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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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Brought To The Light: Advent For All Who Need It

So here we are. It's the season of Advent again. The word literally means "coming" and during this season we prepare our hearts and minds for the arrival of the long expected Jesus. The long awaited One finally arrives, the hope of Israel, and the whole world is finally here! Are we ready? Is the world ready?

This week we begin our journey with the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth. This is the story of many hopes fulfilled! The odds are so great against them coming to pass that Zechariah can't believe the news, even when it is delivered by the Angel Gabriel himself! The story is that Zechariah and Elizabeth had hoped for a child for many years, but now they were long past child-bearing years and that hope had long since been laid aside. But now Gabriel appears in the Temple, in the Holy of Holies and announces to Zechariah that they will indeed have a son and not only a son, but a son that would be a delight to them! He would grow to be in the spirit and power of Elijah and make ready the way of the Lord.

Zechariah knew what this meant. Gabriel was telling him that his son would be the one that would prepare the way for Messiah Himself. Messiah was on the way! This was good news indeed! Now remember, there had been no prophet, no voice of the Lord for 400 years. The Romans had come and conquered Israel. It was a dark time, maybe the darkest of times. Yet here in the middle of all that, Gabriel appears and brings good news of great Hope!

The greatest Hope is now on the way. Their personal hope is about to be fulfilled while at the same time God's plan is unfolding and they are right in the middle of it. It will not end as they would have wished, but God has His own plans and He answers our prayers in the midst of it. His plans are much greater than ours, but it is His delight to fulfill some of our hopes and dreams as He works His greater works. Yet, ultimately, there will be joy!

God brought light to many of His people through the coming of Jesus into the world. Where do you need His light, His joy, His Hope this season? Our plans are not always His plans, but if we trust Him, though the darkness lasts for the night, joy comes in the morning! Where do you need Him this Advent? Ask Him and He will bring His Hope, His presence, His comfort and His joy!

O Come O Come Emmanuel!

*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. IKE POWELL**

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

REV. CHRISTY BANDY

By: Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. David McCurry
Mr. & Mrs. Julian Rawls

MR. ROBERT HARRELL

By: Mr. & Mrs. Julian Rawls

IN HONOR GIFT:

A donation has been made to the church in honor of

MRS. RUTH SIMS

By: Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Johnson

ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR:

The rosebud on the altar today is to announce the arrival of John Rhodes Rehberg born November 25, 2025 to bless the home of Chris and Mattison Rehberg.

Proud grandfather is Scott Higginbotham. Proud great-grandparents are John and Kathy Higginbotham

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The poinsettia on the altar for Advent are placed there by his family in loving memory of **MR. BOB JONES**.

SPECIAL THANKS

To Becky Hopkins, Kevin and Laura Hudson and Hopkins Farm for the beautiful arrangements on the altar in the sanctuary and chapel for Thanksgiving Sunday.

To Kevin, Laura Hudson, Becky Hopkins, Jennifer Cook, Keri Hopkins, Belinda Neff, Seth Stanaland, Adam Clark, and Adam Burke for preparing the sanctuary for Advent.

To everyone who had any part in the success of the WinGS Bazaar.

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 30.

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

November 30 - **9:30 am - Fellowship during the SS Hour**
(Please bring your food items a little earlier for set up)

10:30 am - Combined Worship

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

December 8 - **6:00 pm - Methodist Men's Ladies' Night**

December 13 - **Coat Drive (Coat donations are needed)**

December 16 - **6:30 pm - Preschool Christmas Program**

December 24 - **Christmas Eve Service**

December 24 - **26 - Church Office Closed for Christmas**

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 (in time for set up) am for a time of fellowship with fellow church members. The church will provide coffee and juice. The fellowship time will take place of Sunday School.

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.

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. 30-Dec. 6**
2025



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, November 30:

9:30 am Fellowship Time

10:30 am † **5th Sunday Combined Worship**

5:00 pm Children Youth

Monday, December 1:

No Activities

Tuesday, December 2:

8:00 am Men's Prayer Group

10:00 am Ladies' Prayer Group

Wednesday, December 2:

6:00 pm Meal

6:45 pm Christmas Music Program

Thursday, December 4:

8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

Friday, December 5:

2:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

9:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

† **Live streaming**

SPR:

The SPRC announces that after many years of faithful service Mrs. Ruth Sims has decided to retire as Administrative Assistant of CFMC. Applications can be made to the SPR committee or to the church office.

