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Worship God
Grow in Christ

Build Community
Bless the World



CAIRO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

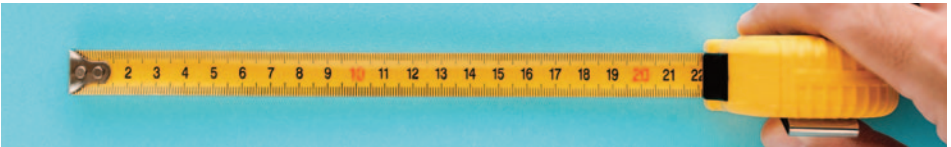
1867-2026 – Celebrating Our 159th Year

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Sometimes being a human can be fun! We have so many quaint ways to say things. For instance when someone is behaving in an immature manner we may tell them to “act your age not your shoe size!” or tell them to “grow up”. Their actual age is not important, it's about how they are behaving. Sometimes people may age physically but not mature emotionally. The same is true of spiritual growth. It is possible to be a Christian for many years, and still not grow very deeply in faith.

In our scripture this week Jesus encounters a Pharisee named Nicodemus who seeks Jesus out. He tells Jesus that he believes he is from God because the miracles Jesus was doing could only have come from God. Now you would think that maybe Jesus would have been flattered or at least relieved that one of the prominent Pharisees would understand that He was of God, but instead Jesus goes on the offensive. Jesus relates a basic spiritual truth that Nicodemus cannot understand. Jesus asks him how it was that he was an eminent biblical scholar and teacher of the nation, yet he could not grasp a simple spiritual truth, even after Jesus explained it. Jesus basically told Nicodemus that he needed to grow up spiritually. Great factual knowledge does not equal maturity.

Lent is a great time to take spiritual stock of our lives. Where are each of us in our spiritual maturity? Have we grown to the place we should be? If Jesus were right here would he tell us to “grow up”? To really grow and mature we have to know the Bible, but equally as important is living the Bible. As we live out our faith, trying to obey the Lord's command to share our faith and make disciples, we will struggle and sometimes fail, but in the process we will grow. Just like as we are learning to walk we fall, but we learn, we grow and with practice we master the skill of walking, so it is as we actively practice our faith. Lent is a time to fast, pray and also act. As we do these things, we will exercise our spiritual muscles and begin to grow deeper. We may not get all it at once, but we can begin taking steps. You could volunteer for the Children's or Youth ministry, serve in a local mission, or pray for people you encounter as you go through your day. However you are led, actively engage your faith, and watch it grow!

*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 **MR. JULIAN RAWLS.**

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MR. JULIAN RAWLS

By: Mr. Herbert (Billy) & Mrs. Mary Wind
Ms. Marilyn Ricks
Monteen Stewart
Ms. Marilyn Joyner
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Martin

MRS. LISA LEGETTE

By: Ms. Marilyn Joyner

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

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

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.

PALM SUNDAY:

March 29th is Palm Sunday, but it's also a 5th Sunday, and for CFMC that means a Combined Service. It's also a time when we have Baptisms and receive new members into our fellowship. If you would like to join the church and/or be Baptized, let Dr Bill or the Church Office know and we will talk with you about it. We know that we will be having a Baptism by immersion and would love to Baptize others!

REQUESTING VISIONAIRES:

A new 'vision' committee will be formed soon to guide the future of the church. If you'd like to be a part of this, forward your interest to Dr. Baker.

WINGS:

This ladies group will meet on March 2 at 6:00 pm in the small fellowship hall. They will host a special baby shower for an expectant mother from the Handmaiden's House. Bring a baby gift and shower food! A link to the registry was emailed out, but if you did not get it or need more information, please contact Clair McCaskill or another WINGS member.

