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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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Dr. Bill Baker, Pastor

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One of the most fascinating scriptures to me is in Exodus 33 when Moses asks God two very unique things. In the chapter there is a description of Moses and the Tent of Meeting where he would go and speak with the Lord. As Moses entered the Tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and remain at the entrance while Moses met with the Lord. It was during one of these meetings that Moses made his requests. The first was “teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you.” Such a unique request! Moses was asking God for a closer, deeper relationship. To know someone’s ways, you have to be very close, it is far more than an acquaintance or even a casual friend. Moses was asking for God to allow him to be a close friend. And God responds that he will grant Moses’ request because He is pleased with him and knows him by name.

Now that seems strange because of course, because God knows everything, he certainly knew Moses’ name! But what God was saying was that because he and Moses already had an established relationship that he would allow it to grow even closer. Then Moses asks God if could see His Glory. God allowed that too, but in a limited way, because encountering God in his glory would not be survivable.

Since this request was pleasing to God, we can learn from it. During this season of Lent as we are working to purify our hearts, repent and prepare for Easter, let us ask God to teach us His ways. Knowing about God is good, but knowing His ways is far better! I believe that God wants to know us all by name and for us to draw near. Let’s take time during this season to find a Tent of Meeting and spend time with Him, talking with Him and growing close!

*In His Love,
Dr. Baker*



March 8:

Don't forget to set your clocks forward for Daylight Savings Time.

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MR. JULIAN RAWLS

By: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Almon
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Burns
Miss Sandra Clark
Ms. Jacquelyn Chambers
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cliett
Ms. Margaret Chason
Mr. & Mrs. Wade Hunzinger
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Whitfield
Ms. PJ Thomas
Mr. Al Harrell & Jdg Clair Chason
Miss Sandra Clark

MS. BILLIE JO GREER

REV. CHRISTY BANDY

By: Miss Sandra Clark

MRS. LISA LEGETTE

By: Mr. Al Harrell & Judge Claire Chason

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

March 8 - Daylight Savings Time begins

March 9 - 6:00 pm Methodist Men

March 10 - 5:30 pm Finance Committee Mtg

March 16th - Strawberry Sales deadline

March 18 - Preschool Spaghetti Supper

March 23 - Laity Committee Meeting

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!

STRAWBERRY SALES:

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

PRESCHOOL SPAGHETTI DINNER FUND-RAISER:

Join us on March 18th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Spaghetti Supper Fund-raiser in support of our church preschool program, in lieu of Wednesday night supper. Come enjoy a delicious meal and help invest in the future of our children.

Cost is \$5 for kids, \$10 adults, \$12 takeout. Reservations are appreciated by Friday, March 13th thru the church office. We look forward to sharing an evening of food, fellowship and support with you!

REQUEST FOR HELP:

With the retirement of Ruth Sims, there is a need for help opening and closing the church, prior to Sunday worship services. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Seth Staland.

MAH JONG:

Efforts are being made to organize a new group that can meet to learn and play this fun and challenging game. Please contact the church office for information to join.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:

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

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.**

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.



Week of **Mar.8-15**
2026



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, March 8:

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 9:

6:00 pm	Methodist Men
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Tuesday, March 10:

8:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
10:00 am	Ladies' Prayer Group
6:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 11:

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

Thursday, March 12:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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Friday, March 13:

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

† Live streaming

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Please remember to set your clocks forward in observance of daylight savings...clocks will shift between 2-3 am.

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

1/22/26

Attendance134
Weekly Needs\$9,753.00
Weekly Receipts\$10,270.00
Memorial/In Honor\$105.00
Missions\$20.00
Bucket Brigade\$41.27

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.

AT HOME:

Mr. Phillip and Mrs. Hope Almon
Mrs. Louise Anderson
Mr. Doug Branch
Mr. Ray Butler
Mr. Keith and Mrs. Sheila Campbell
Mr. David and Mrs. Catherine Elkins
Mrs. Betty Hester
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



Birthday Greetings

March 8: William Stoddard

March 11: Tripp LeGette, III

March 12: Sonya Porter

March 14: Kelli Grave De Peralta

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

SCRIPTURE LESSONPsalm 95:1-11 (Pew Bible Page 426)

SERMONKnowing His WaysDr. Bill Baker

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)

*WORSHIP

OFFERING

CHILDREN’S SERMONMrs. Stacey Morgan

*SCRIPTUREPsalm 95:1-11 (Pew Bible Page 426)

SERMONKnowing His WaysDr. 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; Joe Porter - cajon;

Tech: Rebecca McKemie - video; Hadley Rae Morgan - streaming;

KID MIN CORNER

NEWS FROM...STACEY

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

Acolytes: Bret Sanders and William Stoddard
Buckets: Theo Stoddard and Brecken Sanders

Sunday Nights: Come hang out on Sundays, at 5:00, as we learn more about our best friend, Jesus! Great stories, better friends, and tons of fun.

Faith Lab (Wed.): Can science help us understand God? You bet! Join us for FaithLab on Wednesday nights for explosive experiments and a deeper look at our faith.

- 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!

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 III

Christian Color: Purple

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
How Great Thou Art/How Great is Our God - Page

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSDr. Bill Baker

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHThe Nicene CreedNo. 880

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 140
Great is Thy Faithfulness

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - Wood

*DOXOLOGYNo. 95

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYERDr. Baker

THE SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
How Beautiful Upon the Mountains - Carter

*SCRIPTUREPsalm 95:1-11 (Pew Bible Page 426)

SERMONKnowing His WaysDr. Baker

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 397
I Need Thee Every Hour

*BENEDICTIONDr. Baker

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Prelude and Fugue in E Minor - Bach

+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.

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.

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.

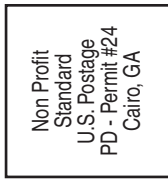
Dr. Baker will be doing a Lenten Program thru March 25th.

Week Mar. 11____ **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*
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- 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!