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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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I was once asked, “How do you know the resurrection actually happened? Couldn’t it have been made up by Jesus’ disciples?” Of course that is within the realm of possibility, but it is highly unlikely. Why? The most compelling reasons have to do with the disciples themselves.

Every disciple/apostle except John (though they tried) died a martyr’s death. Most were terrible. If they had made up a story they knew wasn’t true, there was simply no reason to die for the lie. It was a very difficult life as it was as an apostle. Outcast from their people and families, persecuted, imprisoned and beaten by the Jews and Rome, there was no advantage to them to continue a lie. Certainly there was no advantage in dying for it. No one would do that, much less all 11 of them.

Also, the body was guarded by battle-hardened Roman soldiers. The terrified disciples were not going to get past them. If their story wasn’t true, it would have been easy to produce the body from the tomb as proof that their story was fabricated. But, they didn’t because they couldn’t. There was no body there. He had risen.

The fact of the Resurrection changes everything. Because He lives, we too will live with Him forever! This year I pray you have a most blessed and joy-filled Easter! He is Risen!!

*In His Love,
Dr. Baker*

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MR. HOWELL MCKINNON, JR

By: Ms. Judith Cox
Mr. Al Harrell & Judge Claire Chason
Mr. Charles Manny
Mrs. Betty Rawls
Ms. Carolyn Shelfer

MR. GARY JONES

By: Mr. Al Harrell & Judge Claire Chason

WELCOME!

Let us welcome the following families to our membership.

BY TRANSFER:

Mr. Cole and Alea Simmons-McIn-vale
Mr. Jon and Mrs. Wendy Miller
Dr. Stacey and Mrs. Kay Harbin
Mr. Don and Joanne Jones
Mr. Charles and Mrs. Brenda Galloway

BY PROFESSION OF FAITH:

Bryan and Katelynn Skipper

BAPTISM

We joyfully celebrated the immersion baptism of MR. BRYAN SKIPPER this Palm Sunday. What a beautiful testimony of faith and new life in Christ! Please join us in warmly welcoming Bryan into our church family as we walk together in worship, fellowship and service.

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

April 5 - **Easter Sunday**

April 5 - **10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt**

April 6 - **1:30 pm Mah Jong
(3rd floor)**

April 6 - **6:00 pm WINGS**

April 6 - **10th - Spring Break**

April 8 - **No Wednesday meal**

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.

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 **Apr. 5-11**
2026



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, April 5:

8:00 am	Early Worship
9:00 am	† Contemporary Worship
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	† Combined Worship
5:00 pm	Youth Night

Monday, April 6:

1:30 pm	Mah Jong (3rd Floor)
6:00 pm	Wings

Tuesday, April 7:

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

Wednesday, April 8:

5:00 pm	Handbells <i>No Meal</i>
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 9:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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Friday, April 10:

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

† Live streaming

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

3/29/26

Attendance130
Weekly Needs\$8,853.00
Weekly Receipts\$3904.00
Memorial/In Honor\$320.00
Bucket Brigade\$0.85

BUCKET BRIGADE:

The Bucket brigade offerings (loose change in buckets) goes to mission projects that the church sponsors throughout the year. The offering for April will go to Cairo First Methodist Church RAMP Ministry. This organization builds wheelchair ramps on site for locals in need, and has been very busy these past few months, and helpful beyond measure to afford mobility for those who are otherwise housebound.

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

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
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



Birthday Greetings

April 5: Annalise Phillips

April 6: John Stafford

April 7: Cathryn Elchenko,
John Higginbotham,
Tucker Tyson

April 8: Austin Tyler

April 10: Elise Jolly, Bob Taylor

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

SCRIPTURE LESSONJohn 20:1-18 (Pew Bible Page 768)

SERMONThe PauseDr. Bill Baker

THOSE WHO SERVE: 8:00 AM: Carolyn Stafford - *accompanist*

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)

*WORSHIP

OFFERING

CHILDREN’S SERMONStacey Morgan

*SCRIPTUREJohn 20:1-18 (Pew Bible Page 768)

SERMONThe PauseDr. Bill Baker

* Please stand as you are able.

THOSE WHO SERVE: 9:00 AM: SS Greeters/Ushers: **Bert Stoddard and Adam Clark;**

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 (both services): Ella and Campbell Jones

Buckets: Magnus and Caroline Hudson

- **Sunday Nights:** No Sunday night programs until April 19th, due to Spring Break Schedules. Enjoy your break!
- **Wednesdays:** FaithLab - No Wednesday FaithLab for children this week due to Spring Break.
- **Save the Dates: Easter Sunday | April 5:** Come 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! MEet in the Children’s building for instructions at 10:00. **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!

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing - Ashdown

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSDr. Bill Baker

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHThe Nicene CreedNo. 880

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 320
Up From the Grave He Arose

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain - Williams

*DOXOLOGYNo. 95

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYERDr. Baker

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir
This is the Day of Rejoicing - Pote

*SCRIPTUREJohn 20:1-18 (Pew Bible Page 768)

SERMONThe PauseDr. Baker

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 322
Christ the Lord is Risen Today

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Look Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious - Manz

+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.

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

NO MEAL APRIL 8

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.

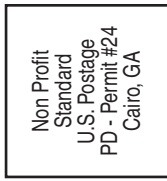
Let us know if your child or children would prefer a hotdog.

Week April 15 _____ 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 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!