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Our Day of Worship Together!

Sunday, December 17

- 8:15 a.m. *Early Worship in Chapel*
- 8:55 a.m. *Contemporary Service in Sanctuary*
- 9:45 a.m. *Sunday School*
- 11:00 a.m. *Traditional Worship in Sanctuary*
- 6:00 p.m. *Christmas Cantata*



CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Chancel Choir

and

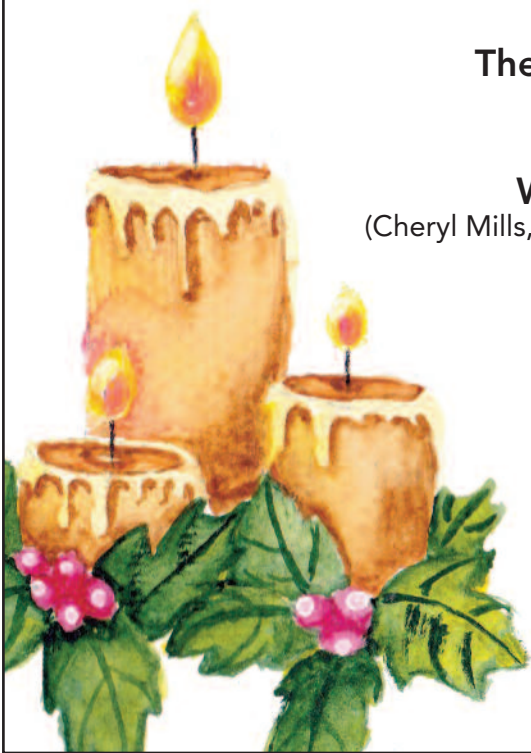
Women's Trio

(Cheryl Mills, Whitney Scanling, Lise Will)

will present a

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

6:00 pm, Sunday Night,
December 17, 2017



We look forward to our time together!

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The flowers on the altar throughout Advent are placed there by Mrs. Sakiko Collins in loving memory of

MR. JAMES COLLINS

ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR:

The rosebud on the altar today is to announce the arrival of **Henry David (Hank) Harrison** born December 5, 2017 to bless the home of Hannah and Judd Harrison, Thomasville, GA. Proud grandparents are Bob and Ginny LeGette and proud great-grandmother is Lequita LeGette.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First UMC extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **MR. PAUL B. RODDENBERY**; to Mrs. Suela Gainous and family in the death of her mother, **MRS. BETTY JEAN GOLDEN GOODSON**, Tallahassee, FL.

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of:

MR. JIMMY RICKS

By: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Giddens
Mrs. Carolyn Trawick

MRS. ELAINE J. VANNATTA

MR. MALCOLM WILLIAMS

By: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Giddens

FLOWER CALENDAR:

The 2018 flower calendar can be found on the bulletin board across from Rev. Byram's office. If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please sign up on the flower calendar. Two arrangements are needed.

BUDGET REQUEST FOR 2018

Work area chairpersons are asked to turn in their request for the 2018 budget to the church office by December 22.

Only use **Words That Give Grace.**

Only make **Comments That Build Up.**

Paul's challenge to the Ephesian Christians reminds us that with every word we speak or write, as *the living body of Christ on earth*, we are changing the world. May we change it for the better by lifting people up and leaving them better than we found them.



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

AT HOME:

Mr. Bob Anderson of Debra Smith)
Mrs. Bonnie McMillan Mrs. Betty Jones
(mother of Keri Hopkins) Dr. Bob Kral
Mr. Henry Andrews Mrs. Pat Manny
Mrs. Carolyn Brown Mrs. Sally Miller
Mrs. Zena Brown Mr. Billy Rathel
Mr. Keith Campbell Mrs. Betty Rawls
Mr. & Mrs. A.B. Clark Miss Aubrey Walden
Mrs. Nan Crawford (granddaughter of
Mrs. Minnie Jenkins Rodney, Cindy Turner)
(Sisters of Sally Miller) Marilyn Wright,
Mr. Craig Cutchens Gerald Anderson,
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Gainous Cecil Gibbs - Michelle
Mr. Smiley Gale Thornton's family
Mrs. Jeanette Gandy members
Mrs. Gail Godwin Mr. Alan Young
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hopkins
Mr. Lynn Johnson (father)

BAINBRIDGE, GA:

Mrs. Eunice Chason (Mother of Annette Andrews)

GAINSVILLE, GA:

Mr. Steve Dupree

TALLAHASSEE, FL:

Mrs. Marjorie Blair (Mother of Debbie Davis)

MD ANDERSON:

Mrs. Deborah Hudson (Step-Mother of Robert Hudson)

The Church and its ministries, the Church Staff and all Church members.

