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Worship God  
Grow in Christ

Build Community  
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## CAIRO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

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

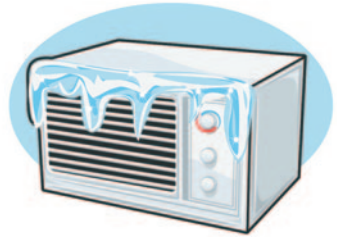
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# THE AIR CONDITIONER



I go to church on Sunday  
A blessing for my soul.  
But of course it's just  
the opposite now,  
That place is freezing cold.

I cannot think of others,  
My mind is just on me  
And how I'll keep from freezing,  
Until time to go, you see.

I pulled my collar upward  
And turned my head aside;  
Until a crick got in my neck  
Then mercy, Lord, I cried.

The wind is pouring through the  
vents Just like an arctic storm;  
My mind is drifting homeward,  
A place so nice and warm.

My flesh is frozen to the bone,  
My knees are just like lead;  
And when it's finally over,  
I don't know a word he said.

I can't remember anything  
Like I used to do;  
I guess the words can't penetrate  
My brain is frozen too.

I hear complaints outside the door,  
Others will agree.  
They say, "That church was just  
too cold."  
And it's not only me.

I used to love to go to church  
A blessing there to seek,  
I'd feast upon the Word of God  
And eat it all next week.

I'm only writing this for fun,  
But every word is true.  
Just keep the air conditioner on  
We'll try to suffer through.

*Thelma B. Kelly*

This was too funny not to share? Hope to see you Sunday! Thank You Jesus for air conditioning in the Summer and heat in the Winter! We'll do our best to get it right each Sunday!

In Christ,

*Sam*

**One Service This Sunday @ 11:00 am!**

## LABOR DAY WEEKEND

### SCHEDULE:

Sunday, September 1, we will just have one service at 11:00 am. Communion will be served. Brian and Stacey Morgan will lead our music. The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 2.

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### LOOKING AHEAD:

September 1 - **One Worship Service**  
at 11:00 am

September 2 - **Church Office Closed**

September 3 - **Trustees**

September 9 - **Methodist Men**  
at 7:00 pm

September 10 - **Staff Parish**  
at 6:00 pm

September 15 - **Laity-led Global  
Methodist Service in  
Colquitt - 5:30 pm**

This will be a great opportunity to worship, meet some other Global Methodists and find out more about our new denomination. Rev. Vernon can take 5 in his vehicle so let him know if you would like to attend.

September 16 - **WinGS at 6:00 pm**

September 18 - **Suppers Resume**  
at 6:00 pm

September 21 - **Fellowship Hall  
Reserved**

September 22 - **Men's Discipleship  
Groups** will start this week. Times to be announced next Sunday.

September 23 - **Laity Council**  
6:00 pm

### TRUSTEES:

Will meet Tuesday, September 3, at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE PADS:

Please sign in each Sunday. Visitors, if you would like to be on the Weekly Bulletin mailing list, please indicate that as well.

### LORD'S PRAYER SERMON SERIES:

Each week there will be a table at the front of the sanctuary where you can pick up the previous week's hand-outs and/or sermon notes.

**Sunday, September 1 -**  
Communion

**Sunday, September 8 -**  
Lord's Prayer Part III

**Sunday, September 15 -**  
Lord's Prayer Part IV

### END TIMES BIBLE STUDY:

(Starts Sept. 18) I will be teaching out of the Scriptures and using the book "Charting the End Times" by Tim LaHaye and Thomas Ice. We will meet every Wednesday from 6:45 until 7:30 pm in the Chapel. You will get more out of it if you come every week but each study is designed to stand on its own.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS:

**Will return September 18th!**

### IS YOUR GIVING UP TO DATE:

Church bills arrive each month the same as at your home. Checks can be mailed or brought to the church office.

Or you have the option of ON-LINE giving. Just remember that giving on-line, there is a service charge.

If you put cash in an envelope, please include your name so that correct posting can be done in the office so that you get credit for your giving.



Week of **Sept. 1-7**  
2024



## Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

### Sunday, September 1:

10:00 am Sunday School

**11:00 am †One Combined Service**

5:00 pm Youth

### Monday, September 2:

**Church Office Closed**

*No Activities*

### Tuesday, September 3:

8:30 am Men's Prayer Group

10:00 am Ladies' Prayer Group

6:00 pm Trustees

### Wednesday, September 4:

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, September 5:

8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

### Friday, September 6:

2:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

9:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

† **Live streaming**



## Birthday Greetings

**September 1:** Marilyn Joyner

**September 4:** Scott Higginbotham

**September 6:** Mason McCaskill,  
James Oates,  
Chuck Stafford

**September 7:** Sara Lokey,  
Joseph Powell

### AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 8/25/24

Weekly Needs . . . . . \$9,793.00

Weekly Receipts . . . . . \$4,815.00

Memorial/In Honor . . . . . \$00.00

Missions . . . . . \$500.00

Bucket Brigade . . . . . \$69.47

### BUCKET BRIGADE:

The Bucket brigade offerings (loose change in buckets) goes to mission projects that the church sponsors throughout the year.

