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Worship God
Grow in Christ

Build Community
Bless the World



CAIRO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

(1867-2025) – Celebrating Our 158th Year

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I wonder if we gave a survey and asked people why they think Jesus came to earth, what most people would say?

I'm sure the answers would vary greatly, but there would probably be a fairly common response, something like, *"Jesus came to bring peace on earth"*. Now this seems obviously true and ultimately it is, but in the shorter term, according to Jesus' own words in our scripture today, it is not true. *"Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!"* - Luke 12:51

This may be shocking, the Prince of Peace Himself claims to that He has come to bring division! And yet what He means is something more than mere divisiveness.

In another place He calls Himself a rock of offense and a stumbling stone. What Jesus means is that in His Kingdom, one must make a choice. One cannot live for the things of this world and also for His Kingdom. You have to choose and the choosing will create divisions within ourselves and between people.

Some will choose to follow Jesus, some will choose the things of this world instead, others will deny that a choice need be made. But the fire has been ignited and for those whose hearts are on fire, they can never deny the truth. Jesus came to set a fire on the earth and He did! May it burn brightly in us all!

*In Christ,
Dr. Baker*

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First Church extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **MR. DALE HELMS**; to Mrs. Sara Jane Cannon and family in the death of her daughter-in-law, **MRS. TOMMY (WENDY SUZANN) JONES**, Cleveland, GA.; to the family and friends of **MRS. RON (ARLENE) SPOONER**.

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MR. DALE HELMS

- By: Mr. & Mrs. Chad Allen
- Mr. & Mrs. Philip Almon
- Mr. & Mrs. Doug Branch
- Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cliett
- Mr. Wade Hunziker
- Bobby & Linda Drew Johnson
- Mr. & Mrs. Jeb Owens
- Monteen Stewart
- Katherine Stoddard
- Mrs. Carolyn Trawick
- Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wood

MR. RANDY HOLTON

- By: Bobby & Linda Drew Johnson

MR. PRENTISS R. MITCHELL

- By: Bobby & Linda Drew Johnson
- Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wood

MRS. ARLENE SPOONER

- By: Mr. & Mrs. Chad Allen
- Mr. & Mrs. Philip Almon
- Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cliett
- Mr. Wade Hunziker
- Bobby & Linda Drew Johnson
- Mr. & Mrs. Jeb Owens
- Mr. & Mrs. Charles Stafford
- Katherine Stoddard
- Mrs. Carolyn Trawick

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

- August 24 - **9:00 am - Infant Baptism**
- August 25 - **6:00 pm - Laity Council**
- August 29 - **1:00 pm - Memorial Service for Mr. Dale Helms**
- September 1 - **Church Office Closed**

MISSION SPECIAL OFFERING REQUEST:

The Missions Committee is asking for monetary donations for the relief efforts in Texas. Fourteen counties have been affected and three Global Methodist Churches were destroyed. Monetary donations will help house the numerous people affected by the flooding.

The bucket brigade offering for the month of August will go to the mission.

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.

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. Please include your telephone number and current mailing address.

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 **Aug 17-23**
2025



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, August 17:

- 8:00 am Early Worship
- 9:00 am** † Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am** † Traditional Worship
- 4:00 pm District Meeting at Thomasville

Monday, August 18:

No Activities

Tuesday, August 19:

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

Wednesday, August 20:

- 5:30 pm Scholarship Committee
- 6:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 21:

- 8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

Friday, August 22:

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

† Live streaming

JACKSONVILLE, FL

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

ARCHBOLD:

Mr. Jan Redrupp

AT HOME:

- Mr. Phillip Almon
- Mrs. Louise Anderson
- Mr. Ray Butler
- Mr. Keith Campbell
- 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
- 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

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 8/10/25

Attendance	136
Weekly Needs	\$8,853.00
Weekly Receipts	\$6,545.00
Memorial/In Honor	\$900.00
Missions	\$125.00
Bucket Brigade	\$108.21

