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CAIRO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

(1867-2025) – Celebrating Our 158th Year

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Rev. Sam Vernon, Pastor

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📘 Cairo First Church ☎ Upper Room Prayer Line 1-800-251-2468

MEMORIAL DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



MEMORIAL DAY REMINDERS

- ★ No 9:00 am Contemporary Worship this Sunday
- ★ Patriotic Services at 8:00 am and 11:00 am
- ★ Church Office Closed Monday, May 26,
in observance of Memorial Day
- ★ Vacation Bible School starts Sunday June 1st at
5:30 - 8:15 pm Sunday through Wednesday
- ★ We still need Volunteers to help with VBS.
- ★ Please reach out to Adrienne Harrison if you can help:
Text 229-254-2546
- ★ You can still register your child for VBS
- ★ Visit cairofirst.myansers.com/wonder-junction

In Christ,

Sam

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MRS. JUDY MARTINUCCI

By: Paige Groover
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Stafford

MRS. LORETTA RAWLS

By: Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Martin

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

May 26 - **Church Office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day**

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**

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Aubrey Singletary, Ethan, and Evan McGhin upon graduation from Cairo High School

To Anna Belle Wilcox upon graduation from Brookwood

To Josh McCaskill upon graduation from Covenant College

To Fletcher Sheffield upon graduation from University of Georgia

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!

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.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First Church extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. James Cason and family in the death of her grandmother, **MRS. HAZEL HOOKS BURBRIDGE**.

MISSION DONATIONS:

The Missions Committee, in partnership with the Children's Department, is collecting monetary donations through June 1 to purchase items for VBS Mission Projects. These items will be distributed to local children, families in need, and residents of Grady Living.

A Missions Committee member will collect monetary donations during the Sunday School hour on June 1. Thank you for your support!

PASTOR APPRECIATION:

Sunday, June 22, will be the Vernons last Sunday at Cairo First Church. A reception will be held during the Sunday School time that day.

If you would like to make a donation for a love offering for the Vernons, please place your donation in an envelope marked 'Love Offering' and place in the offering plate or turn in to the church office before June 22.

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 25-31**
2025



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, May 25:

8:00 am	Early Worship
9:00 am	No Service Today
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	†Traditional Worship

Monday, May 26:

Have a Great Memorial Day
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27:

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

Wednesday, May 28:

6:30 pm	Choir
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Thursday, May 29:

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

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 - 5/18/25

Attendance119
Weekly Needs\$8,853.00
Weekly Receipts\$1,515.00
Memorial/In Honor\$50.00
Missions\$00.00
Bucket Brigade\$67.00

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.

TALLAHASSEE, FL:

Mr. Prentiss Mitchell

OVIEDO, FL:

Mr. Dale Helms

AT HOME:

Mr. Philip Almon

Mr. Ray Butler

Mrs. Diane Connell

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

Mrs. Arlene Spooner

Mr. Chuck Thomas

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. Mary Meill

MAGNOLIA PLACE:

Mrs. Joan Cassels

Mrs. Dot Moses James

Mrs. Wynnell 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

May 25: Walker Elchenko,

Guy Harrell, IV, Joye Sandefur

May 26: Liviana Grave De Peralta

May 27: Brenda Coy, Erin Jones

May 30: Chase Thomas

Sunday May 25, 2025

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

*SCRIPTURE LESSONRomans 8:28

SERMONHow Does God Feel About WarRev. Sam Vernon

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

NO 9:00 AM WORSHIP TODAY DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Memorial Day, as Americans have come to know it, began in the years immediately following the Civil War. But until World War II, most people knew it as "Decoration Day." It was a day to decorate with flowers and flags the graves of fallen soldiers and remember those who had given, as Lincoln beautifully said, "the last full measure of devotion" to defend their nation. It was a day to remember what the honored dead had died to defend.

A century and a half has passed since Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox, effectively ending a national nightmare that filled over 625,000 American graves with dead soldiers. Since then, other international nightmares have ravaged the world and put more than 650,000 additional Americans into war graves in Europe, North Africa, the Pacific Rim, Asia, and the Middle East.

