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Worship God
Grow in Christ

Build Community
Bless the World



CAIRO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

(1867-2024) – Celebrating Our 157th Year

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ASHES or CANDY?

Next week the “World” will celebrate Valentine’s Day while the “Church” observes Ash Wednesday on the very same day. To be fair, many Christians will celebrate/observe both Valentines and Ash Wednesday. Nothing wrong with believers participating in both (Don’t worry Dear, I am getting you something very special and on sale!) However, the contrast between the two is stark.

- Many in the world will express their love with candy
- Many in the world define LOVE as a feeling, an emotion or a state of mind that you can fall in and out of. Christians know the Bible defines LOVE as an attitude of unconditional love.
- Many in the world will have a different object of their affection by next year’s Valentines Day. Christians who commit to LOVE Christ in return as their Lord will still LOVE the same Christ next year.

So Ashes or Candy, or both? Here’s praying that February 14th will be memorable, however you choose to spend it. May God bless all our marriages in the Church, along with their families. May God comfort the grieving and lonely on what can be the loneliest day of the year.

Finally may God bless the commitments we make to the Lord this Lenten Season as we love Him with an attitude of unconditional love!

In Christ,

Sam

NEW MEMBER:

We welcomed **Priscilla Lentz** into membership at our 8:00 am chapel Service this past Sunday. She is a retired teacher having taught Special Education at Southside Elementary. Welcome Priscilla!

ASH WEDNESDAY WEEK

REMINDERS:

- Fat Tuesday is Feb 13! Pancake Supper and breakfast meats. Please make a reservation! -CHS Jazz Band will perform at Fat Tuesday Supper.
- Ash Wednesday Service is Feb. 14 at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary.
- No supper on Ash Wednesday
- No childcare for Fat Tuesday or Ash Wednesday

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE -

FEB. 14, 6:00 PM

Service will last about 45 minutes. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the 6 1/2 week Lenten Season that culminates with Easter Sunday, March 31.

At the end of the service you will have the opportunity to come to the altar and receive an ashen cross on your forehead. Dress is casual.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, MEET & GREET

During the Sunday School hour, the Cephas Sunday School Class is sponsoring a Meet & Greet Fellowship Time for the whole church. We are asking the Adult SS Classes NOT to meet, but rather come and support this Fellowship Event. Coffee, Beverages and pastries will be offered. Meet & Greet starts at 10:10 am and concludes at 10:45 am

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

One Service and Lunch.

Please put this on your calendars. The 11:00 am service will be the only one that day. Service will feature both Contemporary and Traditional music. Afterwards, we will have a covered dish luncheon. Church will provide meat and beverages. We will ask you to bring sides and desserts.

LAITY COUNCIL:

Is scheduled to meet Monday, February 19, at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall.

FEBRUARY/MARCH/APRIL

UPCOMING DATES

TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

FEBRUARY 12 - 9:30 AM -

Pack Valentine boxes for College Students

FEBRUARY 12 - 7:00 PM - Perkins Methodist Men's Group

FEBRUARY 13 - 6:00 PM -

Fat Tuesday
Pancake Supper
CHS Jazz Band performs

FEBRUARY 14 - 6:00 PM -

Ash Wednesday Service
(45 Minute service with the opportunity to receive an ashen cross on your forehead)

FEBRUARY 19 - 6:00 PM -

Laity Council
Deadline for strawberry orders

FEBRUARY 20 - 6:00 PM - Trustees

FEBRUARY 23 - 8:00 AM -

Pre-ORDERED
Strawberry pickup

MARCH 3 - 10:00 AM - Meet and Greet in Fellowship Hall

APRIL 21 - One Worship Service followed by Covered-dish Meal

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. No childcare will be offered during Ash Wednesday service.

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 25TH)

Rev. Vernon will preach on "God's Position on Abortion" at the 9:00 am Contemporary Service and the 11:00 am Traditional Service. We will not have the 8:00 am Chapel Service that day.



