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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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The Radical Middle

It has been said that the Narrow Way of Christianity has two steep declines on each side that can lead the believer astray. Too far to the right or the left will take you off course.

At first the path seems right, but soon, either way, you are heading downhill fast. On the left side people can get so focused on caring for people that they forget that God is Holy. They can begin to excuse and ignore sin in the name of love.

On the right side folks can become so focused on sin and law they forget about God's mercy and forgiveness. They only see judgement and forget that Jesus died on the cross so that mercy can triumph over judgement.

This is the trap the Pharisees had fallen into in our scripture today. They were so focused on obeying the Law, they had forgotten that the purpose of the Law was so people could have a relationship with God. They had made obedience to the Law a religion unto itself, which is never what God intended. They took something that was supposed to help people get closer to God and used it to make it impossible for anyone but a privileged few to make it.

And Jesus was setting the record straight. If we aren't careful, we can do the same as the Pharisees or the left-leaning Sadducees. Let's stay in the Radical Middle of that Straight Narrow Way. Love and obey God with all of our hearts, while at the same time loving people right where they are. Offer Jesus's love, give them our hearts, let people know we care. At the same time never compromise the Word of God. That's the Radical Middle. Sounds like Jesus.

Dr. Baker

Fifth Sunday Joint Worship,
Sunday, August 31, at 10:30 am. Sunday School at 9:30 am

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First Church extend their deepest sympathy to Dr. Ron Spooner and family in the death of his twin brother, **MR. ROBERT (BOB) SPOONER**, Havana, FL.

NEW MEMBERS:

We welcome Mrs. Amy Baker and Ms. Leigh Bickford as the newest members of our family of faith. Amy comes by transfer of her membership from the Grace Vidalia Global Methodist Church, Vidalia, GA. Leigh is transferring her membership back from Porterfield Methodist Church.

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MR. DALE HELMS

By: Mrs. Judy Cox
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Giddens
Mr. Charles Manny
Mr. & Mrs. Julian Rawls
Marilyn Ricks
Peg Thomas

MRS. WENDY JONES

By: Peg Thomas

MR. PRENTISS R. MITCHELL

By: Louise Bethay
Margaret Carmosino

MRS. ARLENE SPOONER

By: Mr. & Mrs. Doug Branch
Mr. Robert Burns
Sarah Coker
Mrs. Judy Cox
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Giddens
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Lehman
Jeanette S. Mann
Mr. Charles Manny
Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Martin
Mr. & Mrs. Charlie McBee
Mr. & Mrs. David McCurry
Marilyn Ricks
Terry Solana
Southern Insurance Employees
Peg Thomas

LAITY COUNCIL:

Is scheduled to meet Monday, August 25, at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

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

August 31 - 10:30 am - Joint
Worship Service

September 1 - Church Office Closed

September 8 - 6:00 pm - WinGS at
the Parsonage

September 8 - 7:00 pm -
Methodist Men

FIFTH SUNDAY JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE:

Will be Sunday, August 31, at 10:30 am in the sanctuary. We look forward to everyone being together.

If the adult SS classes choose to meet, they would need to meet at 9:30 am.

OFFERINGS:

If you wish to get credit for taxes on your donations to the church, please place any cash in an envelope with your name so that the donation can be posted to our records.

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.

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.



Week of **Aug 24-30**
2025



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, August 24:

8:00 am Early Worship

9:00 am † **Contemporary Worship**

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am † **Traditional Worship**

5:00 pm Youth

Monday, August 25:

6:00 pm Laity Council

Tuesday, August 26:

8:00 am Men's Prayer Group

10:00 am Ladies' Prayer Group

Wednesday, August 27:

6:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 28:

8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

Friday, August 29:

2:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

9:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

† **Live streaming**

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.

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 8/17/25

Attendance	136
Weekly Needs	\$8,853.00
Weekly Receipts	\$18,875.00
Memorial/In Honor	\$1,020.00
Missions	\$2,000.00
Bucket Brigade	\$206.20

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.

JACKSONVILLE, FL

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

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. Wynnell 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



Birthday Greetings

August 24: Irven Singletary

August 25: Sage Kimmel

August 26: Corbin Knight

August 27: Rebecca Davis, Jeff Jolly,
Diane Rudd

August 28: Nolan Duncan, Trey Kimmel
Will Porter

August 29: Carole Oates

August 30: Larry Cliett, Fletcher Knight

Sunday August 24, 2025

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

SCRIPTURE LESSONLuke 13:10-17 (Pew Bible Page 738)

SERMONThe Radical MiddleRev. Bill Baker

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)

*WORSHIP

INFANT BAPTISM OF SMITH DUTTON KIMMEL

OFFERING

CHILDREN'S SERMONStacey Morgan

SCRIPTURELuke 13:10-17 (Pew Bible Page 738)

SERMONThe Radical MiddleDr. 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; Hadley Rae Morgan - cajon;

Tech: Nathan Hartsell - video; _ - streaming;

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

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

Children's Sermon: Adrienne Harrison

Acolytes: Betts Harrison and Reagan Hartsell

Buckets: Reed Carter and Ameila Jones

- 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 every Sunday morning at 10:00 am
- Youth Sunday night has started back! It's 5:00 – 6:00 pm each Sunday evening
- Wednesday nights will resume after Labor Day when suppers begin
- Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with youth on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, or Wednesday nights, please let Kelsey know!

Pentecost XI

Christian Color: Green

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
His Eye is on the Sparrow - Varner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSDr. Bill Baker

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHThe Apostles CreedNo. 881

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 591
Rescue the Perishing

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Whispering Hope - Callahan

*DOXOLOGYNo. 95

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYERDr. Baker

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
Hymn of Promise - Natalie Sleeth

SCRIPTURELuke 13:10-17 (Pew Bible Page 738)

SERMONThe Radical MiddleDr. Baker

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 572
Pass It On

*BENEDICTIONDr. Baker

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
And Can It Be - Page

+After the Benediction, you are dismissed
or feel free to remain in the sanctuary and enjoy the Postlude

* Please stand as you are able.

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@syrupcity.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

Emergency Numbers .229-377-1017
229-403-0428
478-550-4782

Parsonage229-216-3014

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!