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WORSHIP TIMES

9:45 am
Sunday School

10:45 am
Worship Service

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From Pastor Mike....

As I write this article, I am aware that Lent is approximately half-way over. Being a season where one is challenged to face their mortality, I am also aware of many situations and circumstances that point out my humanness and frailty. Some of these situations are personal with me and my family and others are circumstances that I am walking through with friends and church members. We all are mindful of the fact that life is difficult at times. And if we are being truthful, very seldom are we truly in control of the outcomes and resolutions of the many things we face. As I contemplate this reality, I am reminded of a passage of scripture from Paul's letter to the Romans. It reads as follows: **"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."** (Romans 8:38-39) Now, I realize this is not a scripture that one would normally classify as an Easter passage but I as I face the remainder of Lent, I am convinced that it speaks the very heart of Easter.

The message of Easter is that God wanted a way to share His love for creation in a powerful manner that would draw all people to Him. His desire was to live in a loving relationship that would allow His grace and love to transform our lives. To make this relationship a reality, God knew that the price for sins committed would have to be settled. Mankind needed a Redeemer, one who could pay that price and reconcile our account. Since humankind was not able to accomplish that on its own, God sent "His only begotten son" to be the spotless lamb that would take away the sins of the world by his selfless sacrifice. Of all the world religions no other has a God who came and died as in a substitutionary sacrifice for mere mortals. God wanted his creation to understand His deep love that would go to any length and depth for a hurting and lost people. So, Jesus came and died on a cruel cross in a horrendous manner.

But dying for us was not enough – God went an extra step. God raised Jesus from the dead and allowed him to walk out of that lifeless cold dark tomb. Once and for all God proved that His power and love were the most powerful of all forces. More powerful than death! More powerful than all the principalities and powers of evil! More powerful than even time itself – past, present, and future! God proved His power was enough to save a sinner like me and transform my life and yours. He gives us a calling that brings a mission and purpose to our existence. He provides a power to become all He called us to be and become. I have a feeling that this is a truth that can transform Lent and our struggle with our mortality into a beautiful expression of God's peace and presence. So Yes, this is an Easter scripture. And Yes, we serve a risen savior. And Yes, we can know without a shadow of a doubt that **NOTHING** can ever separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus. This promise is truly the gift of Easter. He is risen! He is risen indeed!



Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30pm

Friday, March 29: Good Friday (Church Office is Closed)

Sunday, March 31: Easter

A NOTE FROM YOUR TRUSTEES

Trustees are to handle ALL properties of the Church.

Moving forward ...

- Approval must be received from the Trustees Committee before disposal of **ANY** church property from the grounds.
- Currently, the church is not taking donations of any used Items and can no longer take mattresses because of state law.

Thank you,

Trustees

Please pray for those serving our country:

Matt Cain - US Army (family friend of the McGavics)
Spencer Dyson - US Marines (grandson of Don Miller)
Bryan Hayworth - US Coast Guard (brother of Jami Coggins)
Ginniffer Hobbs - US Navy Sailor (niece of David McKinney)
Richard Ivy - US Military, Louisiana (Lewis Stroud's grandson)
Daulton Rogers - US Marines (family friend of the McGavics)
Eric Schneider - Afghanistan (Donn & Rachel Jackson's son-in-law)
Hailey Tompkins - (friend of Sandy Foster)
Zack Willey - US Army (Chuck & Jane Liebscher's son-in-law)



**"Save us, LORD our God,
and bring us back from among the
nations, that we may give thanks to your**

YOU ARE INVITED!!

If you enjoy working with others in the community doing local mission work, or are you searching for more fellowship with others, the Archdale Methodist Women may be your answer. You are invited to attend the Archdale Methodist Women's first "Spring Fling Membership Lunch" on Saturday, March 16, at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. The speaker will be Gaye Willard from Trinity. In order to have a head count for the lunch, you must RSVP to the church office by Sunday, March 10.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Gaye Frances Willard

Gaye is an award-winning artist with commissioned portraits in both private and public collections worldwide. Since childhood, Gaye has always loved to create. After studying art at Asbury University, she served with the Methodist Board of Global Ministries as a missionary in Zaire, Africa. When her children entered middle school, Gaye began evening classes to complete her degree. She earned her BS in Industrial/Organizational Psychology, with an Art Minor, from High Point University, graduating Magna Cum Laude and named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. She worked as a Social Worker and Grief Counselor with Hospice of Randolph County before returning to her love of art and becoming a full-time artist in the year 2000.

