

THE BULLETIN

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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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COMMUNION AND COVID

As much as it pains me to write this article, I know it is the responsible thing to do.

Unfortunately Covid is making a comeback in Grady County. Several of our members have had it and most have recovered quite nicely. The "Experts" on TV are telling us that this 2023 version of Covid is not nearly as deadly as the 2020 strain. However, it does seem to be just as contagious.

So as a Communion precaution, we will no longer serve communion by Intinction (dipping the bread into the Chalice). Hopefully by next summer we can go back to Intinction at the 9:00 am service like we have done before. This new policy will go into effect immediately for the December 3rd 9:00 am service and yes also for Christmas Eve Communion. Biblically, Intinction is closer to how the first Century Christians experienced Communion so I will miss it for a while until we bring it back.



As your Pastor, I always want to strike a balance with Covid. On the one hand, I do not want us to live in fear. On the other hand, I do not want our Church to be unnecessarily careless. Thanks for your cooperation.

Look forward to serving you Communion on December 3rd and December 24th!

In Christ

Sam

SPECIAL THANKS:

To Keri Hopkins for the arrangements on the altar tables for Thanksgiving Sunday. To Hopkins farms for providing the produce that was used.

To everyone who donated items, their time and talents. To everyone who came and made purchases in support of WinGS Bazaar for Missions.

CHURCH OFFICE:

Will be closed November 22 - 24th for Thanksgiving. Call 377-1017 or 229- 403-0428 if there is a need over the weekend.

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.

FLOWER CALENDAR:

The 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.

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 / DECEMBER

UPCOMING DATES

TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

November 22-24 - Church Office
Closed for Thanksgiving

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

December 1 - Staff Christmas Party
at the Parsonage

December 3 - 5:00 pm - Kids vs
Parents Game Night

December 10 - 6:00 pm Christmas
Music Program

December 11 - 7:00 pm - Methodist
Men Ladies' Night,
Fellowship Hall

December 24 - 5:00 pm - Christmas
Eve Communion

GETTING TO KNOW

THE GLOBAL METHODISTS:



The second South Georgia annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church will meet July 11-13, 2024 at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island, GA.

In addition to the Vernons representing our church, we will also elect and send one Lay Delegate to the Conference. If you are interested in being considered for the position, please let Rev. Vernon know.

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!



Week of **November 26-
December 2
2023**



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, November 26:

8:15 am Early Worship

9:00 am † Contemporary Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am † Traditional Worship

Monday, November 27:

No Activities

Tuesday, November 28:

8:00 am Men's Prayer Group

10:00 am Ladies' Prayer Group

Wednesday, November 29:

5:00 pm Handbells

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 30:

8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

Friday, December 1:

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



Birthday Greetings

November 26: Janet Murphy

November 27: Kayla Pope

November 28: Aubrey Avery, Cale Lee,
Don Mobley, Ron Spooner

November 30: Diane Connell,
Samuel Kimmel

December 1: Justin Amaro,
Jamie Porter, Katie Rozier,
Jay Tyson, Jr.

December 2: Casey Howell,
Carolyn Hudson

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 11/19/23

8:15 a.m.16

9:00 a.m.71

11:00 a.m.36

Weekly Receipts\$39,791.00

Received to Date - Op. . \$275,730.00

Memorial/In Honor\$0.00

Missions\$0.00

Bucket Brigade\$39.62

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.

Sunday November 26, 2023

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:15 am

*SCRIPTURE LESSON2 Samuel 22:1-7

SERMONDavid's Song of PraiseRev. Vernon

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM

Baptismal Covenant IIUMH No. 39

SAMUEL BURKS KIMMEL

WORSHIP

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

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

Tech: Will Bundrick - 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: William Stoddard and Levi Bundrick
- Buckets: Theo Stoddard and Reed Carter
- 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 26 – Sunday School - 10:00 am

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

Sunday November 26, 2023

Traditional – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Self
We Gather Together - Harmon

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Vernon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHRomans 8No. 887

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 89
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Air - Scarlatti

*DOXOLOGY

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING
"Things We Are Thankful For"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
This is the Way -

*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 LESSON2 Samuel 22:1-7

SERMONDavid's Song of PraiseRev. Vernon

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 102
Now Thank We All Our God

*BENEDICTIONRev. Vernon

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
God of Grace and God of Glory - Held

+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: Becky Hopkins; **Ushers:** Herbert Wind, Dale Helms

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 turning 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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Adrienne Harrison . .Children's Director
Jeremy MooreMusic Director
Ed SelfOrganist
Brian and Stacey Morgan
.....Contemporary Worship Leaders
Ashlei Steele ...Preschool Director
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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!