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Worship God
Grow in Christ

Build Community
Bless the World



CAIRO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

1867-2026 – Celebrating Our 159th Year

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STRANGELY WARMED
the *heart* of the Wesleyan Way



Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Service

One of the unique aspects of being Methodist is the annual Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Service. For Wesley, his Covenant, his commitment to Christ was not just a religious or ritualistic thing. It was deeply personal. We read of Wesley's heart being "strangely warmed" at Aldersgate and then later set on fire at Fetter's Lane. After that experience, there was no looking back. He established the Covenant Renewal Service to be taken at the beginning of each year by the people called Methodist as a way to assess their spiritual lives and to commit themselves to the Lord all over again. It is fitting for us to re-examine our lives, ask ourselves the covenant questions and renew our commitment to Christ and the way of holiness unto the Lord. This Sunday we will renew our Covenant as followers of Christ. May our hearts be set on fire all over again!

*In His Love,
Dr. Baker*

IN HONOR OF:

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

MRS. RUTH SIMS

By: Mr. Wade Hunziker

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Will meet Thursday, January 15, at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Members of the committee are: Matt McCaskill, Sarah Clark, Ruth Sims, Bradley Jones, Seth Stanaland, Robert Hudson, Allison Carter, Erin Jones and Dr. Bill Baker.

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.

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.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

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

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 college age children |
| Cephas: | Young Adults (30+) with young and teenage children |

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

January 12 - 6:00 pm - Methodist Men

January 14 - 6:00 pm - CNS with Emerson Hancock doing the program

January 19 - Church Office Closed for Martin Luther King Day

February 2 - 6:00 pm - WinGS Meeting

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.

SANCTUARY GUIDELINES:

In order to keep the pew cushions and floors clean, please do NOT bring any food or drink (except water) in the sanctuary. Greasy food and sweetened drink do make a mess. We do appreciate you abiding these rules to keep the sanctuary in pristine condition.

SPR COMMITTEE:

Will meet Tuesday, January 13, at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Members of the committee are: Bradley Jones, Debbie Godbehere, Ben Hopkins, Anne Richter, Nathan Hartsell, Matt Duncan, Adrienne Harrison, and Dr. Bill Baker.

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.



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, January 11:

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

Monday, January 12:

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| 6:00 | Methodist Men |
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Tuesday, January 13:

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| 8:00 am | Men's Prayer Group |
| 10:00 am | Ladies' Prayer Goup |
| 6:00 pm | SPR Committee |

Wednesday, January 14:

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| 5:00 pm | Handbells |
| 6:00 pm | Meal |
| 6:30 pm | Chancel Choir |
| 6:35 pm | Program by Emerson Hancock |

Thursday, January 15:

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| 8:30 am | Service on CNS Channel 6 |
| 5:30 pm | Finance Committee |

Friday, January 16:

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

† Live streaming

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP**1/4/25**

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| Attendance | 147 |
| Weekly Needs | \$8,853.00 |
| Weekly Receipts | \$6,250.00 |
| Memorial/In Honor | \$25.00 |
| Missions | \$10.00 |
| Bucket Brigade | \$127.25 |

BUCKET BRIGADE:

The Bucket brigade offerings (loose change in buckets) goes to mission projects that the church sponsors throughout the year. The offering for January 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, THOMASVILLE:

Mr. Julian Rawls

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. Dennis 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****January 12:** Robert Hudson**January 13:** Lumis Brown**January 15:** Patricia Mitchell,
John Wind

Sunday January 11, 2026

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 42:1-9 (Pew Bible Pages 513-514)
SERMON Renewing Our Covenant Dr. Bill Baker

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)

*WORSHIP

OFFERING

CHILDREN'S SERMON Stacey Morgan

*SCRIPTURE Isaiah 42:1-9 (Pew Bible Pages 513-514)

SERMON Renewing Our Covenant 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; Tech: Nathan Hartsell - video; Hadley Rae Morgan - streaming;

KID MIN CORNER

NEWS FROM...STACEY

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

Acolytes: Bret Sanders And William Stoddard

Buckets: Theo Stoddard and Brecken Sanders

Sunday Nights not starting back until after MLK Holiday (January 25th)

BABY SNUGGLERS 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.

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
- Youth Sunday Night and Wednesday night activities will start back up after school starts back as normal on January 11. We will remain in the fellowship hall for the program to be given by Mr. Emerson Hancock. If you wish to eat dinner, reservations MUST BE MADE by Monday noon, January 12.
- Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with youth on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, or Wednesday nights, please let Kelsey know!

Baptism of the Lord

Christian Color: White

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY Mr. Ed Self
Creator of the Stars of Night - Olsson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Bill Baker

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed No. 881

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 117
O God Our Help in Ages Past - (vv 1-5, 7)

OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Mr. Self
Arioso - Bach

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Dr. Baker

SPECIAL MUSIC Chancel Choir
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing - arr. Hal Hopson

*SCRIPTURE Isaiah 42:1-9 (Pew Bible Pages 513-514)

SERMON Renewing Our Covenant Dr. Baker

*HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 57
O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

*BENEDICTION Dr. Baker

+POSTLUDE Mr. Self
Rigaudon - Campra/Biggs

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

* Please stand as you are able.

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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Safe Sanctuary training is a requirement, but they will be glad to assist you with anything that needs to be done.

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

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. 14 _____ **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.

If you would like to join us for the meal, reservations MUST be made by Monday noon, January 12.

If you would like to come to the program, it will begin shortly after 6:30 p.m. You are welcome to bring baseball paraphernalia for Emerson to sign, (Balls, bats, caps, etc)

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CAIRO, GA 39828

Directory

Bill Baker Pastor
Ruth Sims Adm. Assistant
Stacey Morgan Children's Director
Kelsey West Youth Director
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Ed Self Organist
Brian Morgan Contemporary Worship Leader
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229-403-0428
478-550-4782

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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!