Week of **Feb. 11-17**
2024



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, February 11:

8:00 am	Early Worship
9:00 am	† Contemporary Worship
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	† Traditional Worship
5:00 pm	Children/Youth Activities
	Ladies' Discipleship Group

Monday, February 12:

9:30 am	Pack Valentine Boxes
7:00 pm	Perkins Methodist Men

Tuesday, February 13:

8:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
10:00 am	Ladies' Prayer Group
6:00 pm	Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

Wednesday, February 14:

5:00 pm	Handbells
6:00 pm	NO MEAL Ash Wednesday Service in Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 15:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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Friday, February 16:

2:00 pm	Service on CNS Channel 6
9:00 pm	Service on CNS Channel 6

† Live streaming

COLLEGE STUDENT VALENTINE BOXES:

Will be mailed on Monday, February 12. Packing will be on Monday, Feb. 12, at 9:30 am. Candy, chips, crackers, etc will be needed for the boxes. Please bring food items to the office before 9:00 am on February 12.

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 2/4/24

Weekly needs\$9,793.00
Received week of 2/4	...\$9,150.00
Memorial/In Honor\$25.00
Missions\$25.00
Bucket Brigade\$43.90

ARCHBOLD:

Mr. Rusty Wood (Brother of Becky Hopkins)

AT HOME:

Mr. Ray Butler
Mr. David and Mrs. Catherine Elkins
Mr. Kenneth Gale
Mr. Bob Jones
Mr. Howell McKinnon and Mrs. Eleanor McKinnon
Mrs. Faye Miller
Mr. Jeb Owens

The Church and its ministries, the Church Staff and all Church members.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED

LIVING RESIDENTS:

ARCHBOLD LIVING, CAIRO:

Mr. John Summers (Father of Clair McCaskill)

MAGNOLIA PLACE:

Mrs. Joan Cassels
Mrs. Dot Moses James
Mrs. Nell Mitchell
Mrs. Janet Murphy
Mr. John Shiver
Mrs. Carolyn Trawick

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

February 11: John Godbehere

February 12: Al Harrell, Daxton Johnson, Mark Lee

February 13: Carla Dunn, Samantha Page

February 15: Carley Gainous, Miller Kate Morgan, Carolyn Shelfer, Lawton Smith, II

February 16: Judy Cox, Shelley Fisher, Herbert Wind

February 17: Mary Chason, Prentiss Mitchell

Sunday February 11, 2024

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

*SCRIPTURE LESSONColossians 2:6-12
SERMONHow to Use Lent for Spiritual GrowthRev. Vernon

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

CHILDREN'S SERMONStacey Morgan

*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.**

*SCRIPTUREColossians 2:6-12
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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: Reagan Hartsell and Alli Amaro
- Buckets: Jemma Hartsell and Mary Alice Stanaland
- Registration for camp is open! Be sure you register before February 19.

THANK YOU to all of our volunteers that keep our Children's Department going!
Whether you are providing snacks, helping in a class, teaching or praying for our kids,
we are so appreciative for all of your support!

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...SAM

- - Celeste Vernon will teach SS in February
- Super Bowl Party at the Bundrick's Sunday night! Don't arrive before 6:00 pm! Address is 1443 Midway Road, Lot 1.
- Parents should pick Youth up by end of half-time of game. Parents are welcome to stay.
- No youth Wednesday because of Ash Wednesday Service

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
Improvisation on "Laudes Domini" - Haan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Vernon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHModern AffirmationNo. 885

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 77
How Great Thou Art

OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose - Christiansen

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
For the Music of Creation - Sensmeier/Murray

*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 LESSONColossians 2:6-12

SERMONHow to Use Lent for Spiritual GrowthRev. Vernon

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 349
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

*BENEDICTIONRev. Vernon

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Postlude - Smart

+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.

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

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LADIES' DISCIPLESHIP GROUP:

Starts tonight.

When: Sundays, 5:00 pm

Where: Small Fellowship Hall

Leader: Stacey Morgan
(912) 242-3983

Commitments: Attendance, Home-work, Confidentiality, Vulnerability, Accountability

If you can't come Feb. 11, you can still be in the group, but you need to let Stacey know.

MEN'S DISCIPLE GROUPS

Will begin the second week of March. Sign up sheets will be outside Church office along with information handouts.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

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 February 21 _____

Permanent _____

Name _____

No. of Adults _____ @ 6.00/person

No. children (3-11) _____ @ 3.50 /person

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Directory

Sam Vernon*Pastor*
Ruth Sims*Adm. Assistant*
Adrienne Harrison . . .*Children's Director*
Jeremy Moore*Music Director*
Ed Self*Organist*
Brian and Stacey Morgan
.....*Contemporary Worship Leaders*
Ashlei Steele*Preschool Director*
Sam Vernon*Interim Youth Director*
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EMAILS: When sending emails to the church office, please use the following address:

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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!