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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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ADVENT PRAYER

Merciful God,

You sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity, and may await with joy the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever.

Amen

— *The Book of Common Prayer*

The secret of **JOY!**

Jesus

Others

You

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The poinsettia on the altar in the chapel for Advent were placed there by Philip and Hope Almon in loving memory of

PHILIP ALMON, JR.

The poinsettia on the altar for Advent in the sanctuary were placed there by his family in loving memory of

MR. G. ROBERT JONES

MEMORIALS:

Memorials has been given to Cairo First Church in loving memory of

MR. G. ROBERT JONES

By: Gayla Smith

MR. ADRON ROSSER, JR.

By: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Almon

LOOKING AHEAD:

December 8 - **Staff Christmas Party**

December 9 - **7:00 pm -**

**Methodist Men's
Ladies' Night**

December 17 - **6:30 pm – Preschool
Christmas Program**

December 24 - **5:00 pm – Christmas
Eve Communion**

December 24 - 27 -

Church Office Closed

(There **will be no mail out bulletin
the week of December 23-29**)

December 29 - **Only one service
at 11:00 am**

January 1 - **Church Office closed**

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION:

AT 5:00 PM, December 24, with candle-light "Silent Night" outside weather permitting.

HAVING A CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Please let Ruth in the church office know, so it can be put on the church calendar so we can avoid Holiday Schedule Conflicts.

METHODIST MEN'S LADIES' NIGHT:

Will be Monday, December 9, at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Please contact Dale Helms or Herbert W. Wind for reservations for the meal if you have not been contacted.

FLOWER CALENDAR:

The flower calendar for **2025** is on the bulletin board in the downstairs hallway. Please sign up for flowers for **2025**. And remember that two arrangements are needed.

HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE:

December 24 - **Office Closes at Noon**

December 25-27 - **Office Closed**

January 1 - **Office Closed
for New Year's Day**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Only one service only at 11:00 am. Jeff Davis and his wife will present the music. Jeff will also preach for us that day as well.

**FOOD AND DRINK POLICY FOR
THE SANCTUARY:**

Please do not bring food or drink in the Sanctuary. This includes snacks for your children.

Water is the one exception, but please no other beverages especially coffee and soft drinks. Thanks for your understanding and your cooperation in keeping our Sanctuary beautiful!

STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Will be Sunday, December 8th at 1:00 pm at Longhorn Steakhouse in Thomasville.

HELP AGENCY GIFTS

If you took a tag to purchase a gift for a child, please member to bring your purchase to the fellowship hall by December 11. Thanks so much



Week of **Dec. 8-14**
2024



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, December 8:

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

Monday, December 9:

7:00 pm	Methodist Men Ladies Night
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Tuesday, December 10:

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

Wednesday, December 11:

No activities

Thursday, December 12:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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Friday, December 13:

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

† Live streaming

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.

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 12/1/24

Weekly Needs	\$9,793.00
Weekly Receipts	\$6,835.00
Memorial/In Honor	\$100.00
Missions	\$0.00
Bucket Brigade	\$75.30

BUCKET BRIGADE:

The Bucket brigade offerings (loose change in buckets) goes to mission projects that the church sponsors throughout the year. The offering for **December** will go to the Help Agency.

Thanks for your donations. Donations can be made by check designating that it is to go to the bucket brigade offering.

SAN ANTONIO, TX

Mrs. Lauren Harrell

TALLAHASSEE, FL:

Mr. Prentiss Mitchell

AT HOME:

- Mr. Ray Butler
- Mr. David and Mrs. Catherine Elkins
- Mrs. Barbara Garcia
- Mrs. Betty Hester
- Mr. Mark Lee**
- Mrs. Lisa LeGette
- Mr. Howell and Mrs. Eleanor McKinnon
- Mrs. Faye Miller
- Mr. Herbert W. and Mrs. Mary Wind

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



Birthday Greetings

December 8: Daniel Stoddard

December 9: Nathan Hartsell

December 10: Carolyn Trawick,
Mandy Tyson

December 12: Becky Hopkins

December 13: Carroll Hopkins
Sonny Jack Stoddard

Sunday December 8, 2024

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

*Scripture LessonLuke 2:8-12
SermonWhy Christmas Is More Popular Than Easter ...Rev. Vernon

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)

Worship

Offering

Children’s SermonStacey Morgan

*Affirmation of God’s WordRev. 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.**

*ScriptureLuke 2:8-12

SermonWhy Christmas Is More Popular Than Easter ...Rev. Vernon

* Please stand as you are able.

THOSE WHO SERVE: 9:00 AM: SS Greeters/Ushers: Ben Hopkins;

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

Tech: Nathan Hartsell - video; Hadley Rae Morgan - streaming;

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

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

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

Children’s Sermon: Stacey Morgan

Acolytes: Annabele Stanaland and Cate Hopkins

Buckets: Jemma Hartsell and Maryalice Stanaland

Minute to Win it Game Night is December 8 at 5:00 p.m.

Christmas ornament swap during Sunday School on December 15.
Please bring one wrapped ornament.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

NEWS FROM...KELSEY

- **DECEMBER 8 - 10:00 am - Sunday School**
- **DECEMBER 8 - 5:00 pm - Youth helping with Children’s Minute to Win it Games**

No further Wednesday night activities until after the new year.

December 15 - 4:30 - 6:30 pm - Youth Christmas Party at the youth house. Bring a side or dessert! Also, a white elephant gift exchange, no more than \$25.

Looking to get the youth together sometime during the break to go bowling and/or ax throwing. Not sure on the date yet.

- **FEBRUARY 14-17 - Snowbird Youth Winter Retreat**
- Second payment is due in January
- **MFUGE DEPOSIT** of \$75.00 is due in February

Sunday December 8, 2024

Traditional Worship – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
Gabriel's Message - Tucker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Sam Vernon

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Reader: Today we light again the candle of HOPE and for the first time,
we light the candle of PEACE.

**Congregation: Jesus offers both PEACE to the world and PEACE
to the individual**

Reader: At the birth of Christ a great company of heavenly host appeared praising God
and saying

**Congregation: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men
on whom His favor rests".**

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 238
Angels We Have Heard on High

OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
There's a Song in the Air - Held

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERRev. Vernon

HYMN OF REFLECTIONNo. 250
Once in Royal David's City

SPECIAL MUSICMr. Jeremy Moore
Sweet Little Jesus Boy - Robert Mac Gimsey

*AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S WORDRev. 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 LESSONLuke 2:8-12

SERMONWhy Christmas Is More Popular Than EasterRev. Vernon

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 218
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

*BENEDICTIONRev. Vernon

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Once in Royal David's City - Jordan

+After the Benediction, you are dismissed
or feel free to remain in the sanctuary and enjoy the Postlude

* Please stand as you are able.

Altar Guild: Miriam Funderburk, Frances Thrower; **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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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.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS
WILL RESUME IN JANUARY**

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 Jan. 15 _____ **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 Office229-377-3051
- 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!