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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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## HOW FATHERS CHANGE

It is somewhat remarkable how our fathers change as we get older. Maybe you have felt differently about your father at different ages. Someone charted his or her feelings like this:

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 4 years:  | Daddy can do anything!                                      |
| 7 years:  | Daddy surely knows a lot.                                   |
| 10 years: | My Father doesn't know quite everything.                    |
| 12 years: | Oh well, he doesn't know anything about that.               |
| 15 years: | How can he be so old-fashioned?                             |
| 20 years: | I could never explain this to Dad. -He couldn't understand. |
| 25 years: | I didn't know Dad knew about that.                          |
| 30 years: | I wonder what Dad would do?                                 |
| 35 years: | You know, Dad may be right about that.                      |
| 40 years: | Before we decide, I'll get my Dad's opinion.                |
| 45 years: | What would Dad have thought about that?                     |
| 55 years: | My Father surely knew a whole lot.                          |
| 65 years: | I wish I could talk it over with my Father once more.       |

Thanks to all our Dads! Thanks to the greatest Father any of us could have – Our Heavenly Father.

### Happy Father's Day!

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry, "Abba Father."  
(Romans 8: 15)

In Christ,

*Sam*

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

The flowers on the altar today are placed there by her family in loving memory of

**MRS. PATRICIA (PAT) MANNY**

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

The pastor and members of Cairo First Church extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Chris James and family in the death of her mother, **MRS. RACHEL TILLEY.**

**MEMORIALS:**

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

**MRS. JUDY MARTINUCCI**

**MRS. LORETTA RAWLS**

By: Mrs. Marilyn Joyner

**MRS. DELIA A. WEST**

By: Peg Thomas

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**UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:**

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June 22 - **Reception for the Vernons during SS hour**

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June 29 - **Bloodmobile will be in the Church Parking Lot**

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July 4 - **Church Office Closed**

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July 6 - **Rev. Bill Baker's First Sunday**

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

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**PASTORAL TRANSITION DATES:**

Sunday, June 22 - Rev. Vernons last Sunday

Wed., June 25 - Vernons move out

Sunday, June 29 - Rev. C. J. Harp preaches

Sunday, June 29 - No 8:00 am Worship

Monday, June 30 - Bakers move in

Sunday, July 6 - Dr. Bill Baker's first Sunday

**REV. C. J. HARP TO PREACH JUNE 29**

C.J. has been the Methodist Campus Minister at Valdosta State University for almost 15 years. We look forward to hearing him at both the 9:00 am and 11:00 am worship services. No 8:00 am service that day.

**LOVE OFFERING FOR THE VERNONS:**

To show our gratitude for their service, the Church is taking up a Love Offering for Sam and Celeste. This gift will be presented to them on their last Sunday with us June 22nd.

**RECEPTION FOR THE VERNONS:**

Sunday, June 22nd, during the Sunday School hour, a "Going Away" reception for the Vernons will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

**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.

**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



Week of **June 15-21**  
**2025**



## Remember in Prayer

**OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)**

### Sunday, June 15:

|                 |                             |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>8:00 am</b>  | <b>Early Worship</b>        |
| <b>9:00 am</b>  | <b>Contemporary Worship</b> |
| 10:00 am        | Sunday School               |
| <b>11:00 am</b> | <b>Traditional Worship</b>  |

### Monday, June 16:

*No Activities*

### Tuesday, June 17:

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

### Wednesday, June 18:

*No Activities*

### Thursday, June 19:

|         |                          |
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| 8:30 am | Service on CNS Channel 6 |
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### Friday, June 20:

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

✝ **Live streaming**

## NO LAITY COUNCIL MEETING IN JUNE:

The next meeting will be July 28, at 6:00 pm

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

The Bloodmobile will be in the church parking lot on Sunday, June 29, during church time, 8:00 am until noon. Make this a priority and give the gift of life!

## AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 6/8/25

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Attendance .....        | 97         |
| Weekly Needs .....      | \$8,853.00 |
| Weekly Receipts .....   | \$4,135.00 |
| Memorial/In Honor ..... | \$10.00    |
| Missions .....          | \$50.00    |
| Bucket Brigade .....    | \$63.00    |

## BUCKET BRIGADE:

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

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 (1915 W County Road, 419 Apt 102 Oviedo, FL 32766)

### MAYO, JACKSONVILLE, FL

Rev. Stuart Owens (Son of Jeb/Nell Owens)

### AT HOME:

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

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. 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

**June 15:** Kristin Lee, Kacey Oliver, Alea Simmons

**June 17:** Reagan Hartsell

**June 18:** Keri Hartsell, Billy Hester

**June 20:** Seth Higginbotham, Clair McCaskill

Sunday June 15, 2025

## FATHER'S DAY

### *Traditional Informal – Chapel*

8:00 am

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON .....Genesis 2:15-25 (Pew Bible Page 2)  
SERMON .....Rev. Sam Vernon  
The Fatherhood of God as Revealed in the Creation Story

### *Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)*

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)  
\*WORSHIP  
OFFERING  
CHILDREN'S SERMON  
\*AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S WORD .....Rev. 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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\* Please stand as you are able.

**THOSE WHO SERVE: 9:00 AM:** SS Greeters/Ushers: Tony Sheffield, Joe Porter;

**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: Adrienne Harrison  
Acolytes: Nolan Duncan and Griffin Carter  
Buckets: Colson Duncan and Reed Carter

Thanks to everyone who helped make VBS a huge success! So many of you spent hours praying, shopping, decorating, cooking, ministering to our kids, showing up to do whatever was needed. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

- Next up: Camp Victory for our 2nd-5th graders.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### NEWS FROM...KELSEY

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

- Sunday School, as normal.
- Stay tuned and look out for group texts from Kelsey about meeting Wednesday nights
- Whitewater rafting trip July 11 - 13 to the Nantahala in NC.
- \$80 for rafting and \$115 hotel is due ASAP (\$195 total) You may pay cash or write a check to the church.
- Please fill out the waiver form via the link that has been sent in the group message.

Sunday June 15, 2025

Combined Worship – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

FATHER'S DAY

Trinity Sunday

Christian Color: White

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY .....Mr. Ed Self  
*Italian Hymn - Travis*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .....Rev. Sam Vernon

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....The Apostles Creed .....No. 881

\*HYMN OF PRAISE .....No. 144  
*This Is My Father's World*

OFFERTORY PRAYER .....Rev. Sam Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORY .....Mr. Self  
*Siciliano - Stanley*

\*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER .....Rev. Sam Vernon

HYMN OF REFLECTION .....No. 92  
*For the Beauty of the Earth*

\*AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S WORD .....Rev. 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 LESSON .....Genesis 2:15-25 (Pew Bible Page 2)

SERMON .....Rev. Sam Vernon  
**The Fatherhood of God as Revealed in the Creation Story**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE .....No. 103  
*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

\*BENEDICTION .....Rev. Sam Vernon

+POSTLUDE .....Mr. Self  
*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing - Brunner*

+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:** Beverly Cliett, Anne Richter; **Ushers:** Chuck Tyler, Larry Cliett

## 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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Thank you to everyone who served during VBS - Whether you prayed for us, brought food, decorated, volunteered and cheered us on, we APPRECIATE YOU!!

## 2025 VBS Volunteers:

Jamie Allen, Brandy Avery, Lynn Branch, Adam Burke, Sadie Burke, Gretchen Cantley, Allison Carter, Claire Chason, Adam Clark, Sarah Clark, Jennifer Cook, Robyn Duncan, Miriam Funderburk, Debbie Godbehere, Ellie Harrison, Keri Hartsell, Keri Hopkins, Cassie Hudson, Diane Jones, Erin Jones, Hope Jones, Miller Kate Morgan, Clair McCaskill, Josh McCaskill, Matt McCaskill, Nancy McClenny, John McClenny, Brian Morgan, Stacey Morgan, Nell Owens, Jami Porter, Hadley Rae Morgan, Breanna Sanders, Christie Sanders, Fran Sheffield, Tommy Smith, Debra Smith, Carrie Stanaland, Seth Stanaland, Bert Stoddard, Frances Thrower, Celeste Tyler, Kelsey West

## 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.

## 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!*