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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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This week we wrap up our readings in Luke as next week is Christ the King Sunday and the following Sunday we begin Advent. When you read the scripture for the week, the thing that may strike you is Jesus' warning to His disciples of very negative things. He warns them that they will be hated, arrested, betrayed by family and friends and some would even be put to death for His name.

But, he says as if the negative things were nothing to be very concerned about, this will give you an opportunity to testify. Jesus' priorities are more than clear here. The suffering is bad, but the opportunity to testify makes it worth it. How can that be? Doesn't He care? Oh yes, He does.

Of course Jesus would have preferred that no one have to suffer, but that is not possible. Sin entered the world and with it, so did death and pain. And we have all suffered ever since. The product of wages of sin is death. Jesus came to pay the blood price for sin to atone, once and for all. He was the Lamb of God who gave His life in exchange for ours. He paid the debt that had to be paid for sin. He served our sentence.

Now everyone who believes in Him, who repents of their sin and lives a life trying to obey God will spend eternity with Jesus. So here's the thing. The most important thing to Jesus isn't that none of us suffer, but that all of us testify to who He is, so that as many as possible can be saved. That's hard for us to understand, but when we see it this way, it makes more sense. The salvation Jesus bought for us cost Him so much, we need to share it with as many people as possible. If suffering leads to an opportunity to testify, it is worth it.

The difficulty is seeing things with Jesus' priorities instead of ours. Not many of us are very good at that, yet it is essential to really understanding what it means to be a Christian. Living a truly Christian life means that we put our priorities to the side and put Jesus' priorities first. We live this life for Him. It means we are constantly, actively looking for ways to testify about Him, because that is His priority. We say with Paul, "I am crucified with Christ, therefore I no longer live, Jesus Christ now lives in me." May it so of all of us!

*In His Love,
Dr. Baker*

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First Church extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **REV. CHRISTY BANDY.**

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MR. JUDSON RACKLEY

By: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Almon
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Smith

MR. ED GRAVENSTEIN

MR. ROBERT HARRELL

MRS. MARGUERITE MCCURRY

MR. WALT MCGHIN

MR. JOHNNY STEWART

MR. JOE WARD

By: Mr. & Mrs. Gene Smith

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

November 22 - **WinGS Bazaar**

November 24 - **Laity Council**

November 27 - **Thanksgiving**
(Church Office closed
Thursday and Friday)

November 30 - **9:30 am - Fellowship**
during the SS Hour
10:30 am - Combined
Worship

December 3 - **6:45 pm -**
Christmas Cantata

FIFTH SUNDAY COMBINED WORSHIP:

On Sunday, November 30, we will have a combined worship service at 10:30 am. (Please note the time change for worship.) You are asked to bring a morning snack to share (muffins, pastries, breakfast casserole, fruit, etc) to the fellowship hall at 9:20 am for a time of fellowship with fellow church members. The church will provide coffee and juice.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC:

The Chancel Choir invites the congregation for the Christmas Cantata on Wednesday night Dec. 3 at 6:45 pm.

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.

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.

PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR:

The Preschool is currently looking for a director. If you are interested and would like to know the qualifications, please contact Robyn Duncan, 904-233-6982.

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.

SPR:

The SPRC announces that after many years of faithful service Mrs. Ruth Sims has decided to retire as Administrative Assistant of CFMC. We are grateful for her hard work over many decades as she served the church and the Lord through 14 Pastors.

BAPTISM SERVICES:

If you or your child would like to be Baptized or to join CFMC, we are providing a time during the upcoming Fifth Sunday Service on Nov. 30th at 10:30 am to do that. Please let Dr. Baker or the Church Office know ASAP.



Week of **Nov. 16-22**
2025



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, November 16:

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

Monday, November 17:

No Activities

Tuesday, November 18:

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

Wednesday, November 19:

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

Thursday, November 20:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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Friday, November 21:

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

Saturday, November 22:

8:00 am	WinGS Bazaar
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† 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 and Mrs. Gayle 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:

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

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 11/9/25

Attendance	128
Weekly Needs	\$8,853.00
Weekly Receipts	\$4,543.00
Memorial/In Honor	\$330.00
Missions	\$50.00
Bucket Brigade	\$82.85

BUCKET BRIGADE:

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



Birthday Greetings

November 17: Olivia Wind

November 18: Bobby Johnson

November 19: Larry Higdon

November 21: Cameron Prince

Sunday November 16, 2025

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

SCRIPTURE LESSONLuke 21:5-19 (Pew Bible Page 745)

SERMONAn Opportunity to TestifyRev. Bill Baker

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)

*WORSHIP

OFFERING

CHILDREN'S SERMONStacey Morgan

SCRIPTURELuke 21:5-19 (Pew Bible Page 745)

SERMONAn Opportunity to TestifyDr. 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: Will Bundrick - video; __ - streaming;

KID MIN CORNER

NEWS FROM...STACEY

email: morgans@tcitys.org
text: 912-242-3983

Acolytes: William Stoddard and Griffin Carter

Buckets: Maryalice Stanaland and Magnus Hudson

- SonDaze: Sundays, 5:00 PM.
- Faith Lab (Wed): 6:30–7:00 PM (Quick science/faith fun after supper!)

Mission: Shoe Box Ministry

- Please grab a supply list and drop items in the Cephas Sunday School Room.
- **Due Date:** Sun., Nov. 23rd. Kids will be packing! We've packed 22 already!
Help us double it!

December Dates

- Sun., Dec. 7th @ 5:00 PM - Caroling
- Sun., Dec. 14th @ 5:00 PM - Movie Night (Details soon!)
- Sun., Dec. 21st @ 10:00 AM - Pajama Party/Ornament Exchange (During Sunday School)

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!
- Youth are each responsible for making one Christmas shoe box!
Boxes need to be turned in by November 21.
- Move Conference at Wild Adventures, January 2-3.
More information to come.

Sunday November 16, 2025

Traditional Worship – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

Pentecost XXIII

Christian Color: Green

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
When Morning Gilds the Skies - Haan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSDr. Bill Baker

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHApostles' CreedNo. 881

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 514
Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
For the Beauty of the Earth - Harmon

*DOXOLOGYNo. 95

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERDr. Baker

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me - arr. K. Lee Scott

*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 21:5-19 (Pew Bible Page 745)

SERMONAn Opportunity to TestifyDr. Baker

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

*BENEDICTIONDr. Baker

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
We Plow the Fields and Scatter - Burkhardt

+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: Becky Hopkins; **Ushers:** Chuck Tyler, Larry Cliett

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.

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.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS
WILL RESUME**

On Wednesday, November 19, 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 Nov. 19_____ **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*
Stacey Morgan*Children's Director*
Kelsey West*Youth Director*
Jeremy Moore*Music Director*
Ed Self*Organist*
Brian and Stacey Morgan
.....*Contemporary Worship Leaders*
.....*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!