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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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Love!

This fourth week in Advent is the week of Love, but what does that mean? It means that this moment was the moment everyone had been waiting for. This is what had been promised since Genesis 3. Isaiah and other prophets had foretold the coming Messiah and the people had long awaited His arrival. And now, suddenly, He is here! The love of the Father made flesh has arrived!



The greatest gift to humanity, the means of their way back to God, had finally arrived! The door to Heaven was born! The way of forgiveness and redemption was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laying in a manger! The Lamb of God had come! Maybe that's why the announcement was made to shepherds.

Maybe it's because He knew they would go see Him and tell everyone and not keep it to themselves. Whatever the reason, those shepherds heard the message and believed. They went and saw the newborn Savior and spread the message of His birth, of the Father's great love. And this is what Christmas really is. Let us spread the news of His love like they did, that there is a Savior who is Christ the Lord, Love made flesh. Everyone needs His love!

*In His Extravagant 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.**

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

MR. JOHN CONNELL

By: Mr. & Mrs. David McCurry
Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Martin

REV. CHRISTY BANDY

REV. IKE POWELL

By: Carroll and Becky Hopkins
Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Martin
Mrs. Carolyn Trawick

IN HONOR OF:

A donation has been given to the Church in honor of:

MRS. RUTH SIMS

By: Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Martin

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service

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

SPECIAL THANKS:

To everyone who had a part in the donations of coats (clothing) and the distribution last Saturday. Around 500 coats or clothing items were donated to those in need.

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.

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.

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 collette age children
- Cephas: Young Adults (30+) with young and teenage children



Week of **Dec. 21-27**
2025



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, December 21:

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

Monday, December 22:

No Activities

Tuesday, December 23:

8:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
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Wednesday, December 24:

Church Office Closed

5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Christmas Service
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Thursday, December 25:

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Church Office Closed

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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Friday, December 26:

Church Office Closed

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

† **Live streaming**

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

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

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 12/14/25

Attendance117
Weekly Needs\$8,853.00
Weekly Receipts\$6,835.00
Memorial/In Honor\$100.00
Missions\$6,750.00
Bucket Brigade\$81.73

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.

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
- Mr. Howell and Mrs. Eleanor McKinnon
- Mrs. Faye Miller
- Mr. Ross Sims
- Mr. Gene Smith
- 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 24: Joni Bundrick

December 25: Charlene Powell

December 26: Sonny Marshall,
Sandee Rinker,
Breanna Sanders

December 27: Carolyn Wynn

Sunday December 21, 2025

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:8-20 (Pew Bible Page 725)

SERMON The Father’s Love Revelation Dr. Bill Baker

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*WORSHIP

OFFERING

CHILDREN’S SERMON Stacey Morgan

*SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-20 (Pew Bible Page 725)

SERMON The Father’s Love Revelation 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;

KID MIN CORNER

NEWS FROM...STACEY

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

Acolytes: Ella and Campbell Jones
Buckets: Reed Carter and Amelia Jones

December Dates:

- DON'T FORGET: Annual Children's Christmas Pajama Party & Ornament Exchange!
- Wear your favorite pajamas to church!
- Bring one wrapped ornament to share for the exchange.

We'll be celebrating on Sunday, December 21st, during the Sunday School hour!
Don't miss out on the fun!

Thank you to all the volunteers and parents who helped make the Family Movie Night a wonderful success! It was a chilly but fun evening! FYI: There are no Wednesday or Sunday Night Programs until after the first of the year. Dates to come later.

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!.

Sunday December 21, 2025

Traditional Worship – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

Advent IV

Christian Color: Purple

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - Fedak

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSDr. Bill Baker

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHApostles' CreedNo. 881

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 245
The First Noel

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Chorale Prelude on "In Dulci Jubilo" - J. Michael Bach

*DOXOLOGYNo. 95

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERDr. Baker

SPECIAL MUSICMr. Jeremy Moore and Mr. Ed Self
Lord, I have Believed - Saint-Saëns

*SCRIPTURELuke 2:8-20 (Pew Bible Page 725)

SERMONThe Father's Love RevelationDr. Baker

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 218
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

*BENEDICTIONDr. Baker

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Angels from the Realms of Glory - R.E. Smith

+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.

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*
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229-403-0428
478-550-4782
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- 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!