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**Worship God
Grow in Christ**

**Build Community
Bless the World**



CAIRO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

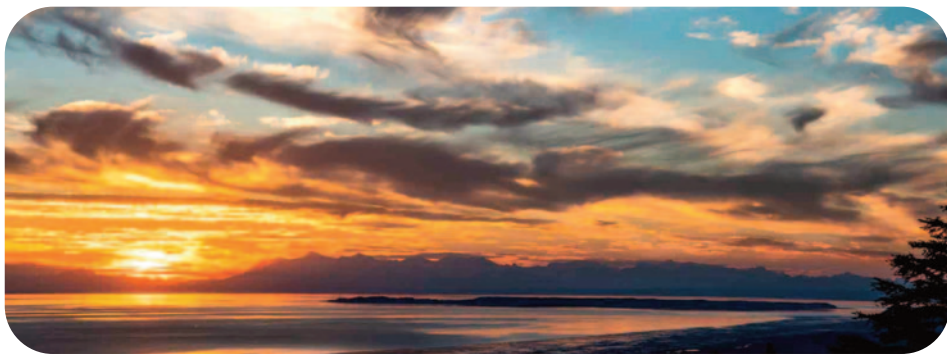
1867-2026 – Celebrating Our 159th Year

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Have you ever had people say really nice things about you that you felt were wonderful, but maybe a little too good? Like maybe it was a nice gesture, but you really didn't quite live up to them? In our Scripture from 1 Cor. 1:1-9, Paul speaks glowingly about the Church at Corinth being Sanctified, Gifted and Blameless. Yet later he criticizes and scolds them for their disobedience, pride and abuse of their less than affluent members. So how can both be true at the same time?

It's a paradox. Two seemingly opposite things are true at the same time. While we the church are human and as such are making mistakes constantly, it is also true that in Christ we are holy, righteous and blameless in His sight as long as our hearts are right with Him.

God has a way of speaking prophetically. In Romans 4:17 it says that he calls things that are not as though they were. In other words, God calls us holy, sanctified and blameless, because even if they are not actually true right now, because of His working in us and knowledge of the future, He is prophetically calling something into being that is not yet true.

So even if you aren't yet perfect, God calls you holy. Be encouraged! God is at work in you to form you into Christ's image, and he doesn't wait until it's actually true to call you that. In fact, in Jesus, you actually are holy, because He has made you holy by His work on the cross. Don't feel holy? It doesn't matter! In Him we are! So let's purpose in our hearts to live up what He says about us and soon, because of His Grace, our lives will match His words about us!

*In His Love,
Dr. Baker*

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

The pastor and members of Cairo First Church extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Mrs. Billie Jo Greer.**

To the family and friends of **Mrs. Madge Booth Ponder.**

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

January 19 - 6:00 pm - **Methodist Men**

January 19 - **Church Office Closed
for Martin Luther King
Day**

January 26 - 6:00 pm - **Laity Council**

February 2 - 6:00 pm - **WinGS Meeting**

VALENTINE BOXES

Parents, if your student would like to get a Valentine Box, we will need their school address at the church office on or before February 6 so that labels can be prepared.

Boxes will be packed and mailed on February 10. So we will need candy, cookies, etc and monetary contributions for mailing expenses by February 9.

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.

PERKINS METHODIST MEN

Will meet Monday, January 19, at 6:00 pm. Please contact Tommy Smith to make reservations for the meal.

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.

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.

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.

THE SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE of the Global Methodist Church

is searching for a Laity Cabinet Representative to serve the Thomasville Connectional Community. This position serves as a liaison and support to the Laity within the Connectional Community.

More information about this is posted on our FB page. If you would like to volunteer for this position, please let the Church Office know.

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

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.



Week of **Jan. 18-24**
2026



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, January 18:

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

Monday, January 19:

*Church Office Closed
for Martin Luther King*

6:00 pm	Methodist Men
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Tuesday, January 20:

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

Wednesday, January 21:

5:00 pm	Handbells
6:00 pm	Meal
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 22:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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Friday, January 23:

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

† Live streaming

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. Julian and Mrs. Betty Rawls
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:

Mrs. Charlene Powell
7730 Saranac Place #11, Le Mesa, CA 91942

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

1/11/26

Attendance	161
Weekly Needs	\$8,853.00
Weekly Receipts	\$6,515.00
Memorial/In Honor	\$100.00
Missions	\$225.00
Bucket Brigade	\$38.47

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.



Birthday Greetings

January 18: Kit Chapin, Arley Fisher, III,
Betts Harrison

January 19: Brett Campbell

January 20: Asher Bentley

January 22: Marvin Goembel,
Tate Hunziker

January 23: Brecken Sanders

January 24: Larry Cook

Sunday January 18, 2026

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (Pew Bible Pages 806-807)

SERMON Sanctified, Gifted and Blameless Dr. Bill Baker

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)

*WORSHIP

OFFERING

CHILDREN'S SERMON Stacey Morgan

*SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (Pew Bible Pages 806-807)

SERMON Sanctified, Gifted and Blameless Dr. Bill Baker

* Please stand as you are able.

THOSE WHO SERVE: 9:00 AM: SS Greeters/Ushers: Seth Stanaland, Bradley Jones;

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: Jemma and Regan Hartsell

Buckets: Cora and Tripp LeGette

Sunday Nights will resume January 26th

Save the Date: Children's Committee Meeting- Monday, January 26th @ 6:00 p.m.

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.

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 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!

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY	
OPENING VOLUNTARY	.Mr. Ed Self <i>Devotion - Beck/Linker</i>
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	.Dr. Bill Baker
REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	.Apostles’ Creed .No. 881
*HYMN OF PRAISE	.No. 156 <i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>
OFFERTORY PRAYER	.Dr. Baker
OFFERING	
OFFERTORY	.Mr. Self <i>Brother James’ Air - Jordan</i>
*DOXOLOGY	.No. 95
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER	.Dr. Baker
SPECIAL MUSIC	.Mr. Jeremy Moore and Mr. Ed Self
*SCRIPTURE	.1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (Pew Bible Pages 806-807)
SERMON	.Sanctified, Gifted and Blameless .Dr. Baker
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	.No. 451 <i>Be Thou My Vision</i>
*BENEDICTION	.Dr. Baker
+POSTLUDE	.Mr. Self <i>Hymn to Joy - Beethoven/Travis</i>

+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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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.

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.

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.

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.

Remember serving begins at 6:00 pm.

Week Jan. 21____ **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!