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Worship God
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CAIRO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

(1867-2024) – Celebrating Our 157th Year

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Rev. Sam Vernon, Pastor

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CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

Normally we do not take up an offering during our Christmas Eve Service. This year however, our Global Methodist Leaders asked us to do a Christmas Eve Offering for our Campus Ministries in the state.

You generously gave over \$700 on Christmas Eve and 100% of that money will go to our Methodist Campus Ministry at Valdosta State. C. J. Harp is the Campus Minister there and continues to do a great job!

Thanks C.J.!

Thanks Cairo First Methodist Church!

Thanks Jesus!

"Go and make Disciples of all nations . . ." -Matthew 28:19

In Christ,

Sam

MEMORIALS:

A memorial has been given to the church in loving memory of

PHILIP ALMON, JR

By: Sid, Kimberly, Caroline,
Philip and Elizabeth Belcher

IN HONOR GIFTS:

Gifts have been given to the church in honor of

PHILIP AND HOPE ALMON

By: Sid, Kimberly, Caroline,
Philip and Elizabeth Belcher

RUTH SIMS

CAROLYN TRAWICK

By: Edna Horne

LOOKING AHEAD:

January 13 - 7:00 pm -
Methodist Men

January 15 - 6:00 pm - Church Night
Suppers Resume

January 15 - 6:45 pm - Chancel Choir

January 16 - 6:00 pm - Pastoral
Search Committee

January 20 - Church Office Closed
for Dr. Martin Luther
King Day

January 27 - 6:00 pm - Laity Council

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 20, for the Martin Luther King Holiday.

LAITY COUNCIL:

Is scheduled to meet Monday, January 27, at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE:

Will meet Thursday, January 16, at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

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!

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.

BIBLE STUDY:

Will follow Church Night Suppers starting January 15 at 6:45 pm in the chapel.

LEADERSHIP INSTALLATION SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 2, 2025):

We will recognize our new 2025 Leaders at all three worship services. We are asking all our Leaders of the Laity Council, Committees and other designated Leaders to be present at the front end of the 11:00 am service so we can pray for you and install you with the Leadership vows.

OFFERING ENVELOPES:

For the 8:00 am worship congregation, can be found in the entrance of the fellowship hall.

For the 9:00 am and 11:00 am worship congregations, can be found on the table in the downstairs hallway of the main building.

If you do not find a box with your name and you wish to make your contributions in that manner, please contact Ruth Sims in the Church Office.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Are reminded they need to turn in their scholarship requirements to complete the process for the second half of the program.



Week of **Jan. 12-18**
2025



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, January 12:

8:00 am	Early Worship
9:00 am	Contemporary Worship
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	†Traditional Worship

Monday, January 13:

7:00 pm	Methodist Men
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Tuesday, January 14:

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

Wednesday, January 15:

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

Thursday, January 16:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
6:00 pm	Pastoral Search Committee

Friday, January 17:

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

† Live streaming

TALLAHASSEE, FL:

Mr. Prentiss Mitchell

AT HOME:

Mr. Ray Butler
 Mr. David and Mrs. Catherine Elkins
 Mrs. Barbara Garcia
 Mrs. Lauren Harrell
 Mr. Billy and 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. Wynell 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

January 12: Robert Hudson,
Lumis Brown

January 15: Patricia Mitchell,
John Wind

January 16: Tanner Avery

January 18: Kit Chapin, Arley Fisher, Ill
Betts Harrison

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 1/5/25

Weekly Needs	\$8,853.00
Weekly Receipts	\$3,790.00
Memorial/In Honor	\$00.00
Missions	\$50.00
Bucket Brigade	\$151.14

BUCKET BRIGADE:

The Bucket brigade offerings (loose change in buckets) goes to mission projects that the church sponsors throughout the year. The offering for **January** will go to the College/University Campus Ministry.

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

Sunday January 12, 2025

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

*Scripture LessonPsalm 126:1-3
SermonReturn of the Babylonian ExilesRev. 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.**

*ScripturePsalm 126:1-3

SermonReturn of the Babylonian ExilesRev. Vernon

* Please stand as you are able.

THOSE WHO SERVE: 9:00 AM: SS Greeters/Ushers: **Bradley Jones, Seth Stanaland;**

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

Tech: Will Bundrick - *video*; Miller Kate Morgan - *streaming*;

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

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

Children’s Sermon: Stacey Morgan

Acolytes: Austin Kate Hudson and Cate Hopkins

Buckets: Ella Jones and Brinson Hopkins

- Sunday Nights resume on Sunday, January 26.

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...KELSEY

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

- **JANUARY 12 -10:00 - 11:00 am** - Sunday School
- **FEBRUARY 14-17** - Snowbird Youth Winter Retreat
- Second payment is due in January
- **MFUGE DEPOSIT** of \$75.00 is due in February

Sunday January 12, 2025

Traditional Worship – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring - Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Sam Vernon

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 529
How Firm a Foundation

OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Arioso - Bach

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERRev. Vernon

SPECIAL MUSICMr. Moore
Balm In Gilead - H.T. Burleigh

AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S WORDRev. Vernon

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I have what He says I have and I can do what He says I can do.**

*SCRIPTURE LESSONPsalm 126:1-3

SERMONReturn of the Babylonian ExilesRev. Vernon

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 420
Breathe on Me, Breath of God

*BENEDICTIONRev. Vernon

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Postludium - Diebold

+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: Hope Almon, Kathy Higginbotham; **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:

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS RESUME

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!