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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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One of the benefits I get as Pastor of CFMC is that often as I'm in my office studying, I get to hear Ed practicing on the pipe organ for Sunday. One day as I was listening, I recognized a tune I had not heard for quite some time that brought back a flood of memories. As it often happened, hymn writers sometimes borrowed familiar tunes of the times and different hymns sometimes have the same or similar tunes and this was the case in this instance. I had known the song as "I Will Arise and Go To Jesus". It had been a favorite of a mentoring mine and became one of mine as well.



The words of the chorus are beautiful and meaningful:

*I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me with His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
O, there are 10,000 charms*

The language is old, colloquial even, but deeply moving. The tune is slow and haunting, and is called the Southern Harmony in the Hymnbook. It is a soulful, heart stirring melody. I used to sing the hymn to my children as a lullaby when they were babies.

Ever since that afternoon a couple of weeks ago I have been singing that hymn and it has been so good for my soul. No matter what happens in life, no matter the pain we encounter, no matter what people do, no matter what happens, Jesus is there. Instead of wallowing in sorrow or self pity, let us instead arise and go to Jesus. Let Him embrace us in His arms and allow Him to envelope us in His amazing love and presence. In the arms of our dear Savior there certainly are all the charms we need to heal us, mend our brokenness and restore our souls.

We are going to sing this hymn today (340), it goes well with the text, and I hope you find it a song that stays in your heart too. Maybe it will become one of your favorites

*In His Love,
Dr. Baker*

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First Church extend their deepest sympathy to Monteen Stewart and family in the death of her brother, **MR. JOHNNY STEWART**, Avah, FL.

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MRS. JOAN CASSELS

MR. DALE HELMS

MR. GEORGE KESLER

MRS. MARGUERITE MCCURRY

MRS. ARLENE SPOONER

By: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Bishop

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. **A form and box is located on the table in the downstairs hallway across from the pastor's office.** Thanks for this so we can update our records.

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

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

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.

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.

Items can be dropped off in the New Hope Sunday School class or contact Clair McCaskill.

We, along with the missions team, will be collecting coats for an upcoming coat drive. So if you have coats that are not being used, we would appreciate your donations.

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

SHOE BOX MINISTRY:

If you would like to donate a box (or two) for the Lifeline Ministries Shoebox ministry, a list of suggested items to include can be found at the church along with instructions. Boxes will need to be turned in by November 21.

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.

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.



Week of **OCT. 26-Nov. 1**
2025



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, October 26:

8:00 am	Early Worship
9:00 am	Contemporary Worship
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	† Traditional Worship
5:00 pm	Trunk or Treat Youth

Monday, October 27:

6:00 pm	Laity Council
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Tuesday, October 28:

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

Wednesday, October 29:

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

Thursday, October 30:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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Friday, October 31:

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

† Live streaming

LAITY COUNCIL:

Will meet Monday, October 27, at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 10/19/25

Attendance	123
Weekly Needs	\$8,853.00
Weekly Receipts	\$1,390.00
Memorial/In Honor	\$175.00
Missions	\$20.00
Bucket Brigade	\$91.97

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.

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
Mrs. Wendy 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:

Mr. John Connell
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 28: Ray Butler

October 31: Mary Wind

November 1: Aubrey Gainous,
Jarrett Harrison,
Tracey Howell,
Megan Lokey,
Jackie McCurry,
Meg Whigham

Sunday October 26, 2025

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 18:9-14 (Pew Bible Page 742)

SERMON In the Eyes of the Beholder Rev. Bill Baker

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)

*WORSHIP

OFFERING

CHILDREN'S SERMON Adrienne Harrison

SCRIPTURE Luke 18:9-14 (Pew Bible Page 742)

SERMON In the Eyes of the Beholder 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: Nathan Hartsell - video; - streaming;

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

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

Children's Sermon: Adrienne Harrison

Acolytes: Jemma Hartsell and Reagan Hartsell

Buckets: Reed Carter and Amelia Jones

- Trunk-or-Treat - Trunk or Treat is October 26!! Join us at 5:00 p.m. for an evening of fun!!!
- Third Grade Bible Presentation on November 9 during the 9:00 service.
- Now hiring a new childcare worker! Please reach out to Adrienne if you are interested or know someone that might be.

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 Night 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. Invite your friends! Reservation 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 October 26, 2025

Traditional Worship – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

Pentecost XX

Christian Color: Green

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
Intrada - Ireland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSDr. Bill Baker

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHApostles' CreedNo. 881

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 454
Open My Eyes, That I May See

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
So Fades the Lovely Blooming Flower - Shearing

*DOXOLOGYNo. 95

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERDr. Baker

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need - Watts/Southern Harmony

*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.**

*SCRIPTURELuke 18:9-14 (Pew Bible Page 742)

SERMONIn the Eyes of the BeholderDr. Baker

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 340
Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

*BENEDICTIONDr. Baker

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Come, Humble Sinner - 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.

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 29, 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. 29____ **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!