New Additions in **Bold**

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED

LIVING RESIDENTS:

MAGNOLIA PLACE:

Mrs. Martha Hawthorn (Mother of Kenneth Hawthorne)

Mrs. Helen Williams

BAINBRIDGE, GA: Mr. Ronald Hall

CAMELLIA GARDENS:

Mrs. Frankie Strickland

REMINGTON HEIGHTS, OMAHA, NE:

Mrs. Jane Wilkinson

DISCOVERY VILLAGES, SUWANNEE, GA:

Mrs. LaVonne Childers

CARLYLE PLACE, MACON, GA:

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Skinner

ST. PETERS, MO: Mrs. Joyce VanLandingham



**Week of
Dec. 17-Dec. 23
2017**

Sunday, December 17:

- * 8:15 am Early Worship in Chapel
- * 8:55 am Contemporary Worship
- * 9:30 am Fellowship Time
- * 9:45 am Sunday School
- * 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- * 6:00 pm Christmas Cantata

Monday, December 18:

- 9:30 am Ladies' Sewing Group
- 10:00 am Chair Yoga
- 11:00 am Mat Yoga
- 7:00 pm CHS Choral Concert

Tuesday, December 19:

- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study
- 8:15-11:15 am Help Agency Outreach @ the Church of Grady County
- 10:00 am Ladies' Prayer Group

Wednesday, December 20:

No activities

Thursday, December 21:

- 8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6
- 8:15-11:15 am Help Agency Outreach @ the Church of Grady County

Friday, December 22:

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

*Nursery for children, birth thru three.

MUSIC REHEARSALS:

Bell rehearsals will resume January 10th, 2018. Chancel Choir rehearsals will resume January 17th, 2018.

MILITARY:

Please remember our members of the military.

John Godbehere, Josh Ballroe, Nathan Greene, Dr. Brian Gray, Joe Davis, James and Brittany Ragan



Birthdays

December 17: Calla Collins, Crystal Ford

December 18: Dale Helms

December 19: Nick Trull, Marielle Youmans

December 20: Miriam Funderburk, Charles Giddens, Maxwell Jowers, David Reckford

December 21: Brittany Myers

December 22: Tara Thomas

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 12/10/17

8:15 am Worship16
8:55 am Worship66
11:00 am Worship116
Weekly Receipts\$14,596.00
Weekly Needed\$12,387.00
Received to Date - Op\$407,738.75
Designated\$325.00
Bucket Brigade\$92.92
Gift of Gratitude

We are in the fourth quarter of the year. Is your giving to the Church up to date?

2017 GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

As you know, throughout 2017 our church is celebrating its 150th anniversary. The estimated costs of the customary happenings associated with such a celebration is \$15,000. Beyond our regular "General Fund" tithes and offerings, we are all invited to prayerfully consider making an additional gift toward our 150th celebration. Thank you.

2017 & 2018 Gifts of Gratitude Goal:	\$15,000.00
2017 YTD Gifts of Gratitude:	\$13,293.00
YTD Difference:	\$1,707.00

BUCKET BRIGADE:

Offerings for December will go to The Help Agency.

OUR VISITORS, DEC. 10, 2017:

(Registered) Savanna Reaves.

CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA:

The Chancel Choir and Women's Trio (Cheryl Mills, Whitney Scanling, Lise Will) will present a "FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS" at 6:00, Sunday night, December 17. Featured will be guest artist, Jamie Gossett, Harpist and the Women's Trio in the Britten "Ceremony of Carols". Make your holiday plans now to attend this candlelight celebration.

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer. *Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...JODI

email: jdforgione@gmail.com
text: 229.263.1350

We had a good turn out for the cookie decorating. We decorated over 50 cookies and they were delivered to Grady EMS, Cairo Police Department, and Cairo Fire Department. Thanks to the families who delivered the cookies Sunday after church.



YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...KYLE

email: kyle.fordpro.parker@gmail.com
text: 229.220.3225



We had a wonderful turn out for cake auction. Thanks to all who baked cakes, and to all of you who purchased one. Through your support and generosity we were able to raise \$2525!

BUDS TO BLOSSOMS:

Don't forget to donate to the Buds to Blossoms Annual Youth Christmas Project. Checks should be made out to CFUMC and marked "Youth Christmas Project". Please contact Alea Simmons at (229) 327-6131 if you have any questions.

