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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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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND (May 23 - 26)

Next weekend we observe Memorial Day on Monday, May 26th. While Memorial Day Weekend is celebrated by Teachers, Students and Parents, it is a much more somber occasion for our Military and their families.

Most of us will celebrate with time off, food, fireworks, sports and family. The freedom that we enjoy in this country is what makes all those celebrations possible. For Christians gratitude is important year round but during Memorial Day weekend,



(We) thank God for:

- **Our Nation's Judeo-Christian heritage**
- **Freedom to worship as we choose**
- **Freedom of speech**
- **The brilliance of our Founding Fathers in establishing our government with a system of checks and balances**
- **All our Military personnel (living or deceased) who served our country to protect us and our freedoms**
- **All the churches and organizations who help our veterans and their families: Wounded Warriors Project, Tunnel to Towers Foundation, Folds of Honor**

Please consider a donation to any or all of these groups.

So however you spend Memorial Day, say a prayer, or two or three, for our soldiers and their families; military families who have lost their loved one(s) in the military, and our military chaplains who serve around the world.

Proud to be an American; Proud of our US Military.

In Christ,

Sam

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MR. KENNETH GALE

By: Paige Groover

MRS. JUDY MARTINUCCI

By: Paige Groover

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Stafford

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

May 18 - **9:00 am - Honoring
our Seniors**

May 19 - **6:00 pm - Next
Laity Council
Meeting**

May 21 - **6:00 pm - Last CNS
until the fall**

June 1 - **Scholarship
Application
Deadline**

June 1 – 4 - **5:30 - 8:15 pm -VBS**

July 10 – 12 - **Global Methodist
Church Conference
at Epworth by the
Sea**

LAITY COUNCIL

Is scheduled to meet Monday, May 19, at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall

CHURCH NIGHT SUPPERS:

May 21 is our last supper until the fall. Please make your reservations by Monday noon, May 19.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

No 9:00 am worship service on May 25th. We will have worship at 8:00 am and 11:00 am. The Church office will be closed Monday, May 26th for Memorial Day.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Is scheduled for June 1 - 4, Sunday through Wednesday from 5:30 - 8:15 pm each night!

BAPTISM:

Reagan Hartsell was baptized at the 9:00 am worship service last Sunday.

PASTORAL TRANSITION DATES:

June 22 - Rev. Vernon's last Sunday

June 29 - Guest Preacher here at Cairo First

July 6 - Rev. Bill Baker's first Sunday at Cairo First

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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY:

If you would like a printed copy of the names, addresses of current church members, please contact the church office.

If you have not updated the church office with cell phone numbers and email addresses, now would be a great time to give us that information.

Contact the church office for any specifics about your listing.

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.

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 **May 18-24**
2025



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, May 18:

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

Monday, May 19:

7:00 pm	Laity Council
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Tuesday, May 20:

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

Wednesday, May 21:

6:00 pm	Meal
6:30 pm	Choir
6:30 pm	Activities

Thursday, May 22:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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Friday, May 23:

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

† Live streaming

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE:

Is June 1. Applications and transcripts are due then.

No applications will be accepted or considered after June 1.

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 5/11/25

Attendance108
Weekly Needs\$8,853.00
Weekly Receipts\$5,225.00
Memorial/In Honor\$50.00
Missions\$50.00
Bucket Brigade\$79.00

BUCKET BRIGADE:

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

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



Birthday Greetings

May 18: Josefina Grave De Peralta

May 21: Blair Davis,
Kathy Higginbotham

May 23: Kellie Bishop, Seth Stanaland

TALLAHASSEE, FL:

Mr. Prentiss Mitchell

OVIDO, FL:

Mr. Dale Helms

AT HOME:

Mr. Philip Almon

Mr. Ray Butler

Mr. David and Mrs. Catherine Elkins

Mrs. Betty Hester

Mrs. Lisa LeGette

Mr. Jerome Martin

Mr. Howell and Mrs. Eleanor McKinnon

Mrs. Faye Miller

Mr. Ross Sims

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:

Mrs. Diane Connell

Mrs. Mary Meill

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

Sunday May 18, 2025
GRADUATION SUNDAY

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

*SCRIPTURE LESSON
SERMONRev. Sam Vernon

What the World Would Say, What the Bible Would Say
and What I Would Say to My Younger Self

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)
*WORSHIP
*GRADUATE RECOGNITION
OFFERING
CHILDREN'S SERMON
*AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S WORDRev. Sam 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.**

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SERMONRev. Sam Vernon

What the World Would Say, What the Bible Would Say
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* Please stand as you are able.

THOSE WHO SERVE: 9:00 AM: SS Greeters/Ushers: Justin Amaro, Chad Allen;

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

Tech: Nathan Hartsell - video; Miller Kate Morgan - streaming;

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

- It's time to register for VBS!!! Visit cairofirst.myanswers.com/wonder-junction to register.
- We are in need of volunteers for VBS - June 1-4 from 5:30-8:15 p.m.
Please reach out to Adrienne if you are interested in helping!

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...KELSEY

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

- Sunday School, as normal.
- Sunday Nights will resume on Sunday, June 7.
- Wednesday Night be continuing until further notice.
- Planning a whitewater rafting trip July 11-13. We have one spot available.
\$80 for rafting is due ASAP. You may pay cash, or write a check to the Church.
- "Messy Games" afternoon during the summer TBD.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Easter V

Christian Color: Gold or White

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
Toccatina on "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" - Fedak

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Sam Vernon

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHRomans 8No. 887

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 195
Send Your Word

*OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Sam Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Guide My Feet - Williams

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYERRev. Sam Vernon

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
Let Us Love One Another - Shermano

*AFFIRMATION OF GOD’S WORDRev. Sam 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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What the World Would Say, What the Bible Would Say
and What I Would Say to My Younger Self

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 122
God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

*BENEDICTIONRev. Sam Vernon

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing - Ashdown

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

* Please stand as you are able.

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.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE:

Is June 1. Applications and transcripts are due then.

No applications will be accepted or considered after June 1.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

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 reservation, then reservations must be made by Monday noon in order that food can be purchased.

Week May 21____ Permanent ____

Name_____

No. of Adults_____@ 6.00/person

No. children (3-11) _____@ 4.00 /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!