STRAWBERRY SALES

A fund raiser for Wesley Glen Aux 2026 will be selling flats of strawberries containing 8 1# boxes. Call orders into the church office or fill out form in Sunday school class by March 16th. Berries will be delivered and will need to be picked up on Friday, March 20th. Cost will be \$22 per flat and must be pre-paid.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:

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

March 2-March 8 - Open to current preschool families

March 9 - Open to Community

***THE PRESCHOOL WILL BE OFFERING A NEW HALF DAY PROGRAM FOR 2 YEAR OLDS. PLEASE CONTACT THE PRESCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

PRESCHOOL FUND-RAISER:

Mark your calendars for a spaghetti dinner planned for March 18th.

METHODIST MEN:

Methodist Men are scheduled to meet on Monday, March 9th at 6:00 pm. Contact Tommy Smith to make reservations for the meal.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

If you would like learn to operate the audiovisual equipment, volunteers are encouraged to talk to Brian or Stacey Morgan.



Week of **Mar.1-7**
2026



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, March 1:

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, March 2:

6:00 pm	WinGS
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Tuesday, March 3:

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

Wednesday, March 4:

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

Thursday, March 5:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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Friday, March 6:

9:00 am	Preschool Grandparents Day
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. 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:

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

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

1/22/26

Attendance141
Weekly Needs\$9,753.00
Weekly Receipts\$6,736.00
Memorial/In Honor\$105.00
Missions\$20.00
Bucket Brigade\$59.97

BUCKET BRIGADE:

The Bucket brigade offerings (loose change in buckets) goes to mission projects that the church sponsors throughout the year. The offering for **March** will go to **Wesley Glenn Ministries**.

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



Birthday Greetings

March 1: Bo Harrell, David McCurry

March 2: Brian Hunziker

March 3: Mary Roberson, Fran Youmans

March 4: Marilyn Ricks

March 5: Matt McCaskill, Richard Moses

March 6: Sarah Chason, Koby Pyrz

March 7: Phillip Almon, Allison Amaro

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

SCRIPTURE LESSONJohn 3:1-17 (Pew Bible Page 751)
SERMONGrow Up, Grow DeepDr. Bill Baker
COMMUNION

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)

*WORSHIP

OFFERING

CHILDREN’S SERMONStacey Morgan

*SCRIPTUREJohn 3:1-17 (Pew Bible Page 751)

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* 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;

Tech: Will Bundrick - video; Liam Bundrick - streaming;

KID MIN CORNER

NEWS FROM...STACEY

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

Acolytes: Cate Hopkins and Asher Bentley

Buckets: Brinson Hopkins and Judge Grave de Peralta

Sunday, March 1st - No Sunday night children’s programs this week.

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

- Palm Sunday, March 29: Join us for a special Joint Service at 11:00. We’ll come together as one body to kick off Holy Week! No Sunday School
- Easter Sunday, April 5: Celebrate the Resurrection with us! During the Sunday School hour, we’ll host our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We’ll have fun photo ops set up for the kids and the whole family—perfect for those Easter Sunday bests!

Donations Needed Our Children’s Ministry is in need of bottled water and snacks. Please drop off donations in the Children’s Department.

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!

Lent II

Christian Color: Purple

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
Siciliano from Concerto Op. 3, No. 11 - Vivaldi/Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSDr. Bill Baker

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHThe Nicene CreedNo. 880

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 400
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
The God of Abraham Praise - Williams

*DOXOLOGYNo. 95

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYERDr. Baker

THE SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
Ah, Holy Jesus - Helvey

*SCRIPTUREJohn 3:1-17 (Pew Bible Page 751)

SERMONGrow Up, Grow DeepDr. Baker

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*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 399
Take My Life, and Let It Be

*BENEDICTIONDr. Baker

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
In the Cross of Christ I Glory - Haan

+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.



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.

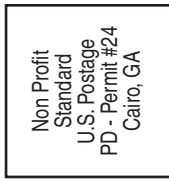
Dr. Baker will be doing a Lenten Program thru March 25th.

Week Mar. 4 _____ **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!