Remembering Is for the Future

Memorial Day is an important national moment. It is a day to do more than barbeque. It is right and wise to remember the great price some have paid to preserve the historically unprecedented civil and religious freedoms we Americans have the luxury to take largely for granted.

But the importance of Memorial Day is more for our future than it is for our past. It is crucial that we remember the nightmares and why

they happened. We forget them at our own peril. The future of the United States depends in large amount on how well we collectively remember and cherish what liberty really is and the terror of tyranny. There is a high cost to forgetting. In the words of George Santayana's famous aphorism, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

A Memorial People

Christians, of all people, understand the crucial importance of remembering. Christians are "memorial people" because the whole of our faith depends upon remembering. Those who persevere into the glorious future are those who remember the gracious past.

That's why God has surrounded us with memorials. The entire Bible itself is a memorial. We meditate on it daily to remember. The Sabbath was a memorial to Israel's freedom from Egyptian slavery (Deuteronomy 5:15), and the church switched it to Sundays as a memorial to Christ's resurrection and our freedom from sin. Israel's great gathering feast days were memorials (Exodus 13:3). And now each time a local church gathers, each Lord's Supper celebration (1 Corinthians 11:24-26), each baptism, each Christmas celebration, and each Easter celebration is a memorial.

Remembering God's past grace is

necessary to fuel our faith in God's future grace for us.† This makes the memory one of God's most profound, mysterious, and merciful gifts granted to us. God designed it to be a means of preserving (persevering) grace for his people. We neglect it at our own peril.

The future of the church, globally and locally, and of each Christian depends largely on how well we remember the gospel of Jesus, all his precious and very great promises, and the successes and failures of church history. Scripture warns us that if we fail to remember, we will be condemned to submit again to sin's and hell's enslavement (Hebrews 6:4-8). Such warnings are graces to help us remember.

So as we commemorate Memorial Day as Americans, let us do it with profound gratitude for the extraordinary common grace given to us when men and women laid their lives down for the sake of America's survival. And let us remember the past evils that we may not repeat them in the future.

And as Christians, let us make every day, as long as it is called today, a memorial day (Hebrews 3:13). Let us "take care lest [we] forget the Lord" (Deuteronomy 6:12).

Let us "remember Jesus Christ" (2 Timothy 2:8).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

Children's Sermon: Adrienne Harrison

Acolytes:

Buckets:

- VBS is just a week away and we are still in need of volunteers and food! Please reach out to Adrienne to see how you can help

email: abharrison1@hotmail.com

text: 229-254-2546

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...KELSEY

- Sunday School, as normal.
- Sunday Nights will resume on Sunday, June 7.
- Wednesday Night 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.

email: westkelsey09@gmail.com

cell/text: (229) 413-3561

MEMORIAL DAY RECOGNITION

Easter VI

Christian Color: Gold or White

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
Passacaglia on Galilee - Frackenpohl

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Sam Vernon

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHPsalm 98No. 818

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 696
America the Beautiful

*OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Sam Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound - Williams

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYERRev. Sam Vernon

SPECIAL MUSICMr. Jeremy Moore
I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked - O’Hara

*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.**

*SCRIPTURE LESSONRomans 8:28

SERMONHow Does God Feel About WarRev. Sam Vernon

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 697
America

*BENEDICTIONRev. Sam Vernon

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Choral Song - Wesley

+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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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.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

All adult SS classes are now meeting. If you are not currently attending a Sunday School class, now is a good time to start. There are several options and you would be welcome to visit any or all of the classes

Burleigh Law: Mostly couples that have grown children and grandchildren.

Azalee Wight: Mostly couples, some retired, others still working. Various members rotate teaching

Pairs and Spares: Mixed group of singles and couples

New Hope: Adults (45+) with college age children

Cephas: Young Adults (30+) with young and teenage children

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*
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229-403-0428
912-230-6627

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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!