

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

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Rev. Sam Vernon, Pastor

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Holiday Worship Schedule



Sunday, December 3 - **Regular Morning Worship Schedule**
Holy Communion

Sunday, December 10 - **Regular Morning Worship Schedule**
6:00 pm - Chancel Choir Christmas Program

Sunday, December 17 - **Regular Morning Worship Schedule**

Sunday, December 24 - **All three (3) Morning Worship Services**
5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Communion

Sunday, December 31 - **Only One (1) Worship Service!**
11:00 am - Rev. Alan Hartsfield Preaching

How do we keep Christ in the center of our Christmas celebration?
An easy place to start is to be in Church every Sunday. Looking forward
to celebrating His birth with you all month long!

In Christ

Sam

FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL:

The poinsettia in the chapel are placed there in loving memory of **Philip Almon, Jr.** by Philip and Hope Almon.

CELEBRATING INFANT BAPTISM:

This past Sunday November 26th we baptized **Samuel Burks Kimmel**. Samuel is the son of Trey and Sage Kimmel along with Samuel’s brother Sawyer (2).

We also welcomed Trey into Church membership. Trey’s company is Kimmel Tractor and Dozer. We are so thankful that your family is part of our Church Family!

MEMORIAL GIFT:

The White Drift Roses for the church grounds have been given in loving memory of **Tom K. LeGette, Sr.** by his family, Lequita, Ken and Bob LeGette.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First Church extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **MR. WAYNE PITCHFORD**.

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.

**HANDOUTS AVAILABLE
PRAYERS SHEETS:**

From the Advent Prayer Event are available on front pew and also on table across from Pastor’s office.

December Calendars are also available.

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.

ADVENT:

The word Advent means “the coming”.

The Advent Season is the four weeks before Christmas. During Advent, Christians celebrate the original “coming” of Christ when He was born some 2000 years ago in Bethlehem.

One of the ways we celebrate Advent in the church is with the Advent wreath and candles.

- *The **Advent wreath** is a symbol of watchfulness and increasing joy as Christmas approaches.
- *The **circular** green wreath symbolizes the everlasting love of God, having no beginning and no end. **Green** represents eternal life.
- *The **4 candles** represent the 4 weeks of Advent.
- ***Purple** in ancient times was expensive, and was considered the color of royalty and Kings. Christians proclaim Christ as the “King of Kings”.
- *The 3 purple candles represent **HOPE, PEACE** and **LOVE**.
- *The pink candle represents **JOY**.
- *The large white candle in the center is the **Christ candle**.
- *The beauty and brightness from the glow of all 5 candles is a reminder that Christ’s life was the **light for all of earth’s people**.

DECEMBER UPCOMING DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:	
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



Week of **December 3-9**
2023



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

AT HOME:

Mr. Ray Butler
Mrs. Diane Connell
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

December 4: Ed Self

December 5: Raymond Harrell,
Rick Pope

December 7: Steve Miller

December 8: Daniel Stoddard

December 9: Nathan Hartsell,
Ken LeGette

Sunday, December 3:

8:15 am Early Worship

9:00 am † Contemporary Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am † Traditional Worship

5:00 pm Kids vs Parents
Game Night

Monday, December 4:

No Activities

Tuesday, December 5:

8:00 am Men's Prayer Group

10:00 am Ladies' Prayer Group

Wednesday, December 6:

5:00 pm Handbells

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 7:

8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

7:00 pm Parade Watch Party
at Youth House

Friday, December 8:

2:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

9:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

† Live streaming

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 11/26/23

8:15 a.m.12

9:00 a.m.81

11:00 a.m.35

Weekly Receipts\$1,785.00

Received to Date - Op. . \$277,515.00

Memorial/In Honor\$0.00

Missions\$50.00

Bucket Brigade\$43.00

BUCKET BRIGADE:

The bucket brigade offerings (loose change in buckets) goes to mission projects that the church sponsors throughout the year. The offering for December 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 December 3, 2023

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:15 am

*SCRIPTURE LESSONHebrews 11:1-2

SERMON . . .What Should Christmas Communion Taste Like? . . .Rev. Vernon

COMMUNION

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

CHILDREN'S SERMONAdrienne Harrison

*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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COMMUNION

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

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

Myra Easom - vocals; Scott Easom - bass guitar;

Tech: Rebecca McKemie - 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: Annabelle Stanaland and Carroll Hopkins
- Buckets: Maryalice Stanaland and Amelia Jones
- December 3, 5:00 pm - Kids vs. Parents Game Night in the Fellowship Hall (Pre-K-5th)
- Thursday, December 7, 7:00 p.m. - Parade Watch Party at the Youth House
- December 10, 4:00 pm - Christmas Caroling from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- December 17 - Sunday School Ornament Exchange
- December 24 - Nursery for ages 3 and under will be available during the Christmas Eve Service

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...SCOTT

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

- December 3 – Sunday School - 10:00 am



Youth house will be open to our church members during the Christmas Parade
December 7, stop by and grab some refreshments and fellowship!!

Sunday December 3, 2023

Traditional – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Self
Every Valley - Beck/Linker

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

READER: This First Sunday of Advent we light the candle of HOPE.

CONGREGATION: Jesus Christ offers everyone HOPE beyond this life.

READER: Christ also offers HOPE right now for anyone who will trust Him as their Savior.

CONGREGATION: Trusting Him is as simple as acknowledging Jesus is the Son of God, repenting of our sin and inviting Him into our heart to be our Savior.

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 211
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Of the Father's Love Begotten - Held

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
A Gallery Carol - Butler

*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.**

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SERMON . . .What Should Christmas Communion Taste Like? . . .Rev. Vernon

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 196
Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*BENEDICTIONRev. Vernon

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
People, Look East - R. E. Smith

+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: Miriam Funderburk, Frances Thrower; **Ushers:** Herbert Wind, Dale Helms

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.

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

NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER:
Will be in January, 2024.

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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.....Contemporary Worship Leaders
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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!