*How Great Thou Art*

OFFERTORY PRAYER .....Rev. Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORY .....Mr. Self  
*This Is My Father's World - Page*

\*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC .....Dr. Erika Edwards, clarinet  
*Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus - Bulla*

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\*SCRIPTURE LESSON .....I Samuel 3:1-10

SERMON .....A Preview of the Samuel Sermon Series .....Rev. Vernon

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE .....No. 354  
*I Surrender All*

\*BENEDICTION .....Rev. Vernon

+POSTLUDE .....Mr. Self  
*Trumpet Tune - Callahan*

\* Please stand as you are able.

**MEN'S & WOMEN'S  
DISCIPLE GROUPS:**

Contact Rev. Vernon (912) 230-6627 or Celeste Vernon (912) 230-6613 if you would like to be a part of the upcoming new Disciple Groups. This will be helpful in making plans and ordering books.

Being a part of a group includes weekly attendance, homework, commitment to daily quiet time, accountability, confidentiality and a willingness to share about your spiritual life.

The first night of meeting will be Sunday, September 10, at 5:00 pm. Come check it out on September 10 even if you have not previously registered.

There will be childcare while the adults are meeting.

**MEN'S DISCIPLE GROUP  
QUESTIONS?**

Here is a list of the men who did the Discipleship Group this spring with Rev. Vernon. If you have specific questions about the groups or the Discipleship experience, please feel free to talk to any of these guys.

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|---------------|------------------|
| Ron Spooner   | Seth Staland     |
| Billy Wind    | Bert Stoddard    |
| Chuck Tyler   | Robert Hudson    |
| Brian Morgan  | Jarrett Harrison |
| Matt Sanders  | Stacy Knight     |
| Bradley Jones | Ben Hopkins      |

**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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 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*  
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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!*