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Worship God  
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Build Community  
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## CAIRO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## Church Wide Book Study (January 26th - March 26th)

### The Book:

*The Screwtape Letters* written by the legendary C. S. Lewis. A fictitious but biblical look at spiritual battle from the Devil's perspective. The book is a collection of letters written by a Senior devil to a Junior devil as part of the devil's training in how best to tempt, confuse, distract and/or discourage humans in their Christian spiritual journey.

### How do I get a Book?

We have ordered 40 and they should be here by this Sunday, January 19th. So you can purchase one (\$5) on Sunday mornings or at Wednesday night supper. You can also call Ruth in the church office to reserve your copy.

### How can I participate?

1. Wednesday night Bible Study at 6:45 pm. Beginning on January 29th, we will feature *The Screwtape Letters* for 9 consecutive Wednesdays in our Bible Study. There will be discussion questions available each Sunday prior to that week's study so you can prepare ahead of time.
2. Sunday Worship January 26th, Rev. Vernon will preach on "Spiritual Battle" to introduce the Church-wide book study. There also will be 1-2 more Sunday sermons on *The Screwtape Letters* before we finish the study.
3. Read along on your own  
Although I hope you will come on Wednesday nights, you may just want to purchase a book and read on your own pace with or without the discussion questions.

### SCREWTAPE LETTERS SCHEDULE:

Sunday, January 19th - Books available for purchase

Sunday, January 26th - "Spiritual Battle" sermon

Wednesday, January 29th - First Wednesday Night Study (Chapters 1-3)

Wednesday, March 26th - Last Wednesday Night Book Study

Hope you will plan on joining us at some level of participation for this exciting and interesting study!

In Christ,

*Sam*

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

The pastor and members of Cairo First Church extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **MRS. JANE WILKINSON**; to the family and friends of **MR. MATT MORTON**.

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**LOOKING AHEAD:**

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

January 27 - **6:00 pm - Laity Council**

February 20 - **Order deadline for Wesley Glen Aux. Strawberry Sales**

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**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.

**LAITY COUNCIL:**

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

**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.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:**

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

**BIBLE STUDY:**

Will follow Church Night Suppers each Wednesday night at 6:45 pm in the chapel.

**MEN AND WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS:**

Will start back the week of Sunday, February 23rd. Rev. Vernon will lead the Sunday night group.

If you have been through one of the Men's groups and would be interested in leading the early morning weekday group, please let Sam know.

We are still working on details for the Women's group.

**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.

**COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES:**

If you would like for your college student to receive a Valentine box, we will need their correct mailing address in the church office by Monday, February 10.

Packages will be mailed on February 11 and items will be needed. Suggestions are individually wrapped packages of cookies, candy, snacks, homemade cookies, brownies, etc.



Week of **Jan. 19-25**  
2025



## Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

### Sunday, January 19:

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

### Monday, January 20:

*Church Office Closed for King Holiday*

### Tuesday, January 21:

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

### Wednesday, January 22:

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

### Thursday, January 23:

- 8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

### Friday, January 24:

- 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. Betty Hester
- Mr. Mark Lee
- Mrs. Lisa LeGette
- Mr. Jerome Martin**
- 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 19:** Brett Campbell
- January 20:** Asher Bentley, Jessica Lee
- January 22:** Marvin Goembel, Tate Hunziker
- January 23:** Brecken Sanders
- January 24:** Larry Cook
- January 25:** Peyton Bickford, Tony Sheffield

### AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 1/12/25

Weekly Needs . . . . .	\$8,853.00
Weekly Receipts . . . . .	\$2,445.00
Memorial/In Honor . . . . .	\$50.00
Missions . . . . .	\$00.00
Bucket Brigade . . . . .	\$179.95

### 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 19, 2025

**Traditional Informal – Chapel**

**8:00 am**

\*Scripture Lesson .....Joshua 6:1-5, 15-21  
Sermon .....Churches, Chains and Colds .....Rev. Vernon

**Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)**

**9:00 am**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)

Worship

Offering

Children’s Sermon

\*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 .....Joshua 6:1-5, 15-21

Sermon .....Churches, Chains and Colds .....Rev. 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:** **Nathan Hartsell** - *video*; **Hadley Rae Morgan** - *streaming*;

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY**

**NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE**

email: [abharrison1@hotmail.com](mailto:abharrison1@hotmail.com)  
text: 229-254-2546

Children’s Sermon: Celeste Vernon

Acolytes: Austin Kate Hudson and Levi Bundrick

Buckets: Judge Grave de Peralta and Josie Grave de Peralta

- Sunday Nights resume on Sunday, January 26!!

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**NEWS FROM...KELSEY**

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

- **JANUARY 19 -10:00 - 11:00 am** - Sunday School

Wednesday Night Activities Are Back In Full Swing.

- **FEBRUARY 14-17** - Snowbird Youth Winter Retreat  
- Second payment is due in January

- **MFUGE DEPOSIT** of \$75.00 is due in February

Any student who is interested in going to MFuge in June, please see Kelsey to sign up.

Sunday January 19, 2025

**Traditional Worship – Sanctuary (Livestream)**

**11:00 am**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY .....Mr. Ed Self  
*Devotion - Beck/Linker*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .....Rev. Sam Vernon

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH . . . .Modern Affirmation . . . . .No. 885

\*HYMN OF PRAISE . . . . .No. 127  
*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

OFFERTORY PRAYER . . . . .Rev. Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORY . . . . .Mr. Self  
*Folk-Song - Gibbs*

\*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER . . . . .Rev. Vernon

SPECIAL MUSIC . . . . .Mr. Moore  
*What cheer? Good cheer! - Warlock*

AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S WORD . . . . .Rev. Vernon

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

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON . . . . .Joshua 6:1-5, 15-21

SERMON . . . . .Churches, Chains and Colds . . . . .Rev. Vernon

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE . . . . .No. 402  
*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

\*BENEDICTION . . . . .Rev. Vernon

+POSTLUDE . . . . .Mr. Self  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow - Christiansen*

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

\* Please stand as you are able.

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**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](mailto: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. 22** \_\_\_\_\_ **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!*