Alea Simmons

WELCOME TO WORSHIP - DECEMBER 17, 2017

Chapel

Informal Traditional

8:15

THE ADVENT REFLECTIONLighting of the Candles

THE SCRIPTURE READINGRev. Whit Byram
Isaiah 35:1-10 (Pew Bible, Page 508)

THE MESSAGE“The Light of Holiness”Rev. Byram

Sanctuary

Contemporary

8:55

ACOLYTESAubrey Singletary and Abby McCaskill

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CHILDREN'S SERMONMrs. Cheryl Mills

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THOSE WHO SERVE: 8:55 AM

8:55 SS Greeters: Cephas SS Class; **8:55 Ushers:** Ronnie Cox and Mike Mills

Praise Band: Kyle Parker (leader and vocals), Chris Parker (vocals), Jeremy Thomas (bass guitar), and Brendan Forrest (percussion and keyboard); **Tech:** Max White

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CAIRO FIRST

December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

Christian Color: Purple

Sanctuary

Traditional Worship

11:00

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Whit Byram

THE PRELUDEMr. Ed Self and Mrs. Megan Lokey
Angels We Have Heard on High - Woodall

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLESAubrey Singletary and Abby McCaskill

THE ADVENT READINGThe Hopkins Family

People: Merciful God, we give thanks that you send messengers like John to call us to greater faith. We ask that in these days we prepare for you in prayer and acts of holy compassion. Forgive us and lead us to your light. Amen.

*THE RESPONSE *Come, O Christ, the Light!*Congregation

People (sing): *Shine on us, O God of justice;
Guide our path through gloom of night;
Bear within us Wisdom's glory;
Come to us, O Christ, the Light.*

*THE HYMN OF ADVENTNo. 240
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITHThe Apostles' CreedNo. 881

*THE RESPONSE*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (v. 1)*No. 206

*THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

THE ANTHEMChancel Choir
Angels, We Have Heard on High - arr. Martin

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYERDr. Ed Lyon

*THE HYMN OF ADVENTNo. 236
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

THE OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Byram

THE OFFERTORYMr. Self
There's a Song in the Air - Held

*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTSNo. 95

THE SOLOMr. Alan Young
An Irish Christmas Blessing - Getty

THE SCRIPTURE READINGRev. Byram
Isaiah 35:1-10 (Pew Bible, Page 508)

THE SERMON*"The Light of Holiness"*Rev. Byram

THE PRAYER OF RESPONSENo. 570

*THE HYMN OF HOPENo. 171
There's Something About That Name

*THE BENEDICTIONRev. Byram

*THE POSTLUDEHandbell Choir
O Come, All Ye Faithful - Smith

THOSE WHO SERVE: 11:00 AM

Greeters: Carroll Hopkins, Chuck Tyler

Bulletin: Sherley, Sonny Marshall

Ushers: Jim Rinker

SS Greeters: Cephas SS Class

Altar Guild: Barbara Barrineau, Judy Martinucci

* Please stand as you are able.

^ Please come forward at this time if you wish to unite with this Christian fellowship. The doors are always open for those desiring to become members.

Please sign the attendance register.



Notices/Events

SMALL GROUPS:

If you are interested in a small group, you can contact the church or Carol Lehman at 377-5361 or clehman@windstream.net

TWO YOGA CLASSES:

Chair Yoga will continue every Monday at 10:00 am in the fellowship class. This is a great way for beginners to start doing yoga.

A mat yoga class will follow at 11:00 am. Wear comfortable clothing.

BOOK CLUB:

Is currently reading *Christmas at Grey Sage* by Phyllis Clark Nichols and will meet to discuss it on January 7 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Sunday School classroom.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:

Will meet Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 10 am in the Pairs and Spares Sunday School classroom. You are welcome to attend.

LOST AND FOUND:

A pair of glasses and an earring were found following Sunday's worship service. If you have lost either of these items, please call the church office, 377-3051.

CHURCH HISTORY AVAILABLE

1867-2017 Church history timeline is now on the church website under the category Ministries.

CHURCH NIGHT SUPPERS:

Please make reservations for the meals by calling the church office or filling out the form below and placing in the offering plate even if you have had reservations in previous years. Permanent reservations must be honored unless cancelled by noon on Tuesday. Family charge is \$13.00 for those living within the household.

_____ 1/10/18 _____ Permanent

Name _____

_____ No. of Adults _____ No. of Children (3-11)

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Directory

Rev. Whit Byram *Pastor*
Mrs. Ruth Sims *Adm. Assistant*
Mrs. Jamie Allen . . . *Preschool Director*
Mr. Kyle Parker . . . *Director - Contemporary
Worship, Youth, & Family Ministries*
Mrs. Jodi Kindred . . *Children's Director*
Dr. Ed Lyon *Minister of Music*
Mr. Ed Self *Organist*
Mrs. Megan Lokey *Pianist*
Church Office 229-377-3051
Emergency Number . . . 229-377-1017

EMAILS: When sending emails to the church office, please use one of the following addresses:

adm.cairofum@syrupcity.net
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!