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 11/23/25

Attendance	130
Weekly Needs	\$8,853.00
Weekly Receipts	\$4,732.00
Memorial/In Honor	\$125.00
Missions	\$525.00
Bucket Brigade	\$90.95

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.

ARCHBOLD/GRADY:

Mr. Howell McKinnon

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

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

Mr. Bob and Mrs. Marjorie Taylor

PRESBYTERIAN HOME, QUITMAN, GA:

Mrs. Opal Prince

LA MESA, CA:

Charlene Powell

7730 Saranac Place #11, Le Mesa, CA 91942



Birthday Greetings

November 30: Diane Connell,
Samuel Kimmel

December 1: Justin Amaro,
Jamie Porter, Jay Tyson, Jr.

December 2: Carolyn Hudson

December 4: Ed Self

December 5: Raymond Harrell

December 6: Flint Cook

Sunday November 30, 2025

NO 8:00 AM or 9:00 AM Worship Service

9:30 AM - Time of Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring a breakfast type food to share

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

All adult SS classes are now meeting. If you are not currently attending a Sunday School class, now is a good time to start. There are several options and you would be welcome to visit any or all of the classes

Burleigh Law:	Mostly couples that have grown children and grandchildren.
Azalee Wight:	Mostly couples, some retired, others still working. Various members rotate teaching
Pairs and Spares:	Mixed group of singles and couples
New Hope:	Adults (45+) with college age children
Cephas:	Young Adults (30+) with young and teenage children

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*;

KID MIN CORNER

NEWS FROM...STACEY

email: morgans@tcitys.org

text: 912-242-3983

Acolytes: Annabelle Stanaland and Austin Kate Hudson

Buckets: Reed Carter and Amelia Jones

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

December Dates

- **Sun., Dec. 7th @ 5:00 PM** - Caroling. Spread cheer to our shut-ins! Carpool meets at 4:30 PM.
- **Sun., Dec. 14th @ 5:00 PM** - Family Movie Night on the Lawn. Join us for a cozy evening watching "The Star." Bring blankets/chairs; hot chocolate and popcorn served.
- **Sun., Dec. 21st @ 10:00 AM** - Pajama Party/Ornament Exchange (During Sunday School). Don't forget your ornament for the annual swap!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

If you would be willing to volunteer in the children's or youth activities, please contact Stacey Morgan or Kelsey West. Safe Sanctuary training is a requirement, but they will be glad to assist you with anything that needs to be done.



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 30.
- Move Conference at Wild Adventures, January 3. Register ASAP!
- Cake Auction - Wednesday Night, December 10
- Youth Christmas Progressive Dinner = Sunday, December 7 Meet at the youth house at 5:00 PM to begin and bring a \$20 gift for white elephant gift game at the end!
Invite your friends!

Advent I

Christian Color: Purple

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
From Heaven Above - Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSDr. Bill Baker

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATHNo. 211
Antiphons 1-7

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHApostles' CreedNo. 881

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 211
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv. 1-4)

INFANT BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

VIDEO PRESENTATION

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Gabriel's Message - Tucker

*DOXOLOGYNo. 95

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERDr. Baker

SPECIAL MUSICCombined Worship CFMC Ministries
Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*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 1:5-12 (Pew Bible 723)

SERMONAdvent For All Who Need It: HopeDr. Baker

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 211
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv. 5-7)

*BENEDICTIONDr. Baker

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come - Woods

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

* Please stand as you are able.



You are invited
to join the Chancel Choir
and guest musicians
on Wednesday, December 3, 2025
at 6:45 pm in the sanctuary
for a performance of

The Saint-Saëns

Christmas Oratorio

Please join us
for this classic work
as we usher in the
Christmas Season

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS WILL RESUME

On Wednesday, December 3, at
6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

Please make your reservations for
the meal by calling the church, send-
ing 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 re-
servation, 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 Dec. 3 _____ Permanent _____

Name _____

No. of Adults _____ @ 6.00/person

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

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Directory

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Ruth SimsAdm. Assistant
Stacey MorganChildren's Director
Kelsey WestYouth Director
Jeremy MooreMusic Director
Ed SelfOrganist
Brian Morgan
.....Contemporary Worship Leader
Rebekah Harrell .Interim Preschool Director
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229-403-0428
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church office, please use the following
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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!