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Worship God
Grow in Christ

Build Community
Bless the World



CAIRO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

(1867-2025) – Celebrating Our 158th Year

318 South Broad Street • Cairo, Georgia 39828-2717

Rev. Sam Vernon, Pastor

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 5, 6:00 pm

Ash Wednesday is significant for a number of reasons.

First it marks the beginning of Lent (more on that next week).

Second we observe Ash Wednesday with a special service. Other than Good Friday and All Saints Sunday, it is the most somber worship service of the year. It is the only day of the year you have the opportunity to receive an ashen cross on your forehead. The ashen cross is a sign of our repentance, a sign of identifying with Jesus and a sign of our desire to follow Him.

A third significant aspect of Ash Wednesday is the reminder to the Church and individual beliefs that not all worship experiences are designed to be upbeat and joyful. Ash Wednesday is about reflection and taking stock of our own mortality and our own spiritual health.

So then it is my prayer that you will be able to attend the Ash Wednesday service as we embark on another Lenten Season.



In Christ,

Sam

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the Church in loving memory of

MR. ROY JONES

By: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Almon
Wade Hunziker
Perkins Methodist Men

DR. ROBERT KRAL

By: Perkins Methodist Men

MRS. JANE WILKINSON

By: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Almon

LOOKING AHEAD:

February 17 - **Church Office Closed**

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

February 24 - **6:00 pm - Laity Council**

March 2 - **Bloodmobile on Site**

March 6 - **6:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Service**

PRESIDENT’S DAY (FEBRUARY 17):

The church office will be closed.

LAITY COUNCIL:

Will meet Monday, February 24, at 6:00 pm.

SPECIAL THANKS:

To the following for assisting with the college student Valentine boxes with contributions of food items, postage and/or packing: Jamie Allen, Karen Allen, Claire Chason, Debbie Godbehere, Diane Jones, Clair McCaskill, Jami Porter, Sonya Porter, Fran Sheffield, and Randy Wind.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

And plan to participate in the donation of blood on Sunday, March 3. The Bloodmobile will be in the church parking lot from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.

CHURCH-WIDE BOOK STUDY:
thru March 26
6:45 pm in the Chapel

Don't forget to pick up the weekly Discussion Questions on Sunday or Wednesday night before each Wednesday night study.

• **Schedule:**

Wed., Feb. 19 - Letters 10-12
Even if you do not have a book, you can still join us for Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:45 pm in the Chapel. We will provide run-off copies of Screw-tape Letters each week.

MEN AND WOMEN’S DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS:

- Groups start Sunday, February 23
- Sunday night 5:00 - 6:30 pm
- Sam Vernon and Stacey Morgan are leaders on Sunday nights
- Jarrett Harrison will lead Tuesday or Wednesday group at 6:30 am
- Sign up at front of Sanctuary or Wednesday night suppers.
- Let Sam, Jarrett Harrison or Stacey Morgan know you would like to be in their group or sign up at the worship services or just show up at the first meeting.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:

CFMC Preschool will begin registration for 3 and 4-year-old students on the following dates. Students must turn the age of the class by September 1st.

February 24th-February 28th: Early Registration for children whose parents are church members.

March 3rd-March 7th: Early Registration for children who are siblings of Preschool students and whose grandparents are church members.

March 10th – Open Registration
Please remember all spots are filled on a first come first serve basis. You may pick-up registration packets in the Preschool Office M-F, 7:30-1:00. Please see Ashlei Steele for further information.



Week of **Feb.16-22**
2025



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, February 16:

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

Monday, February 17:

Church Office Closed for President's Day

Tuesday, February 18:

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

Wednesday, February 19:

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

Thursday, February 20:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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Friday, February 21:

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
 Mr. Smiley Gale
 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)

RESIDENCE INN AT THE OAKS, THOMASVILLE, GA

Mrs. Marjorie Taylor

SOUTHERN PINES, THOMASVILLE, GA

Mrs. Doris Rehberg (Mother of Nell Owens)

PRESBYTERIAN HOME, QUITMAN, GA:

Mrs. Opal Prince

LA MESA, CA:

Ike & Charlene Powell



Birthday Greetings

February 16: Judy Cox, Shelley Fisher, Paige Groover, Herbert Wind

February 17: Mary Chason, Prentiss Mitchell

February 18: Jennifer Cook, Eleanor McKinnon, Mark Mitchell

February 19: Lauren Brown

February 21: Nicholas Fusco, Jeb Owens

February 22: Barbara Darus

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 2/9/25

Weekly Needs	\$8,853.00
Weekly Receipts	\$2,690.00
Memorial/In Honor	\$75.00
Missions	\$50.00
Bucket Brigade	\$111.37

BUCKET BRIGADE:

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

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

Sunday February 16, 2025

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

*SCRIPTURE LESSONPsalm 118:24-29
SERMONThis Is the Day the Lord Has MadeRev. Vernon

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)

WORSHIP

OFFERING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*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 118:24-29
SERMONThis Is the Day the Lord Has MadeRev. Vernon

* Please stand as you are able.

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

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

Tech: Nathan Hartsell - *video;*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

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

Children's Sermon: Celeste Vernon
Acolytes: Betts Harrison and Addie Clark
Buckets: Thatcher Burke and Brinson Hopkins

- No Sunday night activities this week!

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...KELSEY

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

- Wednesday night and Sunday night activities are back in full swing.
- **FEBRUARY 14-17** - Snowbird Youth Winter Retreat
Pray for a safe trip to and from our destination and that it will be a meaningful experience for our youth
- **MFUGE DEPOSIT** of \$75.00 is due in February
- **DISCIPLE NOW WEEKEND!** March 7-9 And \$35 Per Student.
- **MFUGE DATES: JUNE 16 – 21** Any student who is interested in going to MFuge in June, please see Kelsey to sign up.

Sunday February 16, 2025

Traditional Worship – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
Cantabile - Speed

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Sam Vernon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHKorean MethodistNo. 884

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 467
Trust and Obey

OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy - Haan

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERRev. Vernon

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
Grace Alone - Camp Kirkland

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.**

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SERMONThis Is the Day the Lord Has MadeRev. Vernon

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 672
God Be With You Till We Meet Again

*BENEDICTIONRev. Vernon

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Toccata-Chorale on "Slane" - 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: Ruth Sims; **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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CAIRO, GA 39828

STRAWBERRY SALE FOR WESLEY GLEN:

We are taking orders for flats of strawberries to be delivered on Friday, February 28. The flats are \$22.00 each.

This is a fund raising activity for the ministry of Wesley Glen.

Orders must be received by February 20 and must be paid for in advance of delivery (at time of order). Make checks to Wesley Glen Auxiliary.

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 FEB. 19 _____ **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 MorganContemporary 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!