

# THE BULLETIN

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**Worship God  
Grow in Christ**

**Build Community  
Bless the World**



## CAIRO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

*(1867-2024) – Celebrating Our 157th Year*

**318 South Broad Street • Cairo, Georgia 39828-2717**

Rev. Sam Vernon, Pastor

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## 2024 Leadership Sunday

At both 9:00 am and 11:00 am worship on Sunday, January 21, we will invite all of our Leaders forward and use the following Liturgy to highlight them, encourage them and challenge them.

**Pastor:** We understand that in the body of Christ, God assigns us different roles, responsibilities and ministries.

**Leaders:** **We believe that we have been called by God to our respective positions. We acknowledge that while we are agreeing to serve the Church, ultimately our Christian leadership roles serve the Lord Himself.**

**Pastor:** Will you then today in God's house commit to fulfill your obligations in 2024 for the leadership position you've been called to?

**Leaders:** **With God's help I will.**

**Pastor:** Understanding that Christian leadership also required a Christian life-style, will you commit to living a life that will bring glory to God?

**Leaders:** **We acknowledge that Christian leaders are called to a higher standard. With God's help and God's grace, I commit to a Christian lifestyle that honors God in 2024.**

**Pastor:** Our leaders can't do it by themselves. So then Church, I ask you: Will you support your church and these leaders with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?

**Congregation:** **We will pray for them, we will serve along side them and we will encourage them.**

Prayer for the Leadership Team

In Christ,

*Sam*

**ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR:**

The rosebud on the altar today is to announce the arrival of **Anderson Ashley Trawick** born January 11, 2024 to bless the home of Lance and Leah Trawick, Tallahassee, FL.

Proud great-grandmother is Carolyn Trawick.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

The pastor and members of Cairo First Methodist Church extend their deepest sympathy to Jeremy Moore and family in the death of his father, **MR. JAMES MOORE.**

**ASH WEDNESDAY WEEK (FEB. 13-14):**

Ash Wednesday is February 14th. Our service will be at 6:00 pm that night and will feature the imposition of ashes.

On Tuesday, February 13, we will have our "Fat Tuesday" Church Night Supper featuring Pancakes and Breakfast Meats.

Then on Ash Wednesday, no supper will be offered, just the 6:00 pm worship service. No Children's or Youth Ministry either night, but child-care will be offered during Ash Wednesday service.

**NEW TRUSTEE CHAIR:**

The 2024 Board of Trustees unanimously elected Seth Stanaland Chair for the 2024 year. The Trustees are the only leadership body in the Church that elects their own chair. The term is always for one year so next January, the Trustees will vote again to elect their Chair. Congratulations Seth and we look forward to your leadership.

**NEXT TRUSTEES MEETING IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH AT 6:00 PM.**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:**

In February, Rev. Vernon will start meeting with the Youth on Wednesday nights and will no longer be able to teach Adult Bible Study in the Chapel. If you are interested in teaching on Wednesday nights for one night or more regularly, please let Rev. Vernon know Wednesday night. Study is normally from 6:45 pm - 7:30 pm.

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**JANUARY  
UPCOMING DATES  
TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

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**January 21 (Sunday) - 2024  
Leadership Installation  
At both 9:00 am and  
11:00 am services,** we will recognize our 2024 Church Leadership Team. All 2024 Leaders (new and returning) will be invited forward so we can affirm you, challenge you and pray for you. Leaders only need to be present at one of the two services.

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**January 21 – 5:00 pm – Children  
and Youth Activities  
Resume**

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**January 22 (Monday) - 6:00 pm**  
First Laity Council  
Meeting for 2024  
Small Fellowship Hall

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**January 27 (Saturday) -  
Leadership Retreat**

**When:** Saturday, January 27,  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
**Where:** We will start in the  
Sanctuary and end in the  
Fellowship Hall  
**Who Should Come:** Laity Council  
Members, Committee members,  
any members who may be involved  
in future leadership  
**Format:** More details in next week's  
bulletin. We will have Bible study,  
prayer, evaluation of our ministries,  
strategy sessions and some  
Leadership training  
**Lunch:** Firehouse Subs will cater the  
meal and yes it is free for you!  
**RSVP:** Please let Ruth Sims in the  
church office know by  
Wednesday, January 24th so we  
can plan for lunch.

**CHRISTMAS HELPERS:**  
Thanks to the Pairs and Spares SS  
Class and some assistants from the  
Cephas Class for putting up the Chris-  
mon tree and Christmas decorations.  
Special thanks to Charles Davis, Deb-  
bie Godbehere, Tommy and Debra  
Smith for taking decorations down.



