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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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Non-Traditional Traditions?

Next week millions of Americans will eat the same “Traditional” meal for Thanksgiving that they ate last year at Thanksgiving and also the same meal they ate 10 Thanksgivings ago. I am not being critical of that. In fact I like holiday traditions as much as the next guy. It’s just that at the Vernon-Dorsey-Roberts Thanksgiving celebration we/I do some non-traditional things that have become Thanksgiving traditions:



- Thanksgiving Eve trip to Olive Branch Christian Bookstore
- Thanksgiving Eve supper at Johnny’s Pizza
- Thanksgiving morning golf with my boys, my nephews and my brother-in-law
- Thanksgiving late night at the Waffle House
- Out of town early morning Black Friday shopping. Wait, don’t a lot of people do that? Sure but in our family only the men go while the women stay home.

So even though we have some non-Traditional traditions, they are still part of our annual Thanksgiving ritual. Come to think of it, maybe it’s not just the traditions themselves, but the PEOPLE you experience those Traditions with that make the holidays even more special.

In Christ

Sam

“Open for me the gates of righteousness. I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
I will give You thanks for You have become my salvation. Give thanks to the Lord for He is Good.” (Psalm 118, vv 19, 21, and 29)

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The flowers on the altar today are placed there by Sonny, Keith, Gayla and their families to the glory of God and in loving memory of MRS. SHERLEY MARSHALL.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First Church extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Nell Mitchell and family in the death of her brother-in-law, **MR. TOMMY LACKEY.**

WINGS CHURCH BAZAAR:

Saturday, November 18
8:00 am - Noon

Items needed:

We are in need of baked good donations - Cakes, pies, sweets of any kind! Drop off is Friday, November 17, between 1:00 - 4:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

BBQ by Gary Jones will be sold for the November 18th Bazaar. Contact Clair McCaskill, the church office or any member of WinGS for tickets or information.

SPR COMMITTEE:

Is scheduled to meet Monday, November 20, at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

CHURCH OFFICE:

Will be closed November 22 - 24th for Thanksgiving.

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.

METHODIST MEN LADIES' NIGHT

Will be Monday, December 11, at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

Men make sure you get your names on the reservations list.

NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER:

Will be in January, 2024

NOVEMBER

UPCOMING DATES

TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

November 18 - 8:00 am-Noon
WinGS Bazaar

November 20 - 6:00 pm
SPR Committee

November 22-24 - Church Office
Closed for Thanksgiving

November 23 - Happy Thanksgiving

November 29 - 7:00 am – 7:00 pm –
Advent Prayer Event

GETTING TO KNOW THE GLOBAL METHODISTS:



The first worldwide Convening Conference of the Global Methodist Church will be September 20-26, 2024 in San Jose, Costa Rica.

ADVENT PRAYER EVENT:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

Join us in the Chapel from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm for this "Come and Go" prayer event. Prayer sheets will be available to help guide your prayers.

We will be praying for our Church's Advent Season ministry along with asking God to prepare our own hearts for the spiritual challenges and opportunities that the season brings.

Come pray for 10 minutes or stay an hour. The Lord always honors organized, sacrificial Group Prayer so let us seek His guidance and blessings together!

FLOWER CALENDAR:

A new flower calendar for 2024 has been placed on the bulletin board in the downstairs hallway.

Please sign up for flowers for 2024. And remember that two arrangements are needed.



Week of **November**
19-25
2023



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Saturday, November 18:

8:00 am - 12:00 noon Bazaar

Sunday, November 19:

8:15 am Early Worship

9:00 am † Contemporary Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am † Traditional Worship

Monday, November 20:

6:00 SPR Committee

Tuesday, November 21:

8:00 am Men's Prayer Group

10:00 am Ladies' Prayer Group

Wednesday, November 22:

Church Office Closed

No Activities

Thursday, November 23:

Church Office Closed

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

Friday, November 24:

Church Office Closed

2:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

9:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

† Live streaming

AT HOME:

- Mr. Ray Butler
- Mr. Larry Cliett
- Mr. David and Mrs. Catherine Elkins
- Mrs. Lauren Harrell
- Mr. Bob Jones
- Mr. Howell McKinnon
- Mrs. Faye Miller
- Mr. Julian Rawls
- 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
- Mrs. Carolyn Trawick

CAMELLIA GARDENS, THOMASVILLE, GA
Mr. John Summers (Father of Clair McCaskill)

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

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 11/12/23

8:15 a.m.	16
9:00 a.m.84
11:00 a.m.41
Weekly Receipts	\$.2,735.00
Received to Date - Op.	\$.235,939.00
Memorial/In Honor	\$.00
Missions	\$.10.00
Bucket Brigade	\$.76.50

BUCKET BRIGADE:

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

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



Birthday Greetings

November 19: Larry Higdon,
Riley Ponder

November 21: Cameron Prince

Sunday November 19, 2023

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:15 am

*SCRIPTURE LESSON I Thessalonians 5:16-18

SERMONWhat It Means to Give Thanks in EverythingRev. Vernon

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

CHILDREN’S SERMON Celeste Vernon

*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 Thessalonians 5:16-18

SERMONWhat It Means to Give Thanks in EverythingRev. Vernon

THOSE WHO SERVE: 9:00 AM: SS Greeters/Ushers: **Chad Allen, Bill Harrell;**

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

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

Amy and Davis Amaro - *audio*

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...**ADRIENNE**

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

- Acolytes: Corbin and Fletcher Knights
- Buckets: Tilden Morgan and Brecken Sanders
- NO Sunday Night activities until December 3.
- December 3, 5:00 pm - Kids vs. Parents game night. Join us for a night of fun, fellowship and competition!
- December 10, 4:00 pm - Christmas Caroling from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...**SCOTT**

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

- November 19 – Sunday School - 10:00 am
Youth Night - 5:00-6:00 pm

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

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Self
From All That Dwell Below the Skies - Harmon

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Vernon

*RESPONSIVE READINGPsalm 100No. 821

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 694
Come, Ye Thankful People Come

OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Colloquy for Flutes - Wolford

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
He Hideth My Soul - Carter

*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 LESSONI Thessalonians 5:16-18

SERMONWhat It Means to Give Thanks in Everything ...Rev. Vernon

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 92
For the Beauty of the Earth

*BENEDICTIONRev. Vernon

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
“Voluntary” on Kremser - Young

+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.

SHOEBOX MINISTRY:

Lifeline Ministries is asking for shoeboxes for Navajo children for Christmas. A list of items that can be included in the boxes (clear plastic shoebox or gallon + size ziplock bag) can be found in Sunday school classrooms or on the table across from Rev. Vernon's office. A donation of \$1 per box will help with trip expenses. Please do not put the money in the box(es).

Or call the church office for more information. **Deadline for turing in boxes is November 27th.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

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: Adults (30+) with young children

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

The next church night suppers will be in January, 2024. Date will be announced later.

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Brian and Stacey Morgan
. . . .Contemporary Worship Leaders
Ashlei SteelePreschool Director
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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!