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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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Easter Sunday was a beautiful and wonderful day! I could not count the times I was greeted with the words, “He is risen!” My heart soared!

I imagine the disciples felt the same at seeing the risen Jesus...after they got over the shock of him suddenly appearing to them in a locked room! But then, the joy they must have felt! But Jesus didn't come to them just for that, He came to change their titles and job descriptions.

Up until now they had been Jesus' disciples. They learned from Him, watched Him, listened to Him, but now everything had changed. Today they would become Apostles. The word Apostolon means “sent out ones”. Before, they mostly received, but now they are being sent out by Jesus to carry on His mission and the message, “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand”. Now, it was going to be up to them. And us.

Now, the job is also ours. We Easter People are to spread His message so that the world may know Him. The Resurrection changed everything. It still is! Let us take up the baton and run the race He has set before us and share His good news to everyone! Do with all your might whatever it is He has given you to do for Him!

*In His Love,
Dr. Baker*

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

Christian sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. David Elkins in the death of their sister-in-law, **Mrs. Jean Elkins.**

MEMORIALS:

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

MR. HOWELL MCKINNON, JR

By: Ms. Marilyn Joyner
Ms. Katherine Stoddard
The Class of '56

MR. GARY JONES

By: Ms. Peg Thomas

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

April 13 - **1:30 pm Mah Jong**

April 15 - **6:00 pm Catered Church
Night Supper**

April 21 - **6:00 pm SPR Meeting**

April 22 - **6:00 pm CHS Chorus
to perform**

April 26 - **9:00 am Outdoor
Worship Service**

April 27 - **6:00 pm Laity Meeting**

May 2 - **7am-noon Yard Sale;
Backpack Missions**

May 3 - **5:00 pm Handbell Concert**

May 10 - **11:00 am Mother's Day
Luncheon & Combined
Service**

UNDER THE OAKS:

Join us for a special outdoor service on Sunday, April 26th at 9:00 AM. We'll gather in the shade under the Oaks for a morning of worship and fellowship in the beauty of the outdoors. Please remember to bring your own lawn chair or blanket for seating. In case of rain, the service will be held in the sanctuary.

HANDBELL CONCERT:

The **Capitol Bells** will present a free handbell concert 'Popcorn, Playbills & Prima Donnas' on Sunday, May 3rd at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary for all to enjoy. Please share the word and bring a friend to enjoy the evening!

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

MAY 10TH:

Join us for a beautiful Mothers Day Luncheon immediately following our combined worship service at 11:00 am. This special gathering celebrates and honors all mothers and spiritual mother who bless our lives with love, guidance and faith.

This fully-catered luncheon is a wonderful way to start a new tradition for Mother's Day, while still leaving time for your personal commitments and family activities afterward. Enjoy all the joy of a home-cooked meal without the lines, crowded restaurants or cleanup!

Guests may reserve a family table for \$120 for seating for six adults. Additional guests are \$20 per adult and \$8 per child.

If you would like to join the celebration but do not need an entire table, individual tickets are available for (\$20 adult/\$8 child), and you will be assigned a table with others who also wish to share in this special day.

Please reserve your table or tickets by May 4th to ensure your spot. All are welcomed to this event!

Menu will include culinary delights fully catered by Crystal Wells: choice of pork loin or chicken breast (with or without cranberry glaze), long grain wild rice, a fresh mixed green salad topped with strawberry, blueberry & mandarin oranges, steamed green beans, macaroni & cheese, fresh croissants, and a delightful dessert. Coffee, tea and water will be provided. The fellowship hall will be beautifully decorated with white tablecloths, candles and centerpieces, and live music will create a warm and joyful atmosphere—perfect for honoring our special mothers! We look forward to sharing this extraordinary day together in gratitude and celebration of the incredible women in our church family.

Reserve your table or individual tickets using the QR Code or by contacting the church office.





Week of **Apr. 12-18**
2026



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, April 12:

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

Monday, April 13:

1:30 pm	Mah Jong (Fellowship Hall)
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Tuesday, April 14:

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

Wednesday, April 15:

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

Thursday, April 16:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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Friday, April 17:

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

† 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
- 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

4/5/26

Attendance153
Weekly Needs\$9,753.00
Weekly Receipts\$9,022.57
Memorial/In Honor\$120.00
Bucket Brigade\$157.57

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 designation that it is to go to the bucket brigade offering.



Birthday Greetings

April 13: Deacon Jones

April 14: Judge Grave De Peralta

April 16: John Braxton Carnline,
Elizabeth Joyner

April 17: Cindy Higdon

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

SCRIPTURE LESSONJohn 20:19-31 (Pew Bible Page 697)

SERMONDoubtless ThomasDr. 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 SERMON

*SCRIPTUREJohn 20:19-31 (Pew Bible Page 697)

SERMONDoubtless ThomasDr. Bill Baker

* Please stand as you are able.

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

Tech: Nathan Hartsell - *video*; streaming;

BACKPACK MINISTRY:

The Backpack Ministry will be hosting a YARD SALE fund-raiser on Saturday, May 2 in the Fellowship Hall. Keep this in mind when ‘spring cleaning’ as you may wish to donate your gently used items. The backpack ministry provides a needed service for area children to have meals when school is not in session. Stay tuned for further updates and drop-off information.

KID MIN CORNER

NEWS FROM...STACEY

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

Acolytes (both services): Annabelle Stanaland and Austin Kate Hudson

Buckets: Reed Carter and Amelia Jones

- **Sunday Nights:** No Sunday night programs until April 19th, due to Spring Break Schedules.
- **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.
- The Children’s Department is in need of snacks.
They can be dropped off in the children’s building. Thank you!

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
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing - Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSDr. Bill Baker

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHThe Apostles' CreedUMH 881

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 304
Easter People, Raise Your Voice

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
This Joyful Eastertide - Williams

*DOXOLOGYNo. 95

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERDr. Baker

SPECIAL MUSICChancel Choir

*SCRIPTUREJohn 20:19-31 (Pew Bible Page 697)

SERMONDoubtless ThomasDr. Baker

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 327
Crown Him with Many Crowns

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise - 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.

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 15 ___ Permanent ___

Name _____

No. of Adults _____ @ 6.00/person

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

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- 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!