The offering for **September** will go to Food Drive.

TALLAHASSEE, FL:

Mr. Prentiss Mitchell

CAMILLA, GA:

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

AT HOME:

Mr. Ray Butler

Mr. David and Mrs. Catherine Elkins

Mrs. Barbara Garcia

Mrs. Lauren Harrell

Mrs. Betty Hester

Mr. Bob Jones

Mrs. Lisa LeGette

Mr. Howell and Mrs. Eleanor McKinnon

Mrs. Faye Miller

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

### NURSING HOME/ASSISTED

#### LIVING RESIDENTS:

ARCHBOLD LIVING, CAIRO:

Mr. Philip Almon

Mrs. Mary Meill

Mr. John Summers (Father of Clair McCaskill)

MAGNOLIA PLACE:

Mrs. Joan Cassels

Mrs. Dot Moses James

Mrs. Nell Mitchell

Mrs. Janet Murphy

Mrs. Barbara Spooner (Mother of Ron Spooner)

Mrs. Carolyn Trawick

LEGACY VILLAGE, THOMASVILLE, GA:

Mrs. Catherine Wood (Mother of Becky Hopkins)

Mr. Rusty Wood (Brother of Becky Hopkins)

SOUTHERN PINES, THOMASVILLE, GA:

Mrs. Doris Rehberg (Mother of Nell Owens)

RESIDENCE INN AT THE OAKS, THOMASVILLE, GA

Mrs. Marjorie Taylor

PRESBYTERIAN HOME, QUITMAN, GA:

Mrs. Opal Prince

LA MESA, CA:

Ike & Charlene Powell

BRENTWOOD, TN:

Dr. Bob Kral

Sunday September 1, 2024

**Traditional Informal – Chapel**

**8:00 am**

No Worship Service

**Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)**

**9:00 am**

No Worship Service

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**FALL FOOD DRIVE:** - October 26, 9 am – 12 noon

Donations of non-perishable food will be accepted through October 23 at the church. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:**

All adult SS classes are now meeting. 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 grandchildren.

**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:** Young Adults (30+)

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**THOSE WHO SERVE: 11:00 AM:** SS Greeters/Ushers: **Adam Clark;**

**Worship Team:** **Brian Morgan** - vocals, guitar; **Stacey Morgan** - vocals, keys;

**Tech:** **Will Bundrick** - video;

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## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE**

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

Children's Sermon: Stacey Morgan

Acolytes: Betts Harrison and Reagan Hartsell

Buckets: Jemma Hartsell and Tilden Morgan

We need small bottles of water!

Sunday Nights resume September 8 at 5:00 p.m. We will be starting the New Testament!

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

**NEWS FROM...KELSEY**

email: westkelsey09@gmail.com  
cell/text: (229) 413-3561

- **SEPTEMBER 1 - 5:00 pm** - Youth weekly Sunday night activities at the youth house

Sunday September 1, 2024

**Combined Worship Service – Sanctuary (Livestream)**

**11:00 am**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .....Rev. Vernon

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

\*OPENING SONG .....Brian and Stacey Morgan

OFFERTORY PRAYER .....Rev. Vernon

OFFERING

CHILDREN’S SERMON

*(Children dismissed for Children’s Church after Children’s Sermon)*

PASTORAL PRAYER .....Rev. Vernon

LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.**

SPECIAL MUSIC .....Brian and Stacey Morgan

COMMUNION

\*AFFIRMATION OF GOD’S WORD .....Rev. Vernon

**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 .....

SERMON .....Rev. Vernon

\*CLOSING CONGREGATIONAL SONG

\*BENEDICTION .....Rev. Vernon

\* 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**

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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**BE GOOD STEWARDS:**

When you leave the sanctuary on Sunday morning, please take a minute to replace the hymnal and/or Bible in the rack. Also, please take your used tissue and bulletin with you upon departing.

Thanks for your assistance as we do not have custodians coming in after Sunday services.

**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.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 18**

Please make your reservations for the meal by calling the church, sending a text to 229-403-0428, email to adm.cairofum@syrupcity.net or filling out the form below.

Let us know if your child or children would prefer a hotdog.

If you do not have a permanent reservations, then reservations must be made by Monday noon in order that food can be purchased.

**Week Sept. 18** \_\_\_\_\_ **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
- Kelsey West . . . . .Youth 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!*