BUCKET BRIGADE:

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

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



Birthday Greetings

August 18: Sandra Clark

August 19: Diane Bishop, Wade Hunziker

August 20: Judy Whitfield

August 21: Cate Hopkins, Diane Jones

August 23: Charles Manny, Dave Perkins,
Macy Thrower

Sunday August 17, 2025

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 12:49-56 (Pew Bible Page 738)

SERMON Igniting a Fire Rev. Bill Baker

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)

*WORSHIP

OFFERING

CHILDREN’S SERMON Stacey Morgan

SCRIPTURE Luke 12:49-56 (Pew Bible Page 738)

SERMON Igniting a Fire Dr. Bill Baker

* Please stand as you are able.

THOSE WHO SERVE: 9:00 AM: SS Greeters/Ushers: Bradley Jones, Matt Duncan;

Worship Team: Brian Morgan - vocals, guitar; Stacey Morgan - vocals, keys; Miller Kate Morgan - bass; Joe Porter - cajon;

Tech: Rebecca McKemie - video; Kelsey West - streaming;

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

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

Children’s Sermon: Stacey Morgan

Acolytes: Carroll Hopkins and Cate Hopkins

Buckets: Brinson Hopkins and Brecken Sanders

- Sunday Nights will resume - Sunday, September 7 at 5:00 p.m.
- Acolyte Training - Sunday, September 7 during Sunday School (2nd-5th grade)
- Third Grade Bible Presentation - Nov 2 during the 9:00 service.

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...KELSEY

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

- Sunday School as normal
- Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with youth on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, or Wednesday nights, please let Kelsey know!

Sunday August 17, 2025

Traditional Worship – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

Pentecost X

Christian Color: Green

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
He Keeps Me Singing - Martin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSDr. Bill Baker

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHThe Apostles CreedNo. 881

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 529
How Firm A Foundation

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
"Adagio" from Clarinet Concerto - Mozart/Lloyd

*DOXOLOGYNo. 95

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERDr. Baker

SPECIAL MUSICOrgan and Piano Duet
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty - arr. Marianne Kim
Mr. Ed Self and Mr. Jeremy Moore

SCRIPTURELuke 12:49-56 (Pew Bible Page 738)

SERMONIgniting a FireDr. Baker

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 526
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*BENEDICTIONDr. Baker

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Trumpet Tune - Stanley

+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: Miriam Funderburk, Frances Thrower; **Ushers:** Chuck Tyler, Larry Cliett

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Summer time is a time of changes. So if you have moved or planning a move, please update the church office with your new mailing address.

This will be most helpful!

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.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS
WILL RESUME**

On Wednesday, September 3, at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

Please make your reservations for the meal by calling the church, sending a text to 229-403-0428, email to adm.cairofum@syрупcity.net or filling out the form below.

Let us know if your child or children would prefer a hotdog.

If you do not have a permanent reservation, then reservations must be made by Monday noon in order that food can be purchased.

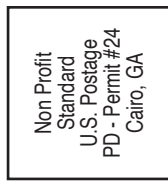
Permanent reservations must be honored unless cancelled by Tuesday noon.

Week Sept. 3 _____ **Permanent** _____

Name _____

No. of Adults _____ @ 6.00/person

No. children (3-11) _____ @ 4.00 /person



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318 S. BROAD STREET
CAIRO, GA 39828

Directory

- Bill BakerPastor
 - Ruth SimsAdm. Assistant
 - Adrienne Harrison ..Children’s Director
 - Kelsey WestYouth Director
 - Jeremy MooreMusic Director
 - Ed SelfOrganist
 - Brian and Stacey Morgan
.....Contemporary Worship Leaders
 - Ashlei Steele ...Preschool Director
 - Church Office229-377-3051
 - Parsonage229-216-3014
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- 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@syрупcity.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!