Gaye possesses a heart devoted to challenging the church to be transformed through a life-changing encounter with God. She is the co-founder of Living Legacy Ministries which "exists to point people to Christ through any means available at any given time." As an artist, she has proclaimed the Deity of Christ through a series of Christmas paintings, most notably, "Every Knee Shall Bow". Her testimony of God's faithfulness while under captivity by Angolan rebels will inspire and renew your faith. Gaye's desire to equip believers with the spiritual disciplines necessary to embolden this generation to stand for Truth in a culture strife with uncertainty and unbelief is evidenced through her artwork and trainings. Gaye is the author of *Common Sense Christianity for an Uncommon People*; *Every Knee Shall Bow- A Christmas Collection* and is the author/illustrator of five children's books. Her studio is located in Trinity, North Carolina, where she resides with her husband, Eddie. They share five children and fourteen grandchildren.

THE LOSS OF DEBBIE ALWRAN

Deborah “Debbie” Ann Leonard Alwrان left her earthly life and entered her eternal life on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at her home. Debbie was under the loving care of her family and Hospice from January 18, 2024 until she passed.

Debbie became a member of Archdale Methodist Church December 9, 2001. She attended AMC prior to joining. The George Elder Sunday School Class became her SS class in the late 1990’s. Debbie enjoyed the friendships made with class members and was also so thankful for all the ways she was remembered especially during the 7 years she dealt with cancer. She often spoke of how each day was “an adventure” during times of treatment, procedures and hospitalizations.

She served on the following committees at Archdale Methodist church: Parsonage Committee from 2008 through 2015, Stewardship Committee from 2009 through 2016, Guilford Interfaith Hospitality Network volunteer and a Bereavement Food volunteer since May 1, 2017.

Debbie also spent time in the Friendship Sunday School Class. Blain has taught the class one Sunday each month and she always supported Blain with her presence. She was endeared by this SS Class.

A Celebration of Life was held on Sunday, February 25, 2024 at Archdale Methodist Church at 3pm with Rev. Mike Lee.

- Submitted for the George Elder Sunday School Class by Shirley Cecil

OUR SYMPATHY

Denise Warren lost her mother, Evelyn Frazier Dalton-Short, on February 2, 2024. She is the grandmother of David Warren. Her survivors also include her Son-in-Law, Dan Warren, 2 step daughters and their families. Her funeral was held February 9, 2024 at Green Street Baptist Church in High Point at 2pm. Entombment followed in the Floral Garden Park Mausoleum.

Brittany and Zax Lax lost their step grandfather, Arnold Smith, on February 2, 2024. He is survived by daughters, Amy Lax and Sheila Emblar along with many other family members. His service was held at Center Cross Baptist Church in Asheboro on February 6, 2024 at 3pm with burial in the church cemetery following the service.

Mary Jean Smith and Jeannene Smith lost their Sister-in-Law, Mildred Smith, on February 3, 2024. She was also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends. Mildred’s funeral service was held February 7, 2024 at 1pm at George Brothers Funeral Service in Greensboro. The burial followed at Floral Garden Park Cemetery.

Joanna Hollifield lost her grandmother, Joann Slate Mitchell, on February 6, 2024. She is the great grandmother of Ezra, Vance, Judah, Shiloh and Jordan and the Grandson-in-Law of, Phillip Hollifield. Her survivors also include 2 sons and their spouses, 2 more grandchildren and 4 additional great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild along with numerous nieces and nephews. Her service was held February 15, 2024 at First Presbyterian Church in Thomasville with Rev. Suzanne Martin officiating. A private inurnment took place at Holly Hill Memorial Park Cemetery.

Blain Alwrان lost his wife, Debbie Ann Leonard Alwrان, on February 11, 2024. She was the daughter-in-law of Racquel Alwrان. She is survived by her 2 sons, Kyle Barefoot and wife, Jessica. Kirk Barefoot and wife, Selina. Also surviving her is her grandchildren, McKenzie, Aiden, Ryan and Evan Barefoot, a stepdaughter, Tami Alwrان and step granddaughter, Amanda Joseph, and brother, Paul Leonard, Jr. and spouse. Debbie’s Celebration of Life was held February 25, 2024 at 3pm at Archdale Methodist Church with Rev. Mike Lee officiating.

Kevin Peele lost his father, Harold Peele, on February 16, 2024. He was the Daughter-in-Law of Melinda Peele and the grandfather of Daniel and wife Becky and their son, Jonah, & Bryan Peele. Harold’s service was held February 21, 2024 at 11am at Fairfield Community Church with Dr. David Nelson officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Our sincere condolences are with these families who have lost a loved one.

