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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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Starting Little Fires



Once upon a time it was reported that there was a cow in a stall. It was early in the morning and dark so a lantern was lit to light the stall as the cow was being milked. The cow belonged to a certain Mrs. O'Leary and the story goes that when she took the bucket to empty it, the cow somehow knocked over the lantern, causing it to ignite the hay on the floor of the barn making a very small fire, but one which spread to the wall of the building and caught it on fire, which quickly spread to the next building and the next and resulted in the Great Chicago Fire. This story was eventually proven false and Mrs. O'Leary and her cow were fully vindicated, but it does make a point.

A very small fire can go a very long way. So what's my point? If Revival is coming, let's light small fires. In other words, let's get busy doing what we can to spread the gospel, to build the Kingdom, to do the work of ministry, however we do that to give God something to work with. Just trying is better than not trying. In our scripture today, Isaiah sees the Lord and says, "Here I am, send me!" This is an attitude God can work with! You may think you don't have much to give, that maybe you don't have worthy gifts or talents, but your attitude of willingness may be the most important thing! Remember the little boy who gave his very small lunch to Jesus? It sure wasn't much, but his giving attitude allowed Jesus to multiply it to feed 5,000, one of the greatest miracles in the Bible! It was very small, but when God touched it, it went very far!

Do what you can, whatever that is! Pray with people wherever you feel led to do so. Give a word of encouragement. Start a Bible study. Call someone who is sick. Visit someone who is depressed or lonely. Tell a neighbor about the goodness of Jesus in your life. Light small fires for God. When He touches them, they may roar into Revival fires! Who knows? Light a fire!

*In His Love,
Dr. Baker*

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MRS. JOAN CASSELS

By: Mrs. Diane Jones

MR. GEORGE KESLER

By: Pat and Amelia Hart
Paige and Rick Hawks
Maggie Hart

MRS. MARGUERITE MCCURRY

By: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Almon
Judge Claire Chason & Al Harrell
Mrs. Diane Jones
Peg Thomas

METHODIST MEN

Will meet Monday, October 13, at 6:00 pm. Please note the change in the meeting time!

Contact Tommy Smith to make reservations for the meal.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Will meet Tuesday, October 14, at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

We will observe Veterans Day on Sunday, November 9. If you served in the military and did not give us your information, please do so.

We need your name, branch of service, rank and where you served. Thanks for this so we can update our records.

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

October 13 - 6:00 pm -
Methodist Men

October 19 - 4:00 pm -
Violin Concert

October 26 - 5:00 pm -
Trunk or Treat

October 27 - 6:00 pm - Laity Council

November 2 - All Saints Day
Observance

November 2 - 4:00 pm -
Charge Conference

November 9 - Veterans Day
Observance

November 22 - WinGS Bazaar

December 3 - 6:45 pm -
Christmas Cantata

VIOLIN CONCERT

On Sunday afternoon, October 19, at 4:00 pm, a violin concert will be presented by Miss Stacey Sharpe in our sanctuary. Piano accompaniment will be provided by Mr. Galen Dean Peiskee.

Ms. Sharpe is a doctoral student at FSU and has performed with numerous orchestras. She worked with local violin students in the spring at Roddenberry Memorial Library as a part of the Grady County Arts Project. You are invited to attend the free concert here at the church and encouraged to invite your friends and neighbors to attend as well.

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.

WINGS

Will be collecting items for their "curated" thrift sale at the annual Bazaar on November 22. We are looking for gently used treasures versus throw away items. Collection Sundays will be announced shortly, or you can contact Clair McCaskill or another Wings member.

Members also have tickets for BBQ plates for \$10.00 each. Contact the church office or see a member of the WINGS group.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

The Chancel Choir has begun practicing for the Christmas Cantata on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

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

NEW YOUNG ADULT SS CLASS

Has begun at 10:00 am on Sunday. The class will meet in the last room on the right down the hallway from the Chapel in the fellowship hall. There is a nursery for babies and SS for children.



Week of **OCT. 12-18**
2025



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, October 12:

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

Monday, October 13:

6:00	Methodist Men
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Tuesday, October 14:

8:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
10:00 am	Ladies' Prayer Group
5:30 pm	Finance Committee

Wednesday, October 15:

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

Thursday, October 16:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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Friday, October 17:

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

† Live streaming

ARCHBOLD:

Mrs. Wendy Miller

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
Mrs. Donnis Ward

MAGNOLIA PLACE:

Mrs. Dot Moses James
Mr. Freddy Lyle
Mrs. Nell 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

October 13: Cassie Hudson, Jordan McAtter, Jason McGhin, Cynthia Nickerson

October 14: David Hopkins, Austin Kate Hudson

October 16: Jensyn Drew Morgan

October 17: Gretchen Cantley, Betsy Hunziker, Matt Sanders, Dick Youmans

October 18: Don Nickerson, Susan Prince

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 10/5/25

Attendance121
Weekly Needs\$8,853.00
Weekly Receipts\$8,115.00
Memorial/In Honor\$315.00
Missions\$25.00
Bucket Brigade\$81.69

BUCKET BRIGADE:

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

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

Sunday October 12, 2025

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

SCRIPTURE LESSONIsaiah 6:1-8 (Pew Bible Page 487)

SERMONStarting Little FiresRev. Bill Baker

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)

*WORSHIP

OFFERING

CHILDREN'S SERMONStacey Morgan

SCRIPTUREIsaiah 6:1-8 (Pew Bible Page 487)

SERMONStarting Little FiresDr. 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 and Reagan Hartsell - video; Kelsey West - streaming;

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

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

Children's Sermon: Stacey Morgan

Buckets: Theo Stoddard and Judge Grave de Peralta

- No Sunday Night activities this week. Enjoy fall break!
- 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

- Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10:00 am
- Youth Sunday activities from 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- Wednesday nights youth group now back in! Dinner at 6:00 pm and youth 6:30-7:30 pm.

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

Sunday October 12, 2025

Traditional Worship – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

Pentecost XVIII

Christian Color: Green

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling - Fedak

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSDr. Bill Baker

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHApostles' CreedNo. 881

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 569
We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Jesus, Thou Divine Companion - Hegarty

*DOXOLOGYNo. 95

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERDr. Baker

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
Lord, Here Am I - John Ness Beck

*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.

*SCRIPTUREIsaiah 6:1-8 (Pew Bible Page 487)

SERMONStarting Little FiresDr. Baker

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 571
Go, Make of All Disciples

*BENEDICTIONDr. Baker

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
God of Grace and God of Glory - Held

+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: Karen Bishop, Diane Jones; **Ushers:** Chuck Tyler, Larry Cliett

THE SPRC ANNOUNCES
That CFMC is hiring a Part-time Children's Minister. If you are interested in applying for the position, please contact the Church Office and submit a Resume by Oct. 26th.

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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.

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.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS
WILL RESUME**

On Wednesday, October 15, 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 Oct. 15_____ **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 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

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!