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Worship God
Grow in Christ



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Bless the World

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The Meaning of the Advent Wreath and Candles

This Sunday is the second of four in Advent. What exactly do the Advent wreath and candles mean?

The Advent wreath, four candles on a wreath of evergreen, is shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of God. In some churches, four purple candles, one for each week in Advent, are used with one larger white candle in the middle as the Christ candle. Other churches prefer three purple or blue candles with one candle being rose or pink, to represent joy.

While the Advent wreath with its four candles did bring light to churches, it was not to illuminate the interior as much as to symbolize and to anticipate the second coming of Christ in final victory. The Advent wreath began in the time of the Protestant reformer Martin Luther.

During each Sunday of the Advent season, we focus on one of the four blessings Jesus brings us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Others consider the lighting of the first candle to symbolize expectation, while the second symbolizes hope, the third joy and the fourth purity. The Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day reminding Christians that Jesus is the light of the world and that we are to be the light of heaven on earth. The order and exact wording varies among churches, but the wreath continually reminds us of whom we are called to be as followers of Jesus.

Blessings to you, your family, and our church family during Advent 2017.



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

GRADY GENERAL:

Mrs. Frankie Strickland

AT HOME:

Mr. Bob Anderson	Mr. Lynn Johnson (father of Debra Smith)
Mrs. Bonnie McMillan (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 (granddaughter of Rodney, Cindy Turner)
Mrs. Nan Crawford	Marilyn Wright, Gerald Anderson, Cecil Gibbs - Michelle Thornton's family members
Mrs. Minnie Jenkins (Sisters of Sally Miller)	Mr. Alan Young
Mr. Craig Cutchens	
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Gainous	
Mrs. Jeanette Gandy	
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hopkins	

BAINBRIDGE, GA:

Mrs. Eunice Chason (Mother of Annette Andrews)

NEW ORLEANS, LA:

Mrs. Gail Godwin

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. Betty Jones

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

ALTAR FLOWERS:

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

MR. JAMES COLLINS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First UMC extend their deepest sympathy to Ms. Marilyn Ricks and family in the death of her brother, **MR. JIMMY RICKS**, Valdosta, GA.; to Rev. and Mrs. Whit Byram and family in the death of her grandfather, **MR. MALCOLM WILLIAMS**, Savannah, GA

MEMORIALS:

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

MRS. FRANCES MARSHALL

MRS. ELAINE JACKSON

VANNATTA

By: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Almon

MR. LUKE OLIVER

MR. ROBERT L. SELLERS, JR.

MR. JOHN B. WIGHT, JR.

By: Mrs. Emelynn Odum

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.

PERKINS UMMEN:

Will meet Monday, December 11, at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. This will be ladies' night so members can invite their spouses/friends. Reservations must be made for the meal so please contact Dale Helms or Billy Wind.

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.



Week of
Dec. 10-Dec. 16
2017

Sunday, December 10:

- * 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

Monday, December 11:

- 9:30 am Ladies' Sewing Group
- 10:00 am Chair Yoga
- 11:00 am Mat Yoga
- 7:00 pm Perkins UMMen Ladies' Night

Tuesday, December 12:

- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 am Ladies' Prayer Group
- 11:20 am XYZ at First Baptist

Wednesday, December 13:

- * 5:50 pm Meal
- * 6:30 pm Age Level Activities
- * 7:15 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 14:

- 8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6
 - 6:30 pm Preschool Christmas Program
- Fellowship Hall Reserved*

Friday, December 15:

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

*Nursery for children, birth thru three.

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 10: Carolyn Trawick

December 12: Becky Hopkins

December 13: Tad David, Carroll Hopkins, Kathy McClelland, Sonny Jack Stoddard

December 14: Ryan Andrews, Payne Singletary

December 16: Bob Jones, Charlee Oliver, Laverne Whigham, Sheliah Young

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 12/3/17

8:15 am Worship16
8:55 am Worship74
11:00 am Worship105
Weekly Receipts\$29,575.00
Weekly Needed\$12,387.00
Received to Date - Op\$393,143.75
Designated\$380.00
Bucket Brigade\$113.00
Gift of Gratitude\$150.00

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.

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



The children will be singing Christmas songs Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm, so please be at Wednesday night practices. The kids are also making Christmas cookies this Sunday the 10th, and we'll deliver them to the local Fire Department, EMS police station as an appreciation for what they do



YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...KYLE

email: kyle.fordpro.parker@gmail.com
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Thanks to all who helped make our Youth Progressive Dinner such a success! Mrs. Karen Allen, Chad and Jamie Allen, Jami Porter, Fran and Tony Sheffield, Whit and Katy Byram.... I'm sure I'm missing some but a sincere thank you! 15 youth were present to be with one another and just be youth and remember what this time of year means.

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". The Youth will be giving toiletry items and wrapping gifts on December 15th. Please contact Alea Simmons at (229) 327-6131 if you have any questions.

Alea Simmons

WELCOME TO WORSHIP - DECEMBER 10, 2017

Chapel

Informal Traditional

8:15

- THE ADVENT REFLECTIONLighting of the Candles
- THE SCRIPTURE READINGRev. Whit Byram
Isaiah 11:1-10 (Pew Bible, Page 492)
- THE MESSAGE "The Light of Peace"Rev. Byram

Sanctuary

Contemporary

8:55

- ACOLYTESMcCartney Bell and Finn Bell
- THE ADVENT REFLECTIONLighting of the Candles
- CHILDREN'S SERMONMr. Kyle Parker
- THE SCRIPTURE READINGRev. Whit Byram
Isaiah 11:1-10 (Pew Bible, Page 492)
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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 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Christian Color: Purple

Sanctuary

Traditional Worship

11:00

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Whit Byram

THE PRELUDEHandbell Choir
Sing We Now of Christmas - arr. Tucker

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLESMcCartney Bell and Finn Bell

THE ADVENT READINGThe Zondlo Family

People: Saving God, look upon your world and heal both your land and your people. Prepare us to be changed. This Advent, teach us to be tender and just, as you are. 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. 220
Angels from the Realms of Glory

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITHThe United Church of CanadaNo. 883

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

*THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

THE ANTHEMChancel Choir
O Holy Night - Martin

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

*THE HYMN OF ADVENTNo. 224
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

THE OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Byram

THE OFFERTORYHandbell Choir
The Blessed Angels Sing - Helman

*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTSNo. 95

THE SCRIPTURE READINGRev. Byram
Isaiah 11:1-10 (Pew Bible, Page 492)

THE SERMON“The Light of Peace”Rev. Byram

THE PRAYER OF RESPONSENo. 570

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

*THE BENEDICTIONRev. Byram

*THE POSTLUDEHandbell Choir
Adeste Fideles - arr. Dobrinski

THOSE WHO SERVE: 11:00 AM

Greeters: Carroll Hopkins, Kenneth Gale

Bulletin: Larry & Beverly Cliett

Ushers: Billy Wind

SS Greeters: Cephas SS Class

Altar Guild: Charlene Powell, Anne Richter

* 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.

_____ 12/13/17 _____ 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*
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Emergency Number . . . 229-377-1017

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

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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!