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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 second week of Advent we focus on Peace. That's easier for us, but in our Nativity story, Mary and Joseph are experiencing anything but Peace. In Matt. 1:18-25, Joseph is told by the Angel that his betrothed wife is going to have a baby, but not to be afraid, the baby is from the Holy Spirit, that he is to name him Jesus for he will save his people from their sins. Nothing to worry about there right? That should be no problem to explain to Joseph's parents and relatives.



They'll understand, right? Not likely. Would we? Yet right there in the middle of that pronouncement, the Angel says, do not be afraid. Do not be afraid? How could there be anything but fear? Yet the angel said the same thing to Mary. Come to think of it, it seems like every time an Angel shows up, that's the first thing they say.

I used to think they said this to try get people to calm down due to seeing an angel, but now I wonder if there wasn't a deeper message. Maybe there was an overall, general message of "God is in control, don't be afraid". Maybe another way to say that is "Be at Peace".

There's a lot going on in our world, but God is still God. Jesus came just like He said. He poured out the Holy Spirit as He promised He would. Yes, bad things happen, there are still tears and sadness, but don't be afraid. The Kingdom is at hand. Emmanuel is here. God is with us. The Prince of Peace has come. If we focus on Him, instead of the noise of the voices of fear, the sounds of the winds and waves, He will calm the storm. In His presence is fullness of joy. All things, situations, circumstances, prodigals, pain and fear are in His hands. Fear not. Trust Him.

*In His Love,
Dr. Baker*

ALTAR FLOWERS:

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First Church extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **MR. JOHN C. CONNELL, SR.**

NEW MEMBERS:

We welcome **Mr. and Mrs. Thad LeGette** as the newest members of our family of faith. Welcome to the LeGette family.

BAPTISMS:

The following children were baptized this past Sunday morning:

- **Deacon Heath Jones**, son of Bradley and Hope Jones
- **Cora Jewel LeGette**, daughter of Thad and Austin LeGette
- **Robert Thaddeus LeGette, III (Tripp)**, son of Thad and Austin LeGette

They have been added to our preparatory roll. Continue to pray for these children and their parents.

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

REV. IKE POWELL

By: Mr. & Mrs. David McCurry
Mrs. Katherine Stoddard

REV. CHRISTY BANDY

By: Paige Groover

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

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

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.

SPR:

The SPRC is currently looking for an Administrative Assistant for the Church office. Applications can be made to the SPR Committee or to the Church office.

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.

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.

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.

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.

METHODIST MEN LADIES' NIGHT:

Will be Monday, December 8, at 6:00 pm. Please contact Tommy Smith to make Reservations for the meal



Week of **Dec. 7-13**
2025



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, December 7:

8:00 am	† Early Worship
9:00 am	† Contemporary Worship
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	† Traditional Worship
4:30 pm	Children meet for Caroling
5:00 pm	Youth Progressive Dinner

Monday, December 8:

6:00 pm	Methodist Men/Ladies Night
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Tuesday, December 9:

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

Wednesday, December 10:

6:00 pm	Meal
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir
6:45 pm	Youth Cake Auction (Proceeds to go toward a mission trip)

Thursday, December 11:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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Friday, December 12:

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

† Live streaming

YOUTH BAKE SALE:

Will be Wednesday, December 10, following church night supper. Proceeds from the auction will go towards the expenses for a mission trip.

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 11/30/25

Attendance138
Weekly Needs\$8,853.00
Weekly Receipts\$1,735.00
Memorial/In Honor\$100.00
Missions\$50.00
Bucket Brigade\$120.46

BUCKET BRIGADE:

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

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

TMH, TALLAHASSEE:

Mr. Gene Smith

AT HOME:

Mr. Phillip Almon
Mrs. Louise Anderson
Mr. Ray Butler
Mr. Keith and Mrs. Sheila 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:

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

December 7: Eli Pyrz

December 8: Daniel Stoddard

December 9: Nathan Hartsell

December 10: Carolyn Trawick,
Mandy Tyson

December 12: Becky Hopkins

December 13: Carroll Hopkins,
Kathy McClelland,
Sonny Jack Stoddard

Sunday December 7, 2025

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SCRIPTURE LESSONMatthew 1:18-25 (Pew Bible page 681)

SERMONDo Not Be Afraid: A Message of PeaceRev. Bill Baker

COMMUNION

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*WORSHIP

OFFERING

CHILDREN'S SERMONStacey Morgan

*SCRIPTUREMatthew 1:18-25 (Pew Bible page 681)

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* 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; Joe Porter - cajon; Tech: Will Bundrick - video; - streaming;

KID MIN CORNER

NEWS FROM...STACEY

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

Acolytes: Betts Harrison and Jensyn Drew Morgan

Buckets: Josi and Livi Grave de Peralta

- 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 4:45 PM in church parking lot
- **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. Invite your Friends!
- **Sun., Dec. 21st @ 10:00 AM** - Pajama Party/Ornament Exchange (During Sunday School). Don't forget your ornament for the annual swap!

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!
- 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!
- Youth packed 12 shoe boxes!

Sunday December 7, 2025

Traditional Worship – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

Advent II

Christian Color: Purple

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
I Wonder as I Wander - John Jacob Niles

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSDr. Bill Baker

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHApostles' CreedNo. 881

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 230
O Little Town of Bethlehem

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
There's a Song in the Air - Held

*DOXOLOGYNo. 95

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERDr. Baker

SPECIAL MUSICChance Choir
Lord Meet Us Here - Weston

*SCRIPTUREMatthew 1:18-25 (Pew Bible page 681)

SERMONDo Not Be Afraid: A Message of PeaceDr. Baker

COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 204
Emmanuel, Emmanuel

*BENEDICTIONDr. Baker

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Once in Royal David's City - Jordan

+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: Miriam Funderburk, Frances Thrower; **Ushers:** Chuck Tyler, Larry Cliett

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.



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BABY SNUGLERS WANTED!

The Children's Department needs volunteers to help in the nursery during the Sunday School hour and the 11:00 Service. Contact Stacey if you'd like to spend your Sunday morning rocking and loving on our babies.

FLOWER CALENDAR:

The flower calendar for 2026 has been placed on the bulletin board in the downstairs hallway. Please sign up for flowers for 2026. And remember that two arrangements are needed.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS
WILL RESUME**

On Wednesday, December 10, 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 Dec. 10_____ **Permanent**_____

Name_____

No. of Adults_____@ 6.00/person

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

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED
318 S. BROAD STREET
CAIRO, GA 39828

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 Morgan
.....*Contemporary Worship Leader*
Rebekah Harrell .*Interim Preschool Director*
Church Office*229-377-3051*
Emergency Numbers .**229-377-1017**
229-403-0428
478-550-4782

Parsonage*229-216-3014*

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!