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Worship God
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CAIRO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

(1867-2024) – Celebrating Our 157th Year

318 South Broad Street • Cairo, Georgia 39828-2717

Rev. Sam Vernon, Pastor

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2024 Confirmation Class

Miller Kate Morgan	8th grade @ Scholars Academy
Hadley Rae Morgan	6th grade @ Scholars Academy
Breanna Sanders	6th grade @ Brookwood

Also a big thanks to Kelli Grave De Peralta who helped me teach the four week class. We are so proud of these girls and are happy to announce that all three of them will be joining the Church this Sunday, December 15th, at the 9:00 am worship service.

Congratulations Miller Kate, Hadley Rae, and Breanna!

“Train a child in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it.”

- Proverbs 22:6

Thankfully,

Sam

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The flowers on the altar today in the sanctuary are placed there by Mrs. Joye Sandefur and family in loving memory of

MR. KEITH SANDEFUR

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.

MEMORIALS:

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

MR. G. ROBERT JONES

By: Don, Mona, Emery and Emerson Hancock

MRS. SHERLEY MARSHALL

By: Steve and Gayla Smith

MR. ADRON ROSSER, JR.

By: Peg Thomas

LOOKING AHEAD:

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

January 7 - 6:00 pm - Laity Council Meeting

January 27 - 6:00 pm - Laity Council Meeting

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION:

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

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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29:

Only one service 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!

CHURCH OFFICE:

Will be closed at noon on December 24, and December 25-27 for the Christmas holiday.

There will be no mailed out bulletin the week of December 23rd.

CHURCH NIGHT SUPPERS WILL RESUME IN JANUARY

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.

JOIN A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:

If you are not currently involved in a Sunday school class, make that a priority in the coming year. Various classes are available and would welcome you as a member. Or if you prefer to visit the various classes and then choose the one that best fits your needs.



Week of **Dec. 15-21**
2024



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, December 15:

- 8:00 am **Early Worship**
- 9:00 am **Contemporary Worship**
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am **†Traditional Worship**
- 4:30 pm Youth Christmas Party

Monday, December 16:

No Activities

Tuesday, December 17:

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

Wednesday, December 18:

No activities

Thursday, December 19:

- 8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

Friday, December 20:

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

† Live streaming



Birthday Greetings

- December 15:** Roger Whitfield
- December 16:** Charlee Oliver, LeVerne Whigham
- December 17:** Calla Collins, Crystal Ford
- December 18:** Dale Helms
- December 19:** Marielle Youmans
- December 20:** Miriam Funderburk

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 12/8/24

Weekly Needs	\$9,793.00
Weekly Receipts	\$8,810.00
Memorial/In Honor	\$40.00
Missions	\$50.00
Bucket Brigade	\$92.44

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.

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. Wynnell 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 December 15, 2024

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

*Scripture LessonMatthew 2:7-12
SermonSome Christmas Gifts I'd Like to GiveRev. 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.**

*ScriptureMatthew 2:7-12

SermonSome Christmas Gifts I'd Like to GiveRev. 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

- Christmas ornament exchange on December 15 during Sunday School. Everyone please bring one wrapped ornament.
- Regular Sunday morning schedule on December 22.
- No Sunday School or Children's Church on Sunday, December 29.
- Sunday Nights resume on Sunday, January 26.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

NEWS FROM...KELSEY

- **DECEMBER 15 - 10:00 am - Sunday School**
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 15, 2024

Traditional Worship – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
The Snow Lay On the Ground - Sowerby

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Sam Vernon

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Reader: This third Sunday of Advent, we again light the candles of HOPE and PEACE and for the first time, we light the candle of LOVE.

Congregation: This is LOVE; not that we loved God, but that He loved us.

Reader: I John 4: 9 says "This is how God showed His love among us,

Congregation: "He sent His one and only Son into the world, that we might live through Him."

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 240
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Greensleeves - Richard Purvis

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERRev. Vernon

HYMN OF REFLECTIONNo. 245
The First Noel

SPECIAL MUSICMrs. Patricia Mitchell

*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 LESSONMatthew 2:7-12

SERMONSome Christmas Gifts I'd Like to GiveRev. Vernon

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 220
Angels from the Realms of Glory

*BENEDICTIONRev. Vernon

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Noel Suisse - Daquin

+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.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE PADS:

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**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 VernonPastor
- Ruth SimsAdm. Assistant
- Adrienne Harrison . .Children's Director
- Kelsey WestYouth Director
- Jeremy MooreMusic Director
- Ed SelfOrganist
- Brian and Stacey Morgan
. . . .Contemporary Worship Leaders
- Ashlei SteelePreschool 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!