

# THE BULLETIN

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Worship God  
Grow in Christ

Build Community  
Bless the World



## CAIRO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

1867-2026 – Celebrating Our 159th Year

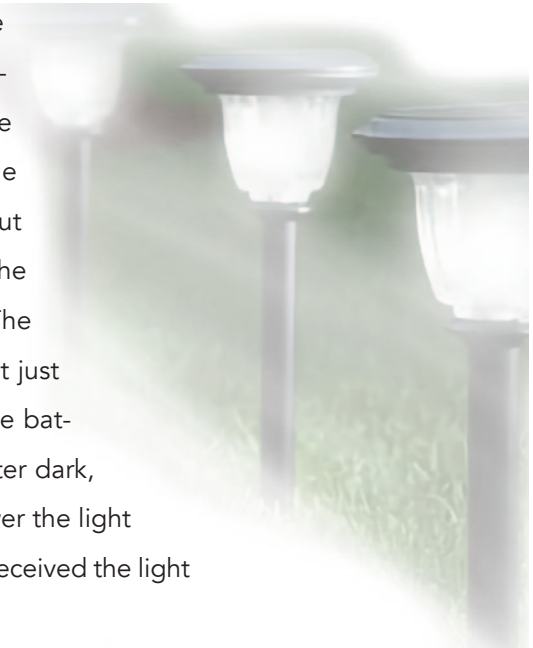
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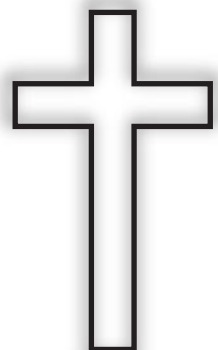
Amy and I love solar lights. We have them in our yard for decoration, we have solar lamps outside that provide lighting long after the sun goes down and recently we put some decorative solar lights on the house making a very nice glow. The thing that is most impressive is that just by placing them in the sunlight, the batteries store up energy and then after dark, they use that stored energy to power the light long after the sun sets. That which received the light then shines in the darkness.



It's a really good illustration of what Paul says in Eph. 5 that "everything that is illuminated becomes a light". This is a poetic way of saying that whenever people receive the light of Jesus in their hearts, they themselves become lights. I have seen this before, people that know Jesus seem to be filled with joy and are actually radiant. Sometimes I have met people that have His light in their eyes and He almost literally shines from them.

And this is how it is when you know Him! It reminds me of that old song, This Little Light of Mine, I'm Gonna Let It Shine. It's more than just a reflection, God's light fills our hearts and then we literally become sources of His light! So let it shine! During this season of Lent ask God to fill you so much with His light, that you become a lighthouse for others! Then let it shine!

*In His Love,  
Dr. Baker*



## **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

The church extends sympathy to friends and family of **Richard Wight**, who recently passed and was a previous member of CFMC.

## **MEMORIALS:**

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

### **MR. JULIAN RAWLS**

By: Mr. Charles Manny  
Mr. & Mrs. David McClurry  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeb Owens  
Mrs. Anne Richter  
Ms. Katherine Stoddard

### **MS. JANICE CURTIS**

By: Ms. Katherine Stoddard

### **MRS. LISA LEGETTE**

### **REV. IKE POWELL**

### **MR. JOE WARD**

By: Anne Richter

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## **UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:**

March 16 - Strawberry Sales deadline

March 18 - Preschool Spaghetti Supper

March 21 - Youth Lock-In

March 23 - Laity Committee Meeting

March 29 - Palm Sunday / 10:30 am -  
Combined Worship  
Service

April 1 - 6:00 pm - Easter Cantata

April 5 - Easter Sunday

April 6-10 - Spring Break

## **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:**

**Deadline approaching:** 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 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:**

We are currently opening enrollment to the community.

