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Worship God
Grow in Christ

Build Community
Bless the World



CAIRO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

1867-2026 – Celebrating Our 159th Year

318 South Broad Street • Cairo, Georgia 39828-2717

Dr. Bill Baker, Pastor

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It's that week before Easter that we observe every year, Palm Sunday, but do we really get it? The whole thing is a case of mistaken identity and intentions. Jesus has His agenda, the folks in Jerusalem have another. About 150 years before, Judas Maccabee, called "The Hammer", raised up a kind of guerilla army to oppose the Greek King Antiochus who had conquered Jerusalem. Judas was successful in overthrowing the Greeks and the people celebrated with a parade for him and by cutting palm branches and throwing them on the road in front of him. Things went great until the Romans came and conquered the Jews again. After Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, many believed Jesus would use His power to free them from Rome, so when he rode into Jerusalem that day, they preemptively welcomed Him as their Savior, not realizing that He had a different plan.

Even the parade itself was underwhelming. Jesus was riding a humble donkey, not a mighty steed. He was quiet, not yelling to the crowd. The parade ended at a little village, not in Jerusalem at the Temple. He did not raise an army or even talk badly about the Romans. Jesus was here to fight a spiritual battle, to end a spiritual war, not a physical one. When he allowed himself to be arrested and tried and questioned by Pontius Pilate, people began to realize he wasn't going to fight Rome like they had thought and quickly turned against Him. They wanted Jesus for their purposes, not His. And that's always the danger. Jesus is not there for us, to be used for our agendas, He is the Lord, the King of the Universe. We exist for him.

*In His Love,
Dr. Baker*

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MR. JULIAN RAWLS

By: Mr. & Mrs. Gene Smith
Mr. & Mrs. William Rathel
Mr. Ralph Martinucci
Ms. Carolyn Trawick
Friends of Woodland UMC

REV. CHRISTY BANDY

By: Mr. & Mrs. Gene Smith

MR. HOWELL MCKINNON, JR

By: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Almon
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cliett
Mr. & Mrs. David McCurry
Ms. Monteen Stewart
Mr. Herbert W. (Billy) & Mary Wind
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Smith

MRS. LISA LEGETTE

By: Ms. Carolyn Trawick
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Smith

MS. BILLIE JO GREER

By: Ms. Carolyn Trawick
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Smith

REV. IKE POWELL

By: Mr. & Mrs. Gene Smith

MR. JOHN CONNELL

By: Mr. & Mrs. Gene Smith

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

April 1st 6:30 pm Easter Cantata

April 5th Easter Sunday

April 6 -10th - Spring Break

EASTER CANTATA:

Come experience the power and beauty of the Easter Cantata, Wednesday, April 1st at 6:30 pm. Let uplifting music, heartfelt voices, and the message of resurrection fill your spirit with hope and joy. This is more than a performance—it's a moment of worship, reflection, and celebration you won't want to miss! Bring a friend and help us fill the church to overflowing, not just with people, but with the Spirit as we rejoice together in this glorious season!

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.

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.

FRIENDLY REMINDER:

Please help us allow Mrs. Ruth to fully enjoy her retirement by directing any questions or needs to the church office, either by phone or email. --SPRC

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.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE PADS:

Please sign in each Sunday and **print your first and last names clearly** so your attendance can be recorded correctly. 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.

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.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:

We are currently opening enrollment to the community and currently have openings for the 2 & 4 year old programs. Looking ahead to the fall, applications for employment will be accepted to support our growing program. ***The Preschool will be offering a NEW half day program for 2 year olds. Please contact the preschool for more information.**



Week of **Mar. 29-Apr. 4**
2026
HOLY WEEK



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, March 29:

10:30 am † **Combined Worship**
 Emersion Baptism &
 Welcoming New Members

5:00 pm Youth Night

Monday, March 30:

No Activities

Tuesday, March 31:

8:00 am Men's Prayer Group

10:00 am Ladies' Prayer Goup

Wednesday, April 1:

6:00 pm Meal

6:30 pm Lenten Cantata

Thursday, April 2:

8:30 am Service on CNS Channel 6

Friday, April 3:

12:00 noon - 3:00 pm Good Friday;
 Table to Table Event

2:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

9:00 pm Service on CNS Channel 6

† **Live streaming**

AT HOME:

- Mr. Evertt 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
- Mrs. Eleanor McKinnon
- Mrs. Faye Miller
- 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. 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

3/22/26

Attendance	167
Weekly Needs	\$8,853.00
Weekly Receipts	\$5,983.01
Memorial/In Honor	\$630.00
Bucket Brigade	\$58.01

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 the **Wesley Glenn Ministry**.

