

# THE BULLETIN

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Worship God  
Grow in Christ

Build Community  
Bless the World



## CAIRO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

1867-2026 – Celebrating Our 159th Year

318 South Broad Street • Cairo, Georgia 39828-2717

Dr. Bill Baker, Pastor

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📘 Cairo First Church ☎ Upper Room Prayer Line 1-800-251-2468



Did you get what you wanted for Christmas? No doubt the answer for most of us is a resounding YES! If you're like me, and have a wife that spoils you, you got that and more.

But God has also given us many gifts, do you have what you want from Him? Are you even sure of what those gifts are?

This week our scripture is Eph. 1:3-14 where Paul the Apostle expounds on the specific blessings or gifts we have received from the Holy Spirit through God the Father. In a way, it's a list of Christmas gifts to us from the Father! And what amazing gifts they are! This week Amy and I pray that you find yourself "blessed...in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places".

May this be a blessed New Year for you, your families and our Church as Blessings like Xmas Gifts.

*In His Love,  
Dr. Baker*

**MEMORIALS:**

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

**REV. CHRISTY BANDY**

By: Mr. Charles Manny  
Mr. Ralph Martinucci

**MR. JOHN CONNELL**

By: Mr. Charles Manny

**REV. IKE POWELL**

By: Mr. Ralph Martinucci

**IN HONOR OF:**

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

**MRS. RUTH SIMS**

By: Mr. & Mrs. Roger Whitfield  
Mr. & Mrs. David McCurry

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**UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:**

December 31 - Jan. 2 - Church  
Office Closed for  
New Year Holiday

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**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:**

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:**

Can be found in the downstairs hallway of the main building. If there is not an envelope with your name, please notify the church office and a package will be made available.

**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.

**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

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| 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 **Jan. 4-10**  
**2026**



## Remember in Prayer

**OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)**

### Sunday, January 4:

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

### Monday, January 5:

*No Activities*

### Tuesday, January 6:

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

### Wednesday, January 7:

6:00 pm	Meal
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir

### Thursday, January 8:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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### Friday, January 9:

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

† Live streaming

### AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

#### 12/24/25

Attendance	.....146
Offering for Campus Ministry	..\$760.00

#### 12/28/25

Attendance	.....79
Weekly Needs	.....\$8,853.00
Weekly Receipts	.....\$14,930.00
Memorial/In Honor	.....\$450.00
Missions	.....\$25.00
Bucket Brigade	.....\$63.00

### BUCKET BRIGADE:

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

### 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

**December 30:** Keri Hopkins

**December 31:** Tyson Allen, Claire Chason, Julian Rawls

**January 3:** Grace Harrell

**January 4:** Sara Jane Cannon, Mattison Rehberg, Ethan McGhin, Evan McGhin, Monteen Stewart

**January 6:** Amy Amaro, Gabriel Ford

**January 8:** Allison Harrell, Brian Morgan, Bret Sanders, Jr., Chuck Thomas

**January 9:** Trey Higginbotham, Bradley Jones

**January 10:** John Davis, III



## Birthday Greetings

**December 28:** Helen Brown

**December 29:** Suzanne Carline,  
Jeb Johnson, Emily Moses  
Lew Oliver, Shanda Pyrz,  
Rain Singletary

Sunday January 4, 2026

**Traditional Informal – Chapel**

**8:00 am**

SCRIPTURE LESSON . . . . . Ephesians 1:3-14 (Pew Bible Page 827)  
SERMON . . . . . Every Spiritual Blessing . . . . . Dr. Bill Baker  
COMMUNION

**Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)**

**9:00 am**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)

\*WORSHIP

OFFERING

CHILDREN'S SERMON . . . . . Stacey Morgan

\*SCRIPTURE . . . . . Ephesians 1:3-14 (Pew Bible Page 827)

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COMMUNION

\* Please stand as you are able.

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**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;

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## KID MIN CORNER

### NEWS FROM...STACEY

email: [morgans@tcitys.org](mailto:morgans@tcitys.org)  
text: 912-242-3983

Acolytes: Carroll and Cate Hopkins

Buckets: Brinson Hopkins and Judge Grave De Peralta

FYI: There are no Sunday Night Programs until after MLK Holiday

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### NEWS FROM...KELSEY

email: [westkelsey09@gmail.com](mailto: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
- Youth Sunday Night and Wednesday night activities will start back up after school starts back as normal on January 11
- 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.

Sunday January 4, 2026

Traditional Worship – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

Epiphany Sunday

Christian Color: White

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CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY .....Mr. Ed Self  
*Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning* - Leatherman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .....Dr. Bill Baker

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....Apostles' Creed .....No. 881

\*HYMN OF PRAISE .....No. 254  
*We Three Kings*

OFFERTORY PRAYER .....Dr. Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORY .....Mr. Self  
*How Brightly Beams the Morning Star* - Bach/Wilson

\*DOXOLOGY .....No. 95

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER .....Dr. Baker

SPECIAL MUSIC .....

\*SCRIPTURE .....Ephesians 1:3-14 (Pew Bible Page 827)

SERMON .....Every Spiritual Blessing .....Dr. Baker

COMMUNION

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE .....No. 238  
*Angels We Have Heard On High*

\*BENEDICTION .....Dr. Baker

+POSTLUDE .....Mr. Self  
*What Star is This* - 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.

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**Altar Guild:** Hope Almon, Kathy Higginbotham; **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.



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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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Will be resuming on January 7.  
Please remember that reservations need to be made by Monday noon each week if you do not choose to make a permanent reservation. Reservations can be made by calling the church office, sending a text to 229-403-0428 or filling out the form below.  
Let us know if your child or children would prefer a hotdog.

Week Jan. 7 Permanent

Name

No. of Adults @ 6.00/person

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

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!