**\*The Preschool will be offering a NEW half day program for 2 year olds. Please contact the preschool for more information.**

## **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. 15-21**  
2026



## Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

### Sunday, March 15:

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 16:

*No Activities*

### Tuesday, March 17:

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

### Wednesday, March 18:

5:00 pm	Handbells
6:00 pm	Preschool Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir

### Thursday, March 19:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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### Friday, March 20:

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

### Saturday, March 21:

7:00 pm	Youth Lock-In
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† Live streaming

### AT HOME:

- Mr. Everett Allen
- Mr. Phillip 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

## AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

3/1/26

Attendance	107
Weekly Needs	\$9,753.00
Weekly Receipts	\$4,190.00
Memorial/In Honor	\$480.00
Missions	\$100.00
Bucket Brigade	\$27.46

### 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 15:** Ryan Mitchell, Bob Ponder, III
- March 16:** Michelle Bishop, Robbie Harrison
- March 17:** Preslei Phillips, Randy Wind
- March 18:** Brinson Hopkins, Cameron Hunziker
- March 19:** Sam Vernon
- March 20:** Julian Brown, Bobby Dollar, Wynell Mitchell
- March 21:** Alex Fisher

Sunday, March 15, 2026

**Traditional Informal – Chapel**

**8:00 am**

SCRIPTURE LESSON . . . . . Eph. 5:8-14 (Pew Bible Page 829)

SERMON . . . . . Shine . . . . . Dr. Bill Baker

**Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)**

**9:00 am**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)

\*WORSHIP

OFFERING

CHILDREN’S SERMON . . . . . Mrs. Stacey Morgan

\*SCRIPTURE . . . . . Eph. 5:8-14 (Pew Bible Page 829)

SERMON . . . . . Shine . . . . . Dr. Bill Baker

\* Please stand as you are able.

**THOSE WHO SERVE: 9:00 AM:** SS Greeters/Ushers: **Jarrett Harrison, Robert Hudson;**

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

Tech: Will Bundrick - video; Breanna Sanders - streaming;

**KID MIN CORNER**

**NEWS FROM...STACEY**

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

**Acolytes (both services): Jemma and Regan Hartsell**

**Buckets: Tripp and Cora LeGette**

**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!

**We need candy filled eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt. Drop donations off to Stacey or in the Children’s Building.**

**YOUTH LOCK-IN**

CFMC will host an all-night, lock-in that’s open to all middle and high-school students, on March 21-22. There will be games, snacks, movies, Uno challenges—so many fun things to do! Participants are asked to bring their favorite snack to share. Drop-off is Saturday at 7 pm and parents can pick-up following church and SS on Sunday. There will be many chaperones, but volunteers are welcomed. For questions, contact Kelsey West for more information.

**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 are back on the regular schedule.
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** There will be **NO** youth night on Sunday March 22, due to the lock-in earlier that day
- Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with youth on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, or Wednesday nights, please let Kelsey know!

Sunday, March 15, 2026

**Combined Worship – Sanctuary (Livestream)**

**11:00 am**

Lent IV

Christian Color: Purple

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CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY .....Mr. Ed Self  
*Beneath the Cross of Jesus - Wood*

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

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....The Nicene Creed .....No. 880

\*HYMN OF PRAISE .....No. 378  
*Amazing Grace*

OFFERTORY PRAYER .....Dr. Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORY .....Mr. Self  
*Ah, Holy Jesus - Wood*

\*DOXOLOGY .....No. 95

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER .....Dr. Baker

THE SPECIAL MUSIC .....Chancel Choir  
*God Exalted Him - Tom Fettke*

\*SCRIPTURE .....Eph. 5:8-14 (Pew Bible Page 829)

SERMON .....Shine .....Dr. Baker

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE .....No. 454  
*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

\*BENEDICTION .....Dr. Baker

+POSTLUDE .....Mr. Self  
*Recessional - Ashdown*

+After the Benediction, you are dismissed  
or feel free to remain in the sanctuary and enjoy the Postlude

\* Please stand as you are able.

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**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.

**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**

Wednesday, March 18 will be the pre-school Spaghetti Fundraiser. Regular CNS will resume on Wednesday, March 25.

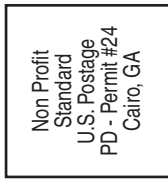
Dr. Baker will be doing a Lenten Program thru March 25th.

**Week Mar. 25**\_\_\_\_\_ **Permanent** \_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_

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

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



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## 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*
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- Parsonage .....*229-216-3014*

EMAILS: When sending emails to the church office, please use the following address:

**adm.cairofum@syrupcity.net**

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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!*