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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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Here we are once again in the Season of Lent. Over the years I have spoken with lots of folks who know a little about Lent, but many don't really grasp what it's all about. Many have asked me, "Is Lent in the Bible?" That's a good question! The answer is that it is not. Lent is short for "Lencten" which is a Latin word simply meaning "Spring". Many years after Jesus' death and resurrection, the church decided that its members needed a time to prepare their hearts for Easter. It was important to them that they fast, pray, and search their hearts to remove all traces of sin in their lives, so that when Easter came they were fully clean and ready for the celebration!

Over the years it came to be observed with the giving up of something people enjoy as a kind of fasting or self deprivation. Often people would ask, "What are you giving up for Lent?" This is still widely observed in some Christian circles, and can be a wonderful exercise if done well. The problem is that many miss the original point. If we aren't careful, we can make Lent all about what I am giving up, which is really a focus on self. The whole idea is that we don't focus on self and in fact are taking the time to really examine ourselves to identify sins like selfishness and to repent for them and to no longer be selfish.

Let us observe a holy Lent and ask the Lord to search our hearts and show us where we are missing the mark and then let us repent, be forgiven and restored! In this way we too can be cleansed, set free and have our joy restored! I pray that all of us will seek His face through Lent and when Easter arrives we will be fully ready for celebration!

*In His Love,
Dr. Baker*

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MRS. BILLIE JO GREER

By: Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cliett
Peg Thomas

MRS. LISA LEGETTE

By: Mr. Charles Manny

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

February 22 - Family game night

February 23 - 6:00 pm- Laity Council

February 25 - 6:00 pm -Church night
supper • LENT PROGRAM

March 2 - 6:00 pm WINGS

March 6 - 9:00 am Preschool
Grandparent's Day

March 8 - Daylight Savings Time
begins

March 18 - Preschool Spaghetti
Supper

March 29 - 10:30 am - Combined
Worship Service

LAITY COUNCIL:

Will meet Monday, February 23, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship hall.

CHURCH CALENDAR:

All though the Church facilities are large enough for multiple meetings to avoid conflicts, please contact the church office to put events and meetings on the church calendar.

LOVE OFFERING

Donations for the Ruth Sims love offering can be made for the next two weeks at United National Bank. Please make checks payable to Cairo First Methodist Church, Memo: Ruth Sims. Contributions may also be made through 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.

NOTE OF THANKS AND GRATITUDE:

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, gifts and kind words upon my retirement after 49 years at the church. The church (the people) has been my and my family's life for 58 years. It has been a rewarding experience. Thanks to all for the wonderful meet and greet and the committee who put the day together. Wishing each of you God's Blessings!

Ruth Sims

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:

Registration opens on the following dates, based on a first-come, first-served basis:

February 23 - March 1 - Open registration for children of church members

March 2-March 8 - Open to current preschool families

March 9 - Open to Community

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 **Feb. 22-28**
2026



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, February 22:

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

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Monday, February 23:

6:00 pm	Laity Council
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Tuesday, February 24:

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

Wednesday, February 25:

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

Thursday, February 26:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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Friday, February 27:

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

† Live streaming

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. Chris James
Mr. Jerome and Mrs. Gayle Martin
Mr. Howell and Mrs. Eleanor McKinnon
Mrs. Faye Miller
Mr. Jeb Owens
Mr. Julian Rawls
Mr. Ross Sims
Mr. Gene Smith 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. Freddie 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:

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

2/15/26

Attendance92
Weekly Needs\$9,753.00
Weekly Receipts\$6,300.00
Memorial/In Honor\$70.00
Missions\$100.00
Bucket Brigade\$4.00

BUCKET BRIGADE:

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

Thanks for your donations. Donations can be made by check designating that it is to go to the bucket brigade offering.



Birthday Greetings

February 22: Chris James

February 25: Drew Pyrz

February 27: Everett Allen

Sunday February 22, 2026

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

SCRIPTURE LESSON Joel 2:1-2; 12-17 (Pew Bible Page 644)

SERMON A Call to Repentence Dr. Bill Baker

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)

*WORSHIP

OFFERING

CHILDREN’S SERMON Stacey Morgan

*SCRIPTURE Joel 2:1-2; 12-17 (Pew Bible Page 644)

SERMON A Call to Repentence Dr. Bill Baker

* Please stand as you are able.

THOSE WHO SERVE: 9:00 AM: SS Greeters/Ushers: **Matt Duncan, Joe Porter;**

Worship Team: Brian Morgan - *vocals, guitar*; Stacey Morgan - *vocals, keys*;
Miller Kate Morgan - *bass*; Hadley Rae Morgan - *cajon*;

Tech: Nathan Hartsell - *video*; Breanna Sanders - *streaming*;

KID MIN CORNER

NEWS FROM...STACEY

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

Acolytes: Annabelle Stanaland and Austin Kate Hudson

Buckets: Maryalice Stanaland and Elam Stanaland


Sunday, February 22nd: Family Game Night: Save the Date!


SonDaze: Sundays, 5:00 p.m.


Faith Lab (Wed.): 6:30–7:00 p.m. (Quick science/faith fun after supper!)

THE ULTIMATE FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Join us for an evening of hilarious challenges, high-speed competition, and non-stop family fun!
(If you are willing to lend a hand, please contact Stacey or Kelsey or just come and help!)

 **WHEN:** Sunday, February 22nd

 **TIME:** 5:00 p.m.

 **WHERE:** The Fellowship Hall

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 are back on the regular schedule.
- Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with youth on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, or Wednesday nights, please let Kelsey know!

Sunday February 22, 2026

Combined Worship – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

Lent I

Christian Color: Purple

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
Prelude and Fugue in D Minor - Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSDr. Bill Baker

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHThe Nicene CreedNo. 880

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 361
Rock of Ages

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
The Old Rugged Cross - Wood

*DOXOLOGYNo. 95

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERDr. Baker

THE SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace - Holsten

*SCRIPTUREJoel 2:1-2; 12-17 (Pew Bible Page 644)

SERMONA Call to RepentanceDr. Baker

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 354
Surrender All

*BENEDICTIONDr. Baker

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Prologue - Bruckner

+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: Ruth Sims; **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.

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.

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.

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.

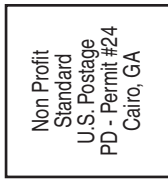
Dr Baker will be doing a Lenten Program thru March 25th.

Week Feb. 25_____ **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*
- Nancy Vance*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 *.478-550-4782*
239-229-6434
- 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!