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Worship God
Grow in Christ

Build Community
Bless the World



CAIRO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

(1867-2025) – Celebrating Our 158th Year

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Rev. Sam Vernon, Pastor

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THE ASHEN CROSS

Early Christians celebrated the first Ash Wednesday sometime around the Early Middle Ages. The Ashen Cross which clergy place on the foreheads of believers has been a central feature of Ash Wednesday services ever since they began. The Ash Wednesday service is used both in Catholic and Protestant churches. Our Methodist founder John Wesley made Ash Wednesday a staple of the Early Methodist worship calendar.



❖ What does the Ashen Cross represent? Three things:

- #1. Repentance
- #2. Recognizing our own mortality
- #3. A desire to be publically identified with Jesus

❖ When can I receive my Ashen Cross? Two separate times:

- #1. 6:00 - 9:00 am on Ash Wednesday. (March 5)
Rev. Vernon will be in the sanctuary. The whole process takes about 5 minutes. However, you are welcome to stay in the sanctuary as long as you want to pray, meditate and reflect.
- #2. 6:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Service (March 5)

❖ Can I participate in both Ashen Cross experiences? Yes

❖ Where should I enter Church?

For the morning crosses you can come in the main outside sanctuary door or the side door of the church by the elevator. For the Ash Wednesday Service, all entrances will be unlocked.

Ash Wednesday marks the official beginning of the Lenten season so it is my prayer that you will be able to participate either in the morning or the evening or both!

In Christ,

Sam

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The flowers on the altar today are placed there by Ms. Betty F. Jones and Mrs. Mildred J. Baxley in honor of **H. W. (Billy) and Mary Wind**

LOOKING AHEAD:

- February 24 - 6:00 pm - Laity Council
 - February 28 - Strawberry Delivery
 - March 2 - Bloodmobile on Site
 - March 3 - 6:00 pm - Wings
 - March 4 - 6:00 pm - Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper
 - March 5 - 6:00 – 9:00 am – Sanctuary, Ash Placement on Forehead
 - March 5 - 6:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Service (No Meal that night!)
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LAITY COUNCIL:

Will meet Monday, February 24, at 6:00 pm. We will vote on the future of the 8:00 am service. Remember all Church members are welcome at the Council meetings to come speak, ask a question or just sit and listen. Only Council members are allowed to vote.

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.

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. 26 - Letters 13-15
 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 STARTS TONIGHT:

- Groups start Sunday, February 23
 - Sunday night 5:00 - 6:30 pm
- It is not too late to join! However, if you cannot make the first meeting, you must let Sam, Stacey or Jarrett know.
- Sam Vernon and Stacey Morgan are leaders on Sunday nights
 - Jarrett Harrison will lead Tuesday group at 6:30 am
- Men's Groups:
 Sunday, 5:00 pm in small Fellowship Hall
 Tuesday, 6:30 am in Small Fellowship Hall
- Ladies' Group:
 Sunday, 5:00 pm in the Cephas SS classroom

BLOODMOBILE:

Will be in our parking lot on Sunday, March 2, from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Please visit the Bloodmobile that day and give the gift of life!

FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER:

On Tuesday, March 4, at 6:00 pm we will have a pancake supper instead of the regular Wednesday Church Night Supper. Everyone is invited to attend, but it is important that we know you are coming so the correct amount of food can be purchased. Your assistance with letting us know will be greatly appreciated.



Week of **Feb.23-March 1**
2025



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, February 23:

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
5:00 pm	Men's and Ladies' Disciple Groups

Monday, February 24:

6:00	Laity Council
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Tuesday, February 25:

6:30 am	Men's Disciple Group
8:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
10:00 am	Ladies' Prayer Group

Wednesday, February 26:

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

Thursday, February 27:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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Friday, February 28:

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 27: Everett Allen

March 1: Bo Harrell, David McCurry

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 2/16/25

Weekly Needs	\$8,853.00
Weekly Receipts	\$2,500.00
Memorial/In Honor	\$50.00
Missions	\$102.00
Bucket Brigade	\$70.97

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 23, 2025

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

*SCRIPTURE LESSONProverbs 17:17; 18:24; 27:17
SERMONIngredients for Spiritual MaturityRev. 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.**

*SCRIPTUREProverbs 17:17; 18:24; 27:17
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* 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: Reagan Hartsell and Alli Amaro
Buckets: Tilden Morgan and Amelia Jones

- Sunday Nights resume tonight - 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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.
- **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. Fuge deposit of \$75.00 is due in February.

Sunday February 23, 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 FAITHI TimothyNo. 889

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 164
Come My Way, My Truth, My Life

OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Antiphon - Wood

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERRev. Vernon

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
Give Me Jesus - arr. Robert Sterling

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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SERMONIngredients for Spiritual MaturityRev. Vernon

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 655
Fix Me, Jesus

*BENEDICTIONRev. Vernon

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Toccata on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" - Kerr

+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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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.

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. 26 _____ **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 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!