Memorials

In Memory of Debbie Alwan

Given by:

Hoyt & Kay Nichols

Louis & Dixie Lamphear

Bruce & Carole Webb

Friendship Sunday School Class

Sharon Carpenter

Linda Game

In Memory of Linda Anderson

Given by Peggy Johnson

In Memory of Evelyn Fraizer Dalton-Short

Given by Linda Game

Happy Birthday!

- 03/01 Paul Clausel
- 03/01 Matthew Connor
- 03/02 Steve Brown
- 03/02 Jon Dysinger
- 03/03 Mariah Askew
- 03/03 Roy Catlett
- 03/03 Linda Game
- 03/04 Alex McGavic
- 03/04 Tara Owens
- 03/05 Connor Allen
- 03/05 Trevor Allen
- 03/05 Debbie Kennedy
- 03/05 Michael Linthicum
- 03/05 Tamara Owens
- 03/08 Craig Grimmett
- 03/08 Blair Hawley
- 03/08 Jim Johnson
- 03/09 Barbara Jarrett
- 03/10 Rosemarie Foster
- 03/11 Catherine Fulcher
- 03/11 Alexandria Sarmiento
- 03/11 Ethan Simpson
- 03/12 Rusty Smith
- 03/13 Sue McDonald
- 03/14 Jonah Peele
- 03/14 David Stewart
- 03/15 Lindsay Byrum
- 03/15 Alexa Fulcher
- 03/17 Terry Gates
- 03/17 Rae Hicks
- 03/17 Jacob Lowe
- 03/17 Danny Mann
- 03/18 Lisa Clausel
- 03/18 David Skeen, Jr
- 03/20 Jared Askew
- 03/20 Cheryl Byerly
- 03/20 Ethan Dysinger
- 03/20 Cole Liebscher
- 03/21 Deidra Colclough
- 03/22 Tom Holtham
- 03/22 Sally Hord
- 03/23 Kyle Barefoot
- 03/23 Jane Pepper
- 03/23 Andrew Wilson
- 03/23 Toni Wray
- 03/26 Maggie Boyle
- 03/26 Clyde Brown
- 03/26 Jack Lance
- 03/26 Sylvia Smith
- 03/26 Aliene Soule
- 03/27 Art Johnson
- 03/28 Jennifer East
- 03/28 Jake Stewart
- 03/31 Jaxon Kimmons
- 03/31 Andrew McGavic



Thank You!

Bruce Webb would like to "thank" the Children's Sunday School Class for the Valentine Gift Bag that was filled with goodies and cards. Thanks to Sally Hord for visiting Bruce on Sunday and bringing the gift bag which he has really enjoyed going through the cards and eating the candy.

Mark Your Calendar for the Lunch & Learn in March!

Stephen Ministry will have its first Lunch and Learn meeting on Wednesday, March 20th, beginning with a light lunch at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

The program for this first meeting will be Gary Guffey from COAT talking about COAT's history and all the wonderful things that are happening with COAT.

If you can attend , please let the church office know so we will know for how many to prepare lunch.



Roy Catlett, Debbie Dean, Charles Dobbins,
Mandy Forrester, Jack Hensley,
Wayne McGavic, Jo Parker,
Betty Roach, Mary Jean Smith, Jackie Stroud

Our Homebound Members are very important members of our congregation. We would like to remind them they are remembered and thought of. If you would like to send them a birthday card, thinking of you card, or give them a call, this would mean so much to each of our Homebound Members.

March 3 Roy Catlett
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ARCHDALE METHODIST WOMEN EVENING CIRCLE provided snacks for Archdale Elementary School teachers for their Professional Development day on February 15. The next Professional Development day at Archdale Elementary will be March 21. If you would like to be a part of this project, you can bring individually wrapped snacks or snack bags to church by Sunday, March 17. They will be delivered to the school the next day. You can put your donated snacks in the box the Wesley Room entrance.

Where We Were Last Month						
Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance
02/04/2024	\$8,915.00	\$23,947.60	\$28,406.95	5	80	107
02/11/2024	\$4,041.00	\$27,988.60	\$34,088.34	6	68	78
02/18/2024	\$3,135.00	\$31,123.60	\$39,769.73	7	75	92
02/25/2024	\$4,309.00	\$35,432.60	\$45,451.12	8	87	93

Building Fund

Given in February: \$350.00
Received to date: \$895.00