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

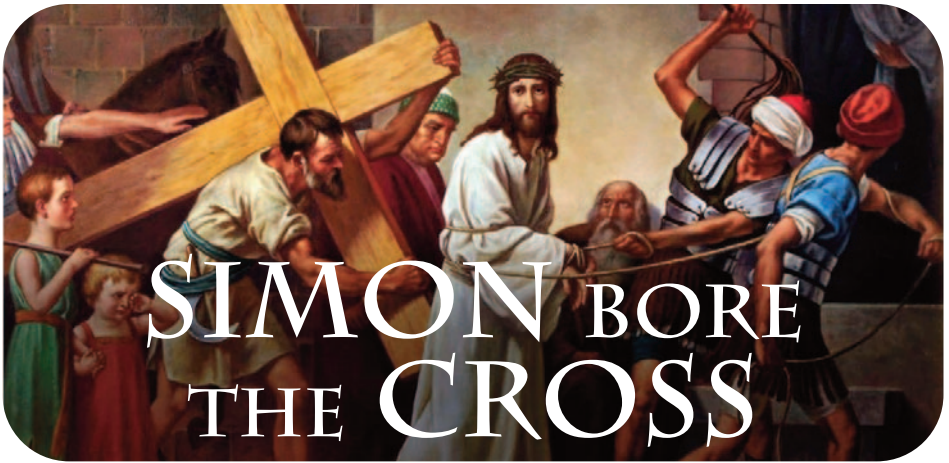


Birthday Greetings

April 1: Hank Hudson

April 2: Ella Jones, Tilden Morgan

April 4: Charles Davis



SIMON BORE THE CROSS

The Chancel Choir, Handbells, and Children

of Cairo First Methodist Church,
along with guest musicians,
will present

SIMON BORE THE CROSS

by Margaret Bonds

On Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

in the church sanctuary, located at
318 S. Broad St., Cairo, Georgia.

Everyone is welcome

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

Worship Team: Brian Morgan - vocals, guitar; Stacey Morgan - vocals, keys;

Tech: Will Bundrick - video; streaming;

KID MIN CORNER

NEWS FROM...**STACEY**

email: morgans@tcitys.org

text: 912-242-3983

Acolytes: Nolan and Coleson Duncan
Buckets: Josi and Livi Grave de Peralta

- **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.
- **Wednesdays:** FaithLab - 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.
- **Save the Dates:** **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! Don't forget to bring your Easter Basket!

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 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, March 29, 2026

Combined Worship – Sanctuary (Livestream)

10:30 am

Palm Sunday

Christian Color: Purple

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self and Mrs. Carolyn Stafford
Open the Gates of the Temple - Knapp/Hustad

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSDr. Bill Baker

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHThe Nicene CreedNo. 880

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 278
Hosanna Loud Hosanna

VIDEO PRESENTATION

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded - Bach

*DOXOLOGYNo. 95

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERDr. Baker

CHILDREN'S SERMON

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

SPECIAL MUSICThe Morgans

AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*SCRIPTUREMatthew 21:1-11 (Pew Bible Page 697)

SERMONHis Way or the HighwayDr. Baker

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 166
All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
The Palms - Faure

+(Congregation to please exit through front doors and gather at front steps)

SERVICE OF BAPTISM
(On Church Front Steps)

* 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.

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.

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 appreciate you abiding these rules to keep the sanctuary in pristine condition.

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.

Week April 1 _____ Permanent _____

Name _____

No. of Adults _____ @ 6.00/person

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

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CAIRO, GA 39828

Directory

- Bill BakerPastor
- Nancy VanceAdm. Assistant
- Stacey MorganChildren's Director
- Kelsey WestYouth Director
- Jeremy MooreMusic Director
- Ed SelfOrganist
- Brian Morgan
.Contemporary Worship Leader
- Rebekah HarrellPreschool Director
- Church Office229-377-3051
- Emergency Numbers . .478-550-4782
239-229-6434
- Parsonage229-216-3014

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!