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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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What's Your Favorite Christmas Hymn?

Even though I don't sing very well (especially high notes), one of my favorite devotional activities is to sing the Christmas Hymns out loud. I do my best to pick a time and location where no one will hear me (HA!) However the Bible simply asks us to make a joyful noise; it doesn't say we have to be on key.

I do realize not everyone has a hymnal at their disposal if they want to sing at home. You could either purchase one through Cokesbury or could borrow one from the Church. Please let me or Ruth know so we can remind you to return it before next Christmas (HA!)

So then without further ado, here are Rev. Vernon's Top Ten Christmas Hymns/Songs:

- #10 "We Three Kings"
- #9 "Once in Royal David's City"
- #8 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
- #7 "The First Noel"
- #6 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
- #5 "Silent Night"
- #4 "Joy to the World"
- #3 "Angels We Have Heard on High"
- #2 "O Come All Ye Faithful"
- #1 "O Holy Night"

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

In Christ

Sam

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First Church, Inc. extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **MR. IRWIN GANDY**; To Mrs. Carolyn Trawick and family in the death of her sister-in-law, **MRS. EVELYN MAXWELL**.

MEMORIAL GIFTS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MR. WAYNE PITCHFORD

By: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Almon
Ms. Peg Thomas

CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

Which was scheduled for tonight has been cancelled.

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

Is scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION 5:00 PM:

Join us for this special service. Ed Self, Brian and Stacey Morgan will do the music.

After Rev. Vernon preaches, we will serve communion using the small individual cups. Weather permitting, we will finish outside with candlelight and singing "Silent Night".

DECEMBER 31:

Only one (1) service at 11:00 am. Rev. Allen Hartsfield will preach.

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.

Contact Dale Helms or Billy Wind to make reservations.

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

December 19 - 6:30 pm - Preschool Christmas Program

December 24 - 5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Communion



Week of **Dec 10-16**
2023



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, December 10:

8:15 am Early Worship

9:00 am † Contemporary Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am † Traditional Worship

4:00 pm Children Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 11:

7:00 Men's Ladies' Night

Tuesday, December 12:

8:00 am Men's Prayer Group

10:00 am Ladies' Prayer Group

Wednesday, December 13:

No Activities

Thursday, December 14:

8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

Friday, December 15:

2:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

9:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

† Live streaming

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 12/3/23

8:15 a.m.12

9:00 a.m.68

11:00 a.m.38

Weekly Receipts \$9,935.00

Received to Date - Op. . \$287,450.00

Memorial/In Honor \$60.00

Missions \$25.00

Bucket Brigade \$47.28

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.

TALLAHASSEE MEMORIAL REHAB:

Mr. Jeb Owens

TALLAHASSEE, FL:

Mr. Ken Stafford (Brother of Charles Stafford)

ARCHBOLD:

Mr. Rusty Wood (Brother of Becky Hopkins)

AT HOME:

Mr. Ray Butler

Mr. David and Mrs. Catherine Elkins

Mrs. Lauren Harrell

Mr. Bob Jones

Mr. Howell McKinnon and Mrs. Eleanor 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 10: Carolyn Trawick,
Mandy Tyson

December 11: Oliver Hagan

December 12: Becky Hopkins

December 13: Carroll Hopkins,
Kathy McClelland,
Sonny Jack Stoddard

December 14: Ryan Andrews,
Payne Singletary

December 15: Roger Whitfield

December 16: Bob Jones,
Milo Meissner,
Charlee Oliver,
LeVerne Whigham

Sunday December 10, 2023

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:15 am

*SCRIPTURE LESSONLuke 1:26-33
SERMONAngelsRev. Vernon

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

READER: This Second Sunday of Advent, we again light the candle of HOPE and we also light the candle of PEACE.

CONGREGATION: Jesus was called the Prince of PEACE in the Scriptures.

READER: Regardless of circumstances, Jesus can always bring PEACE into our lives.

CONGREGATION: No Jesus, No PEACE. Know Jesus, Know PEACE.

*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.**

*SCRIPTURELuke 1:26-33
SERMONAngelsRev. 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: Addie Clark and Hadley Rae Morgan
- Buckets: Brecken Sanders and Tilden Morgan
- 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 10 – 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!!

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Self
“He Shall Feed His Flock” from Messiah - Handel

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*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 238
Angels We Have Heard on High

OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming - R. E. Smith

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN OF REFLECTIONNo. 218
IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
A Christmas Trilogy - Gilpin

*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 LESSONLuke 1:26-33

SERMONAngelsRev. Vernon

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 240
Hark the Herald Angels Sing

*BENEDICTIONRev. Vernon

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Good King Wenceslaus - 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.

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 grand-children.
- 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,

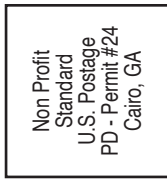
I believe You are the Son of God. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins 2000 years ago. I confess that I am a sinner. Please forgive me of my sins. Come into my heart and be my Savior and make me into the kind of person You want me to be.

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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CAIRO, GA 39828

Directory

- Sam Vernon*Pastor*
- Ruth Sims*Adm. Assistant*
- Scott Easom*Youth Director*
- Adrienne Harrison . . *Children's Director*
- Jeremy Moore*Music Director*
- Ed Self*Organist*
- Brian and Stacey Morgan
. . . . *Contemporary Worship Leaders*
- Ashlei Steele *Preschool Director*
- Church Office229-377-3051
- 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!