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Worship God
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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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PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

In a spirit of transparency, we wanted you to know who is on your Pastoral Search Committee:

Chair: David McCurry

Joe Porter

Matt Sanders

Anne Richter

Dr. Ron Spooner

Debbie Godbehere

The process has just gotten underway and our Search Committee has begun receiving Pastor resumes from the Global Methodist Church. Keep in mind, the deadline for an individual church or a Pastor to declare a desire for a new Pastor or a new Church is the end of February so again we are early in the process. I would also ask you to remember that about 90% of what the Pastoral Search Committee discusses is confidential so if you ask them questions about what they are discussing, they probably will not be able to comment on it. With that said, let me address one of the most common questions we are already getting about the process.

How will the final decision on choosing our new Pastor be made?

So after reviewing Pastor resumes, our Search Committee then moves to in-person interviews and meetings. Once our Search Committee has locked in on their #1 candidate, they then make that recommendation to the full Staff Parish Committee. If Staff Parish votes to hire that person as our Pastor, two more things have to happen before it becomes official:

1. Pastoral Candidate has to agree to serve here.
2. Global Methodist Bishop of South Georgia Conference has to sign off on it.

We wanted you to know this is how our new denomination has asked us to handle it and that they came up with the process not us. I hope this is helpful. Please feel free to ask me any questions you have about the process and I will do my best to answer them.

In Christ,

Sam

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the Church in loving memory of

MR. ROY JONES

By: Carolyn Trawick

MRS. JANE WILKINSON

By: Marilyn Ricks
Carolyn Trawick

LOOKING AHEAD:

February 10- 7:00 pm -

Methodist Men

February 11 - 9:00 am -

**Pack Valentine Boxes
for College Students**

February 11 - 6:00 pm - Trustees

February 17 - Church Office Closed

February 20 - Order deadline for

**Wesley Glen Aux.
Strawberry Sales**

February 24 - 6:00 pm -

Laity Council

March 6 - 6:00 pm -

Ash Wednesday Service

METHODIST MEN'S GROUP:

Will meet Monday, February 10, at 7:00 pm. Contact Tommy Smith to make reservations for the meal.

PRESIDENT'S DAY (FEBRUARY 17):

The church office will be closed.

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.

STRAWBERRY SALE FOR WESLEY GLEN:

We are taking orders for flats of strawberries to be delivered on Friday, February 20. 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.

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. 5 - Letters 4-6

Wed., Feb. 12 - Letters 7-9

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.

TRUSTEES

Will meet Tuesday, February 11, at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

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.

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.

Boxes will be packed at 9:00 am on Tuesday, February 11, and mailed later that day. Food items will needed before 9:00 am that morning. Suggestions are individually wrapped packages of cookies, candy, snacks, homemade cookies, brownies, etc.



Week of **Feb.9-15**
2025



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, February 9:

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

Monday, February 10:

7:00 pm	Methodist Men
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Tuesday, February 11:

8:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
9:00 am	Pack Valentine Boxes
10:00 am	Ladies' Prayer Group
6:00 pm	Trustees

Wednesday, February 12:

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

Thursday, February 13:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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Friday, February 14:

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
 Mrs. Doris Rehberg (Mother of Nell Owens)
 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

PRESBYTERIAN HOME, QUITMAN, GA:

Mrs. Opal Prince

LA MESA, CA:

Ike & Charlene Powell



Birthday Greetings

February 10: Bill Harrell, Jr.

February 11: John Godbehre

February 12: Al Harrell, Daxton Johnson, Mark Lee

February 13: Carla Dunn, Samantha Page

February 14: Amelia Jones

February 15: Miller Kate Morgan, Carolyn Shelfer, Lawton Smith, Carley Whigham

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 2/2/25

Weekly Needs	\$8,853.00
Weekly Receipts	\$6,475.00
Memorial/In Honor	\$100.00
Missions	\$75.00
Bucket Brigade	\$59.18

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 9, 2025

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

*SCRIPTURE LESSON
SERMON 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
SERMON 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: Rebecca McKemie - *video*; Hadley Rae Morgan - *streaming*;

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

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

Children's Sermon: Stacey Morgan

Acolytes: Jensyn Drew Morgan and Austin Kate Hudson

Buckets: Jemma Hartsell and Livi Grave de Peralta

- See you Sunday night (2/9) at 5:00 p.m. for some SUPER fun!
- No Sunday night activities on February 16.

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...KELSEY

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

- **FEBRUARY 9 -10:00 - 11:00 am** - Sunday School

Wednesday night and Sunday night activities are back in full swing.

- **FEBRUARY 14-17** - Snowbird Youth Winter Retreat

- **SUPER BOWL PARTY - FEBRUARY 9, 5:45 - halftime.**

Bring a friend! Games, prizes, football, commercials,
food and fellowship at the Youth House!

- **MFUGE DEPOSIT** of \$75.00 is due by February 8

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

- **MFUGE DATES: JUNE 16 – 21**

Sunday February 9, 2025

Traditional Worship – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
The Peace May Be Exchanged from Rubrics - Locklair

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Sam Vernon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHModern AffirmationNo. 885

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 187
Rise, Shine, You People

OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Holy God, We Praise Your Name - Haan

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERRev. Vernon

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
Behold Now, Praise the Lord - Titcomb

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 LESSON

SERMONRev. Vernon

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 177
He Is Lord

*BENEDICTIONRev. Vernon

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Praeludium und Fuge - Lübeck

+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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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 FEB. 12 _____ **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!