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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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Joy!



This is the third Sunday of Advent...Joy! Our Scripture lesson comes from Luke 1:39-56 when Mary returns home...that sounds beautiful and frightening all at the same time, doesn't it? Surely it was a time of uncertainty for her. A young woman giving up all she was and hoped to be for her God. Even as she poured her soul out in Song that night, she had no idea of the pain that waited for her.

The holidays are painful for many people and for many reasons. We live in a fallen world. This is why the Savior of the World was born not many months after Mary sang. He is love's pure Joy. I pray that this year you find Him and Joy!

*Love you all,
Miss Amy*

ALTAR FLOWERS:

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

The poinsettia on the altar in the Chapel for Advent are placed there by his family in loving memory of **MR. PHILIP ALMON, JR.**

The poinsettia at the elevator entrance is placed there by Mrs. Marilyn Joyner in loving memory of **MR. JERRY JOYNER** and **MR. and MRS. STACY WILLIAMS**.

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

REV. CHRISTY BANDY

By: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Almon

REV. IKE POWELL

By: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Almon
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cliett

MR. JOHN CONNELL

By: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Almon
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cliett
Mr. & Mr. Charles Davis
Peg Thomas

IN HONOR:

Donations have been made to the Church in honor of

MRS. RUTH SIMS

By: Paige Groover
Katherine Stoddard

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

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 COMMITTEE:

Is scheduled to meet Thursday, December 18, at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

SPECIAL THANKS:

To the Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir and Guest Musicians for the beautiful Christmas music.

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.

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

Meets 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.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

Please remember that your grades for the fall semester will be due to the church office before the end of the year.



Week of **Dec. 14-20**
2025



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Saturday, December 13

8:00-11:00 am Coat Drive

Sunday, December 14:

8:00 am † Early Worship

9:00 am † Contemporary Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am † Traditional Worship

5:00 pm Children Movie on the Lawn

5:00 pm Youth

Monday, December 15:

No Activities

Tuesday, December 16:

8:00 am Men's Prayer Group

10:00 am Ladies' Prayer Group

6:30 pm Preschool Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 17:

No Activities

Thursday, December 18:

8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

6:30 pm Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Friday, December 19:

2:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

9:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

† Live streaming

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 14: Ryan Andrews,
Payne Singletary

December 15: Roger Whitfield

December 16: Charlee Oliver,
LeVerne Whigham

December 17: Calla Collins,
Crystal Ford

December 19: Nick Trull,
Marielle Youmans

December 20: Miriam Funderburk

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 12/7/25

Attendance129
Weekly Needs\$8,853.00
Weekly Receipts\$9,810.00
Memorial/In Honor\$675.00
Missions\$85.00
Bucket Brigade\$69.25

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.

Sunday December 14, 2025

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SCRIPTURE LESSONLuke 1:39-56 (Pew Bible page 724)

SERMONJoy Indescribable!Dr. Bill Baker

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*WORSHIP

OFFERING

CHILDREN'S SERMONStacey Morgan

*SCRIPTURELuke 1:39-56 (Pew Bible page 724)

SERMONJoy Indescribable!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: Rebecca McKemie - video; -

KID MIN CORNER

NEWS FROM...STACEY

email: morgans@tcitys.org

text: 912-242-3983

Acolytes: Nolan and Colson Duncan

Buckets: Magnus and Caroline Hudson

- SonDaze: Sundays, 5:00 PM.
- Faith Lab (Wed): 6:30–7:00 PM (Quick science/faith fun after supper!) This Wednesday is our last FaithLab until after the first of the year!

December Dates

- 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!.
- Thanks to those who cooked desserts for the cake auction. Thanks to those who bid and purchased items. The proceeds were close to \$3,000!
- Youth packed 12 shoe boxes!

Sunday December 14, 2025

Traditional Worship – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

Advent III

Christian Color: Purple

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
The Snow Lay On the Ground - Jordan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSDr. Bill Baker

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHApostles' CreedNo. 881

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 234
O Come All Ye Faithful

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Greensleeves - Richard Purvis

*DOXOLOGYNo. 95

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERDr. Baker

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
O Come All Ye Faithful - arr. Joseph m Martin

*SCRIPTURELuke 1:39-56 (Pew Bible page 724)

SERMONJoy Indescribable!Dr. Baker

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 246
Joy To The World

*BENEDICTIONDr. Baker

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Noel Suisse - Daquin

+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.

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

Are suspended until the first of January. Be prepared to return to suppers in January 7.

Please make plans to attend CNS on January 14. The program will feature Emerson Hancock, former CHS Syrupmaker and UGA pitcher. Emerson is now a pitcher in the MLB for the Seattle Mariners. He was the 6th pick in the 1st round in 2020 and made his Major League debut in 2023. The Mariners lost in the game of the ALCS to the Toronto Blue Jays 4-3 this past season. What a great year, though for Seattle.

Emerson is married to the former Haylie Wilkinson from Bainbridge and they are the proud parents of Myles Hancock who was born November 7, 2025. His parents are Don and Mona Hancock.

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!