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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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# Perfectly United

Have you ever had a disagreement with someone? How did it work out? Were you able to resolve it? This week in our scripture Paul admonishes the Church at Corinth for allowing disunity and disagreement over who they claim to be following. Some claim Paul, others Apollo, some Peter, while others claim to be following Jesus. Division had crept in and was threatening to divide the church.

Over my time in ministry I have witnessed many disagreements and divisions. While some actually are based on real differences on how scripture is interpreted, often that is just the premise for argument. In truth, most disagreements and divisions come from the inability of believers to put others before themselves and the refusal to die to ourselves. Many folks in churches today seem to feel that if they are right, that is all that matters. We forget that Jesus said to love one another sacrificially and to put others ahead of ourselves. We sometimes forget that He taught that we are to lay our lives down for one another.

The enemy uses this to divide us and we fall for it. Paul ends the passage saying that for those who are perishing, the cross is foolishness, but for us who are being saved, it is the power of God unto salvation. In other words, for those who don't know Jesus, the idea of laying down one's life for another is foolishness, but for those that know Him, we see it as God's power working in us to save us by making us like Him. If we lose this life for His sake, we find it. What is he saying? If we willingly lay down our opinions and disagreements for the sake of Jesus, then we are being like Him and His power is working in us. Being right is not the most important goal. Being a living sacrifice, surrendering to Him and loving one another is more important. Not that there aren't times we must work through disagreement, but even then, we do so with love and trying to put the other person first. That seems difficult today, but it is His way. Pray that the Lord will help you when you disagree, so that no matter what, we walk in perfect unity together as much as possible!



*In Jesus' Love,  
Dr. Baker*

**MEMORIALS:**

A memorial has been given to the church in loving memory of

**MR. JOHN CONNELL**

By: Judge Claire Chason & Mr. Al Harrell

**UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:**

January 26 - 6:00 pm - Laity Council

February 2 - 6:00 pm -WinGS Meeting

February 9 - 6:00 pm - Methodist Men

February 10 -10:00 am - Pack Valentine Boxes

February 13 - Grandparents Day for Preschool

February 17 - 6:00 pm - Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.



Week of **Jan. 25-31**  
2026



## Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

### Sunday, January 25:

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

### Monday, January 26:

6:00 pm	Laity Council
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### Tuesday, January 27:

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

### Wednesday, January 28:

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

### Thursday, January 29:

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

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

† Live streaming

### ARCHBOLD:

Mrs. Lisa LeGette  
Mr. Julian Rawls

### AT HOME:

Mr. Phillip and Mrs. Hope Almon  
Mrs. Louise Anderson  
Mr. Ray Butler  
Mr. Keith and Mrs. Sheila Campbell  
Mr. David and Mrs. Catherine Elkins  
Mrs. Betty Hester  
Mr. Ken LeGette  
Mr. Jerome and Mrs. Gayle Martin  
Mr. Howell and Mrs. Eleanor McKinnon  
Mrs. Faye Miller  
Mrs. Betty Rawls  
Mr. Ross Sims  
Mr. Gene and Mrs. Sarah 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

1/18/26

Attendance	.88
Weekly Needs	.\$8,853.00
Weekly Receipts	.\$6,880.00
Memorial/In Honor	.\$00.00
Missions	.\$20.00
Bucket Brigade	.\$53.14

### 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 25:** Peyton Bickford,  
Tony Sheffield

**January 26:** Gayle Martin

**January 28:** Tommy Rosser

Sunday January 25, 2026

**Traditional Informal – Chapel**

**8:00 am**

SCRIPTURE LESSON . . . . . 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (Pew Bible Page 807)

SERMON . . . . . Perfectly United . . . . . 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 1:10-18 (Pew Bible Page 807)

SERMON . . . . . Perfectly United . . . . . 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: Rebecca McKemie - video;

**KID MIN CORNER**

**NEWS FROM...STACEY**

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

Acolytes: Jensyn Drew Morgan and Betts Harrison

Buckets: Finn Cook and Tilden Morgan

- Sunday Nights will resume this Sunday, January 25th at 5:00 pm.

**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](mailto: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 have started back as normal.
- Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with youth on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, or Wednesday nights, please let Kelsey know!

Sunday January 25, 2026

**Traditional Worship – Sanctuary (Livestream)**

**11:00 am**

**Epiphany III**

**Christian Color: Green**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY .....Mr. Ed Self  
*Prayer from Suite Gothique - Boellmann*

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

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

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

\*HYMN OF PRAISE .....No. 546  
*The Church’s One Foundation*

OFFERTORY PRAYER .....Dr. Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORY .....Mr. Self  
*Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose - Christiansend*

\*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 .....1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (Pew Bible Page 807)

SERMON .....Perfectly United .....Dr. Baker

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE .....No. 377  
*It Is Well With My Soul*

\*BENEDICTION .....Dr. Baker

+POSTLUDE .....Mr. Self  
*Italian Hymn - Travis*

+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:** 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.



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

**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.

**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. 28** \_\_\_\_\_ **Permanent** \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ 6.00/person

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

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**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 .....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!*