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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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Rev. Sam Vernon, Pastor

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When: Sunday, March 3, 2024

Where: Fellowship Hall

Food and Drink?: Oh Yeah! Pastries, Coffee, OJ, etc.

Sponsored by: Cephas Sunday School Class

Why?: To build UNITY

To get the 3 Worship Services together

To get the different age groups together

To meet new people

To gain weight (HA!)

What about Sunday School?:

We are never going to tell Adult Sunday School Classes they cannot meet, but we are asking all of our SS classes not to meet that Sunday and come support this Fellowship event.

- Youth SS will go to Meet and Greet - Children's SS and Youth.

Are there other Fellowship Events planned?:

Yes! April 21 - One Service (11:00 am) and Covered-dish Luncheon to follow.

In May, we would like another SS class to sponsor another Sunday morning "Meet and Greet" either May 5 or May 12.

Look forward to seeing you Sunday, March 3, for Meet and Greet.

In Christ,

Sam

SEVEN THEMES OF LENT:

- 1. Recognizing our own Mortality
- 2. Repentance
- 3. Identification with Christ
- 4. Preparation
- 5. Self-denial
- 6. Reflection
- 7. Renewal

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday of each year and culminates with our Easter Celebration (March 31). These 7 themes of Lent are important Christian concepts all year, but during Lent we emphasize them in our collective worship and individual spiritual formation.

SIGN UP SHEETS FOR LENT:

Today is the last day the Sign-up sheets for Lent will be out. There are tables by the front pews on both sides and also one in the back corner. There are opportunities to sign up to pray, study God’s Word and participate in the church-wide fast.

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.

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.

LAITY COUNCIL:

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

FEBRUARY/MARCH/APRIL

UPCOMING DATES

TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

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
FEBRUARY 25 - SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY
(No 8:00 am Service)
MARCH 3 - 10:00 AM - Meet and Greet in Fellowship Hall
APRIL 21 - One Worship Service followed by Covered-dish Meal

COLLEGE STUDENT

VALENTINE BOXES:

We mailed 13 Valentine boxes to college students this past Monday. Thanks to the following for helping with food items, packing and/or shipping cost: Jamie Allen, Karen Allen, Claire Chason, Beverly Cliett, Debbie Godbehare, Clair McCaskill, Jami Porter, Fran Sheffield, Ruth Sims, Celeste Tyler, Randy Wind.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

At their January meeting, the Finance committee voted to form a 2024 Stewardship Committee. This committee will start meeting in April and will be charged with designing our 2024 Fall Stewardship Campaign. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please let Rev. Vernon know.

LOCAL MISSION PROJECT

We are collecting items for Archbold Living (new nursing home attached to the hospital). The list includes:

Books for their library, Body Washes, Lotions, Shampoo, Blankets, Socks, Tooth Paste and Toothbrushes, Pajama pants with drawstring

Bring these items to the Church Office and either leave them with Ruth or leave them in a bag marked “Archbold”. The Missions Committee will collect and deliver them.



Week of **Feb. 18-24**
2024



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, February 18:

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

Monday, February 19:

6:00 pm	Laity Council
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Tuesday, February 20:

8:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
10:00 am	Ladies' Prayer Group
6:00 pm	Trustees

Wednesday, February 21:

5:00 pm	Handbells
6:00 pm	Meal
6:30 pm	Activities
6:45 pm	Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 22:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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Friday, February 23:

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

† Live streaming

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 18: Eleanor McKinnon

February 19: Lauren Brown

February 21: Nicholas Fusco,
Jeb Owens

February 22: Cres Ferrell

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 2/11/24

Weekly needs\$9,793.00
Received week of 2/4 ...\$3,315.00
Memorial/In Honor\$
Missions\$
Bucket Brigade\$102.63

BUCKET BRIGADE:

The bucket brigade offerings (loose change in buckets) goes to mission projects that the church sponsors throughout the year. The offering for **February** 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 February 18, 2024

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

*SCRIPTURE LESSONEphesians 1:15-21
SERMONHow to Pray for a BelieverRev. Vernon

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

CHILDREN'S SERMONAdrienne 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.**

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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: 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: Corbin Knight and Fletcher Knight
- Buckets: Brecken Sanders and Theo Stoddard
- NO Sunday Night activities this week!!
- If you missed store day, we will have a makeup day this Sunday, February 18, during Sunday School.
- Children will attend Meet & Greet, March 3
- SAVE THE DATE:
- Easter Egg Hunt: Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30 pm following Wednesday night supper.

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...SAM

- Celeste Vernon will teach SS in February
- Back on regular schedule
- Sundays 5:00 - 6:00 pm
- Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- On Sunday March 3, youth will go to Meet and Greet instead of Youth Sunday School

Sunday February 18, 2024

Traditional – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
Have Mercy Upon Me, O Lord - Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Vernon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHI CorinthiansNo. 888

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 480
O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
The Old Rugged Cross - Wood

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me - Scott

*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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SERMONHow to Pray for a BelieverRev. Vernon

*HYMN OF RESPONSEBlack Supplement No. 2158
Just a Closer Walk With Thee

*BENEDICTIONRev. Vernon

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Prologue - Bruckner

+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: Ruth Sims; **Ushers:** Herbert Wind, Dale Helms

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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PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:

CFMC Preschool will registration for 3- and 4-year old students on the following dates. Students must turn the age of the class by September 1.

February 26-March 1 – Early Registration for children whose parents are church members

March 4-8 – Early registration children who are siblings of Preschool students and whose grandparents are church members.

March 11 Open Registration

Please remember all spots are filled on a first come, first come, first served basis. You may pickup registration packets in the Preschool Office M-F, 7:30 - 1:00. Please see Ashlei Steele for further information.

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 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.

Menu: Soup and Salad

Week of February 21 _____

Permanent _____

Name _____

No. of Adults _____ @ 6.00/person

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

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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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!