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Worship God
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Build Community
Bless the World



CAIRO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

(1867-2024) – Celebrating Our 157th Year

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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.

We are looking for 4-8 people to serve on this committee. Any member who is interested in serving will be welcome on the committee, just let Rev. Vernon know. The Nominations Committee will decide on a Chair and bring that nomination to the Laity Council.

Thank you Church, for praying about this and considering this.

"For lack of guidance a nation falls, but many advisers make victory sure." - Proverbs 11:14

In Christ,

Sam

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First Methodist Church extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. Roger Whitfield and family in the death of her sister, **MRS. FAYE GOWAN.**

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.

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.

REV. VERNON AWAY

Sam will be on a ski trip in West Virginia, February 27 - March 1. There is very limited cell phone service at the Snowshoe Resort so in case of an emergency, please contact Ruth in the church office. Adam Burke will lead the Youth Group Wednesday, February 28.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:

CFMC Preschool will begin 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 serve basis. You may pickup registration packets in the Preschool Office M-F, 7:30 - 1:00. Please see Ashlei Steele for further information.

**FEBRUARY/MARCH/APRIL
UPCOMING DATES**

TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

FEBRUARY 25 - SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY (No 8:00 am Service)
MARCH 1 - Pre-ORDERED Strawberry Pickup
MARCH 3 - 10:00 AM - Meet and Greet in Fellowship Hall
MARCH 7 - 6:30 PM - Missions Committee
APRIL 21 - One Worship Service followed by Covered-dish Meal

MEET AND GREET:

When: Sunday, March 3, 2024

Where: Fellowship Hall

Food and Drink?: Oh Yeah!

Pastries, Coffee, OJ

Sponsored by: Cephas Sunday School Class

Why?: To build UNITY

To get the 3 Worship Services together

To get the different age groups

To meet new people

To gain weigh (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 and Children will go to Meet and Greet**



Week of **Feb. 25-Mar. 2**
2024



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, February 25:

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 26:

No Activities

Tuesday, February 27:

8:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
10:00 am	Ladies' Prayer Group

Wednesday, February 28:

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

Thursday, February 29:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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Friday, March 1:

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

† Live streaming

MISSION COMMITTEE:

Will meet Thursday night, March 7, at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 2/18/24

Weekly needs\$9,793.00
Received week of 2/4	...\$3,020.00
Memorial/In Honor\$00.00
Missions\$00.00
Bucket Brigade\$64.03

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.

CAMILLA, GA

Mr. Roy Luke (Brother-in-law of Charles Davis)

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

MEN'S DISCIPLE GROUPS:

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



Birthday Greetings

February 27: Everett Allen

February 28: Bob Kral

March 1: Bo Harrell, David McCurry

March 2: Brian Hunziker

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.**

*SCRIPTUREPsalm 139:13 and 14

SERMONGod's Position on AbortionRev. 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*;

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!

We have April covered thanks to Matt Sanders. Sunday, March 3 is Meet and Greet.

So we need teachers for March 10, 24, and 31. Please let Rev. Vernon know if you can teach one or more of these Sundays.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

email: abharrison1@hotmail.com
text: 229-254-2546

- Acolytes: Mason McCaskill and Campbell Jones
 - Buckets: Ella Jones and Judge Grave de Peralta
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH THIS SUNDAY FOR ALL KIDS 5TH GRADE AND UNDER****
If you missed store day, we will have a makeup day this Sunday during Sunday School.

SAVE THE DATE:

Easter Egg Hunt: Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30 pm following Wednesday night supper.

VBS: July 7-10

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 - Adam Burke will lead the youth this Wednesday
- On Sunday March 3, youth will go to Meet and Greet instead of Youth Sunday School

Sunday February 25, 2024

Traditional – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
Siciliano from Concerto Op. 3, No. 11 - Vivaldi/Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Vernon

*RESPONSIVE READINGPsalm 139 (1-18)No. 854

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 301
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
How Great the Wisdom and the Love - Darley

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
Lord, Here Am I - Beck

*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 LESSONPsalm 139:13 and 14

SERMONGod's Position on AbortionRev. Vernon

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 385
Let Us Plead For Faith Alone

*BENEDICTIONRev. Vernon

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
In the Cross of Christ I Glory - Haan

+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

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.

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SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:

For their assistance with cooking, decorating and serving at the Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper: Tommy Smith, Judy Cox, Kathy Higginbotham, Dale Helms, Doug Branch, Karen Bishop, Diane Jones

CONGRATULATIONS

To the following for being recognized at the recent Chamber of Commerce Dinner:

- **Charles Davis** was named Man of the Year
- **Julian Brown** was named
Young Professional of the Year
- **Bishop's Jewelry** was named
Small Business of the Year

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: Boneless Pork Chops, Greens, Macaroni and Cheese, Salad, Cornbread

Week of February 28_____

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:

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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!