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CAIRO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

(1867-2025) – Celebrating Our 158th Year

318 South Broad Street • Cairo, Georgia 39828-2717

Dr. Bill Baker, Pastor

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WELCOME REV. DR. BILL AND MRS. AMY BAKER

Today we welcome our newly appointed Global Methodist Pastor and his wife, Amy, to Cairo First Methodist Church and to the community of Cairo, Georgia.

Dr. Baker received his Bachelor of Arts Christianity Degree from Mercer University, Macon, Georgia; his Master of Arts Biblical Studies Degree from Regent University, Virginia Beach, Virginia; and his Doctor of Ministry Degree from SMU Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas.

The Bakers come to Cairo from Vidalia, Georgia where he served as Pastor of Grace Vidalia Global Methodist Church. He served as pastor of Faith Community UMC, Broussard, Louisiana; High Point Church, Macon, Georgia; and Montpelier UMC, Milledgeville, Georgia. He has also served as Director of the GSCU Wesley Foundation, Milledgeville, Georgia and Director of University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Wesley United Campus Ministry at Lafayette, Louisiana.

We are excited to have Dr. and Mrs. Baker in Cairo and look forward to being in ministry with them.

WELCOME TO CAIRO, GEORGIA!

AND TO CAIRO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First Church extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **MR. PRENTISS R. MITCHELL**

To Mr. James Thomas and family in the death of his sister, **MRS. MARY JACKSON.**

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MR. PRENTISS R. MITCHELL

By: Judge Claire Chason and
Mr. Al Harrell
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cliett
Bill, Allison, & William Harrell
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Porter
Monteen Stewart
Mattox Ward

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

July 4 - **Church Office Closed**

July 6 - **One service at 11:00 a.m.**
Rev. Bill Baker's
first Sunday

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

July 13 - **All three services**
- Reception for
the Bakers during the
SS hours

CHOIR PRACTICE

The Chancel Choir is on its annual summer break, but its members will sing at the 11:00 am worship service on July 13 as the Church continues to welcome Dr. Bill Baker to the pulpit.

Choir practice will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 6:30 pm.

Anyone interested in joining the choir is welcome to attend.

SERMON SYNOPSIS:

In the kingdom of God values are often opposite that of the world we live in. Here at Independence Day for our country, while certainly a good thing, it reminds us as Christians that our goal is not to be independent, but rather completely dependent on God.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are placed there by the Charles Stafford family in loving memory of Hayden, Carter and Taylor Helquist.

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

NEXT LAITY COUNCIL MEETING:

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

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



Week of **July 6-12**
2025

Sunday, July 6:

NO 8:00 am Worship

NO 9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Combined Worship

Monday, July 7:

No Activities

Tuesday, July 8:

8:00 am Men's Prayer Group

10:00 am Ladies' Prayer Group

Wednesday, July 9:

No Activities

Thursday, July 10:

8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

6:30 am Choir Rehearsal

Friday, July 11:

2:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

9:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

† **Live streaming**

NEW ADDRESS:

If you would like to send them a card or drop by to see them,

The new address for the Vernons is:

854 Lakeshore Drive

Cordele, GA 31015

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 6/29/25

Attendance101

Weekly Needs\$8,853.00

Weekly Receipts\$2,015.00

Memorial/In Honor\$425.00

Missions\$50.00

Bucket Brigade\$59.67

BUCKET BRIGADE:

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

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



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

JACKSONVILLE, FL

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

ARCHBOLD / GRADY GENERAL:

Mrs. Faye Miller

AT HOME:

Mrs. Louise Anderson

Mr. Ray Butler

Mr. David and Mrs. Catherine Elkins

Mrs. Betty Hester

Mrs. Lisa LeGette

Mr. Jerome Martin

Mr. Howell and Mrs. Eleanor McKinnon

Mr. Ross Sims

Mrs. Arlene Spooner

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

7730 Saranac Place #11, Le Mesa, CA 91942

OVIEDO, FL:

Mr. Dale Helms

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



Birthday Greetings

July 6: Chloe Lee, Noah White

July 7: Chas Funderburk

July 8: Scott Eason

July 10: Brian Chason, Heather Womble

July 11: Charles Perkins,
Fletcher Sheffield

Sunday July 6, 2025

NO 8:00 AM WORSHIP TODAY

NO 9:00 AM WORSHIP TODAY

Everyone is encouraged to attend the combined worship service at 11:00 am

* 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: Will Bundrick - video;

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

email: abharrison1@hotmail.com
text: 229-254-2546

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

Children's Sermon:

Acolytes:

Buckets:

- Sunday Nights will resume - Sunday, September 7 at 5:00 p.m.
- Third Grade Bible Presentation - Nov. 2 during the 9:00 service.

Promotion Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks: Sunday, August 3

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

NEWS FROM...KELSEY

- 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 July 6, 2025

Combined Worship – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

Pentecost IV / Independence Sunday

Christian Color: White

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
God of Our Fathers - Kerr

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSMr. David McCurry

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PASTOR

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHApostles' CreedNo. 881

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 696
America the Beautiful

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Psalm 23 - Jordan

*DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERDr. Baker

PATRIOTIC VIDEOThe Morgans

*SCRIPTUREProverbs 3:5-6; John 15:5

SERMONDependence DayDr. Baker

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 697
America

*BENEDICTIONDr. Baker

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Ode to Joy, from "Symphony No. 9" - Mozart

+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: Ruth Sims; **Ushers:** Chuck Tyler, Larry Cliett

COMMUNION OFFERING:

The offering left on the communion railing is used for those in need within the community.

Thank you for your donation for this ministry.



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.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED
318 S. BROAD STREET
CAIRO, GA 39828

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.

Directory

- Bill Baker*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
 478-550-4782

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!