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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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This week we will be looking at the Road to Emmaus story. Two disciples were traveling to a village a few miles outside of Jerusalem. As they walked they discussed the recent events of Jesus' trial and death as well as the reports of His resurrection. They came upon another traveler and it was Jesus Himself, but we are told that they were miraculously prevented from recognizing Him. But why?

Jesus listened to their conversation for some time, but eventually took them through the Scriptures to show who Jesus was, why He had to die and pointing out what it said about His resurrection. Just as they were breaking bread and Jesus blessed it, their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus who they had seen many times before, and then Jesus disappeared from them.

I believe that He chose to do things this way because if they had recognized Him at the first, they would have been so excited and overjoyed that He wouldn't have been able to take them through the Bible and give them the scriptural road map for what God had planned all along. He wanted them to have a full understanding rather than just an immediate response.

Sometimes God moves in ways that are hard to understand, but there is always a reason behind it. The hard part is trusting Him we can't see in the moment. That's where trusting Him happens. Fortunately for us, there are often those times when He opens our eyes and we understand that He had our good in mind all the time. Let us trust in the dark that He will bring us into His light and reveal what we need to see.

*In His Love,  
Dr. Baker*

**MEMORIALS:**

Christian sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. James Oates and family, in the death of their brother in law, **Mr. R. Kenneth Armstrong.**

**MEMORIALS:**

Memorials have been given to the church in loving memory of

**MRS. JEAN ELKINS**

By: Ms. Peg Thomas

**MR. GARY JONES**

By: Mr.& Mrs. Philip Almon

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**UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:**

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**

**GUEST ORGANIST:**

Please welcome Cairo native Roger Ponder as our organist for the 11:00 AM service today.

**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. 19-25**  
2026



## Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

### Sunday, April 19:

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 20:

1:30 pm	Mah Jong (Fellowship Hall)
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### Tuesday, April 21:

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

### Wednesday, April 22:

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

### Thursday, April 23:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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### Friday, April 24:

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

4/12/26

Attendance	.85
Weekly Needs	.\$9,753.00
Weekly Receipts	.\$7,229.05
Missions	.\$120.00
Memorial/In Honor	.\$30.00
Bucket Brigade	.\$131.00

### 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 19:** Debbie Davis, Aubrey Singletary

**April 20:** Christie Sanders

**April 21:** Brayden Meissner

**April 22:** Booth Moses, Heath Phelps,  
Opal Prince, Michael Youmans

**April 24:** Chloe Thomas

**April 25:** Erin McGhin

Sunday, April 19, 2026

**Traditional Informal – Chapel**

**8:00 am**

SCRIPTURE LESSON . . . . . Luke 24:13-35 (Pew Bible Page 748)

SERMON . . . . . Then Their Eyes Were Opened . . . . . Dr. 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 . . . . . STACEY MORGAN

\*SCRIPTURE . . . . . Luke 24:13-35 (Pew Bible Page 748)

SERMON . . . . . Then Their Eyes Were Opened . . . . . 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:** Rebecca McKemie - video; Hadley Rae Morgan - 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.

**MAH JONG:**

We invite you to join us for our next meeting on Monday, April 20th at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall—come learn, play and enjoy the fellowship. An evening class is trying to form—please call the office to be added to the list and add input for meeting dates.

**KID MIN CORNER**

**NEWS FROM...STACEY**

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

**Acolytes (both services):** Jensyn Drew Morgan and Betts Harrison

**Buckets:** Maryalice Stanaland and Elam Stanaland

- **Sunday Nights:** Sunday Nights Resume this week! Come hang out at 5:00, as we learn more about our best friend, Jesus!
- **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](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 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 VOLUNTARY .....Mr. Roger Ponder

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

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....The Apostles’ Creed .....UMH 881

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER .....Dr. Baker

OFFERING

OFFERTORY .....Mr. Ponder

\*DOXOLOGY .....No. 95

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

SPECIAL MUSIC .....Chancel Choir  
*The Lord is My Shepherd - Erhardt*

\*SCRIPTURE .....Luke 24:13-35 (Pew Bible Page 748)

SERMON .....Then Their Eyes Were Opened .....Dr. Baker

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE .....No. 715  
*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

+POSTLUDE .....Mr. Ponder

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

\* Please stand as you are able.

