

THE BULLETIN

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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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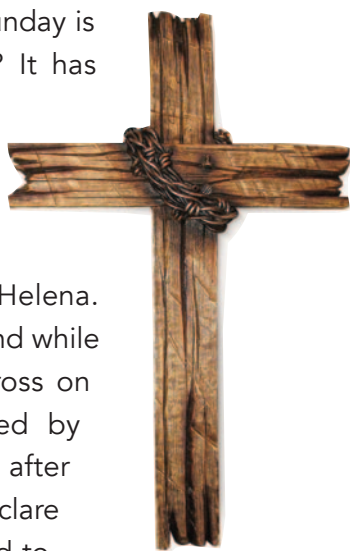
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HOLY CROSS SUNDAY

According to the Christian Calendar this Sunday is Holy Cross Sunday. What is that, you ask? It has become a day in which we focus on the cross itself and in a sense, celebrate it as the means of our salvation.



It began centuries ago with the mother of Emperor Constantine, now known as St. Helena. She went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and while there, it is said she discovered the True Cross on which Jesus was crucified. This was tested by bringing a sick person to touch the cross, after which they recovered, bringing Helena to declare that this was the true cross. This discovery led to a celebration which became an annual event that continues to this day. Of course, no one can know whether it was or wasn't the actual cross, and it doesn't matter.

For us, we know there was an actual Cross on which Jesus laid down His life for us so that we might have life and joy to the fullest. He bore that Holy Cross as He bore our sins. That instrument of torture and death became the instrument of our salvation.

This is how Chris Tomlin could pen the lyrics "Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross, Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live". It's how Paul says in Gal. 6:14, "But as for me, may I never boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." As we observe Holy Cross Sunday, let's remember what Jesus has done for us on the cross and lift Him up in worship for the world to see!

*In His love,
Dr. Baker*

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First Methodist Church extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Wood Montgomery and family in the death of her brother, **MR. JOEL C. ULMER**; To Mrs. Nancy McClenney and family in the death of her mother, **MRS. EMMA JEAN BELL**; to the family and friends of **MRS. EMELYNN CARLISLE ODUM**; to the family and friends of **MR. GEORGE NEWMAN**; to the family and friends of **MR. KENNETH CHASON**.

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MR. ROBERT (BOB) SPOONER

By: Mr. & Mrs. David McCurry
Peg Thomas
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert W. Wind

MRS. ARLENE SPOONER

By: Mr. & Mrs. Herbert W. Wind

MRS. MARY H. CAIN WADDELL

By: Friends

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

September 15 - **6:00 pm** -
Nominations Committee

September 17 - **6:00 pm** -
CNS Supper

September 21 - **Bloodmobile in
Parking Lot**

September 22 - **Preschool Donut
Fundraiser Pickup
begins at 7:45 am in
church parking lot.
Place orders by
September 19.**

September 29 - **6:00 pm** -
Laity Council

November 2 - **4:00 pm** -
Charge Conference

NEW YOUNG ADULT SS CLASS:

Will begin at 10:00 am on Sunday, September 7. There is a nursery for babies and SS for children.

OFFERINGS:

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

There are small envelopes on the back of the pews for this purpose.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

The Chancel Choir will begin practicing for the Christmas Cantata on Wednesday, September 17, at 6:30 pm.

Practice will continue each Wednesday night for 45 minutes each week. Everyone is invited to participate.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

The Bloodmobile will be at the church parking lot on Sunday, September 21 from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Please give the gift of life. You never know when you or someone you love will need blood.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

If you would be willing to volunteer in the children's or youth activities, please contact Adrienne Harrison or Kelsey West.

Safe Sanctuary training is a requirement, but they will be glad to assist you with anything that needs to be done

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

Will meet Monday, September 15, at 6:00 pm.

Charge Conference will be held November 2 so the leaders for 2026 will need to be secured before then.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER - SEPTEMBER 22:

The preschool is taking orders for donuts to be picked up beginning at 7:45 am on Monday,

September 22. Cost is \$15.00 a dozen for glazed, \$16.00 a dozen for chocolate covered.

Contact the preschool or the church office to place your order.



Week of **Sept. 14-20**
2025



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, September 14:

8:00	Early Worship
9:00	† Contemporary Worship
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	† Combined Worship
5:00 pm	Children Activities Youth Activities

Monday, September 15:

6:00 pm	Committee on Nominations
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Tuesday, September 16:

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

Wednesday, September 17:

5:00 pm	Handbells
6:00 pm	Meal
6:30 pm	Activities
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 18:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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Friday, September 19:

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

† Live streaming

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 - 9/7/25

Attendance	91
Weekly Needs	\$8,853.00
Weekly Receipts	\$7,085.00
Memorial/In Honor	\$360.00
Missions	\$25.00
Bucket Brigade	\$187.00

BUCKET BRIGADE:

The Bucket brigade offerings (loose change in buckets) goes to mission projects that the church sponsors throughout the year. The offering for **September** 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.



Birthday Greetings

September 14: Judy Fusco

September 15: Matt Harrison

September 16: Katherine Stoddard

September 17: Beverly Cliett

September 19: Dick Porter

September 20: Diane Singletary

Sunday September 14, 2025

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 3:13-17; John 12:32 (Pew Bible Page 752, 762)

SERMON If I Be Lifted Up Rev. Bill Baker

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)

*WORSHIP

OFFERING

CHILDREN'S SERMON Stacey Morgan

*SCRIPTURE John 3:13-17; John 12:32 (Pew Bible Page 752, 762)

SERMON If I Be Lifted Up 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; Hadley Rae Morgan - 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: Austin Kate Hudson and Ella Jones

Buckets: Brecken Sanders and Brinson Hopkins

- Sunday Nights will resume - Sunday, September 7 at 5:00 p.m.
- Trunk-or-Treat - Sunday, October 26 5:00-6:30 p.m. If you are interested in doing a trunk, please contact Adrienne!
- 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

- Youth Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10:00 am
- Youth Sunday Activities night from 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- Wednesday night youth group now back in! Dinner at 6:00 pm and youth 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Reservations must be made for the meal by Monday noon.
- Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with youth on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, or Wednesday nights, please let Kelsey know!

Sunday September 14, 2025

Traditional Worship – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

Pentecost XIV

Holy Cross Sunday

Christian Color: Red

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
Idyll - WOLFORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSDr. Bill Baker

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHOn-screen
The Definition of Chalcedon from the new GMC BoDD Sect. 105, #3

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 359
Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Plaintive Air - Lyon

*DOXOLOGYNo. 95

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERDr. Baker

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
Walk in the Way of the Lord - Butler

*AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S WORD
This is God's Word. I believe I am who He says I am,
I have what He says I have, and I can do what He says I can do.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON ... John 3:13-17; John 12:32 (Pew Bible Page 752, 762)

SERMONIf I Be Lifted UpDr. Baker

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 504
The Old Rugged Cross

*BENEDICTIONDr. Baker

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Variations on the Hymn Tune "Lancashire" - Matthews

+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: Beverly Cliett, Anne Richter; **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.

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.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

On Wednesday, September 17, 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. 17_____ Permanent _____

Name_____

No. of Adults_____ @ 6.00/person

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



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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*
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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!