Week of **Jan. 21-27**  
**2024**



## Remember in Prayer

**OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)**

### Sunday, January 21:

**8:15** am Early Worship

**9:00** am † Contemporary Worship  
Leadership Installation

**10:00** am Sunday School

**11:00** am † Traditional Worship  
Leadership Installation

5:00 pm Children/Youth Activities

### Monday, January 22:

6:00 p.m. Laity Council

### Tuesday, January 23:

8:00 am Men's Prayer Group

10:00 am Ladies' Prayer Group

### Wednesday, January 24:

5:00 pm Handbells

6:00 pm Meal

6:30 pm Activities

6:45 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, January 25:

8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

### Friday, January 26:

2:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

9:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

### Saturday, January 27:

9:00 am Leadership Retreat

† Live streaming

### AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 1/14/24

8:15 a.m. ....15

9:00 a.m. ....81

11:00 a.m. ....38

Weekly Receipts .....\$4,235.00

Received to Date - Op. . . \$10,695.00

Memorial/In Honor .....\$20.00

Missions .....\$0.00

Bucket Brigade .....\$79.49

### BUCKET BRIGADE:

The bucket brigade offerings (loose change in buckets) goes to mission projects that the church sponsors throughout the year. The offering for January 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:

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

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. Kenneth (Smiley) Gale

Mr. John Summers (Father of Clair McCaskill)

### SOUTHERN PINES, THOMASVILLE, GA:

Mrs. Doris Rehberg (Mother of Nell Owens)

Mrs. Marjorie Taylor

### 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

**January 22:** Marvin Goembel,  
Tate Hunziker

**January 23:** Brecken Sanders

**January 24:** Larry Cook

**January 25:** Peyton Bickford,  
Tony Sheffield

**January 26:** Gayle Martin

Sunday January 21, 2024

**Traditional Informal – Chapel**

**8:15 am**

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON . . . . . Luke 22:42; John 3:30

SERMON . . . . . The Wesleyan Covenant Prayer . . . . . Rev. Vernon

**Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)**

**9:00 am**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

INSTALLATION OF 2024 LEADERS (*see cover of your bulletin*)

CHILDREN'S SERMON . . . . . Adrienne Harrison

\*OFFERING

\*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 . . . . . Luke 22:42; John 3:30

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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:** - *video*; - *streaming*;  
- *audio*

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

email: [abharrison1@hotmail.com](mailto:abharrison1@hotmail.com)  
text: 229-254-2546

- Acolytes: Sonny Jack Stoddard and Nolan Duncan
- Buckets: Reed Carter and Theo Stoddard
- Sunday nights resume this Sunday, Jan 21 at 5:00 p.m. We are continuing our journey learning the books of the Bible
- Sunday School store day is January 28.
- Camp Victory registration opens February 1. You **MUST** register by February 19 in order for our students to attend the same week and be in the same cabin.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### NEWS FROM...SCOTT

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

- January 21 – Sunday School - 10:00 am
- We'll start Sunday Night Youth on Sunday 21st 5:00- 6:00 pm!

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY .....Mr. Ed Self  
Intrada - Ireland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .....Rev. Vernon

INSTALLATION OF 2024 LEADERS (see cover of your bulletin)

\*HYMN OF PRAISE .....No. 157  
Jesus Shall Reign

OFFERTORY PRAYER .....Rev. Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORY .....Mr. Self  
Aria - Wood

\*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC .....Mr. Harold Wright  
Amazing Grace - Tomlin

\*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 LESSON .....Luke 22:42; John 3:30

SERMON .....The Wesleyan Covenant Prayer .....Rev. Vernon

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE .....No. 573  
O Zion, Haste

\*BENEDICTION .....Rev. Vernon

+POSTLUDE .....Mr. Self  
In Christ There Is No East or West - Wood

+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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Are available in the downstairs hallway outside of the pastors office. If you wish to give by this system and there is no box for you, please contact Ruth and we will provide envelopes to you.

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.

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

Please call the church office, 377-3051, email to adm.cairofum@syrupcity.net , text 229-403-0428 or place this form in the offering plate on Sunday to make reservations for the meal.  
Let us know if your child or children would prefer a hotdog.  
Reservations need to be made by Monday noon in order that food can be purchased.

Week of January 24

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children (Age 2-11) \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Office .....229-377-3051
- 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!