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WORSHIP TIMES

9:45 am
Sunday School

10:45 am
Worship Service

MINISTERS

The Congregation

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From Pastor Mike....

One of the themes we find in the scriptures, both the Old Testament and the New Testament, is that God desires to live in "**COVENANT**" with His people. One of the strongest declarations of this comes from Luke 22:20, "*And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."* We recognize this scripture from the story of the first Lord's Supper. We know that this passage is built on the foundation of the old covenant given to Abraham when God called him to be the father of a new nation. This new nation would recognize God as their God, see themselves as God's people and would be used by God to bless all of humankind. Later in their history, God would renew this covenant with the Hebrew people by giving Moses a set of rules that would govern their relationship with God and with one another. These rules were the "Ten Commandments". However, the Hebrew people failed miserably in their efforts to follow these rules – either because of their ignorance or because of their arrogance. Many years later the Prophet Jeremiah would tell the people of Israel that a **NEW COVENANT** was coming for their guidance and relationship with God. The major difference in this new covenant is that God would "*put My law within them and on their heart, I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*" (Jeremiah 31:33) The interesting concept here is that the Old Covenant was given to a whole nation and was an attempt to force behavior from the outside, while the New Covenant would be given to individuals who were chosen out of love by God and their response would be one of love for God and loyalty to Him.

We know that this New Covenant was instituted by Jesus Christ in his death on the cross and his resurrection from the grave. Jesus took force out of the equation and replaced it with unconditional love. He does not force us but rather woos us and pursues us to be his Children. For Jesus, salvation was a two-way street of receiving grace and love and then living out of these two gifts from God and sharing them with others.

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Jesus called this "Kingdom Living". He incarnated this concept in everything that he did and taught. Kingdom living has two basic foundational ideas:

"Kingdom Living" is an **ABUNDANT** way of living – John 10:10

"Kingdom Living" is living on **EARTH AS IT IS HEAVEN** – Matthew 6:10

(The Lord's Prayer)

One of the greatest expressions of Kingdom Living is found in Matthew 5:1-12. Over the next 9 weeks, we are going to look at these characteristics during morning worship. We will learn that these concepts are not rule and regulations but rather traits that are the natural normal consequences of pursuing the heart and mind of God. I see them as steppingstones to a joyful and Spirit-filled life. Welcome to "THE BEATTITUDES."

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Carole Webb lost her husband, Bruce Webb, on Saturday, May 18, 2024. He is also survived by sons, Greg and David and their spouses, Kelly and Cisily. He has 8 loving grandchildren, Brandon, Dillon (Abigail), Austin, Claire (John), Hayden, McKayla, Taylor and Mackenzie and 3 dear great grandchildren, Lainey, Hensley and Gasten.

Bruce was a dear church member and loved by his church family. His funeral service was held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at Archdale Methodist Church with Rev. Mike Lee and Rev. Stuart Noell officiating. Interment followed at Floral Garden Memorial Park Cemetery with Military Honors.

Keep this family in your thought and prayers.

Notes of Thanks.....

Church Family,

My family and I want to thank each of you for your caring, love and support and the many cards we received throughout Bruce's illness and his passing on May 18th. You have given me the strength with your prayers and walking with me and Bruce throughout this journey these past eight years. Thank you again for your continued love and support for me and my family.

- Carole & Family

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Bereavement Committee - Peggy Johnson & Team B Members,

Thank you so much for the meal you provided for me and my family after the "Celebration of Life" for Bruce. Your love and caring for us with this meal was greatly appreciated. Thank you!

- Carole & Family

Memorials

*In Memory of Billy Askew
Given by: Gary & Cathy Hunt*

*In Memory of Bruce Webb
Given by:*

Peggy Johnson

Donna Perkins

Kevin, Holly, Faith & Matthew Davis

Tommy & Betsy Reagan

Ann Johnson

Hugh Presswood

Hershel Reddeck

Hoyt & Kay Nichols

Bobbie Finch

Linda Game

Chuck & Marsha Gentry

The Friendship Sunday School Class

In Memory of Mary Jean Smith

Given by:

Hoyt & Kay Nichols

Mary Kidd

The Friendship Sunday School Class

Honorarium

In Honor of John Todd

Given by Carole Webb

Happy Birthday!

06/01 Wanda Stutts
06/01 Baily Wilson
06/01 Don Wilson
06/02 Jefferson Rimmer
06/03 Megan Taylor
06/03 Caleb Kennedy
06/03 Shannon Kimmons
06/03 Maddie Stevens
06/03 Gary York
06/04 Robyn Hankins
06/05 Candace Skeen
06/06 Gary Cole
06/06 Wesley Stevens
06/07 Larry Dobbins
06/07 Greg Mollenkopf
06/08 Cameron Snow
06/09 Beverly Caffey
06/11 Carol Carr
06/11 Jo Parker
06/11 Donna Stanley
06/11 Amy Stewart
06/12 Debi Thomas
06/13 Connor Davis
06/14 Brian Colclough
06/14 Kathy Jarrell
06/15 Ray Cecil
06/16 Maggie Messner
06/16 Susan Spell
06/17 Gayle Dowdy
06/18 Arch Hamilton
06/20 Becky Johnson
06/20 Lauren Mitchell
06/20 Michala Davis

06/22 Dana Collins
06/23 Joie Pascual
06/24 Holland Gardner
06/24 Margaret LeClair
06/25 Brenda Eurillo
06/25 Ronnie Hines
06/28 Kimberly Isley
06/29 Angela Chester
06/29 Parker Johnson
06/30 Paige Chappellear
06/30 Phoebe Gallimore
06/30 Jonathan Hunt
06/30 Donn Jackson
06/30 Mary Kidd
06/30 Lorelei Lynch



Archdale Methodist Women General Meeting

On Saturday, June 8th, both Circles will meet at 11:30am in the Community Room. Please bring your own lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Our speaker will be our own Rosemarie Foster, Denise Askew's Mother and Norman's Mother-in-Law. Our mission project for this meeting will be to bring items for COAT that are not food. The list from COAT includes: baby food (no formula), razors, men and women's deodorant, individually wrapped toilet tissue, mini first aid kits, q-tips, band aids, shampoo. Also, powdered laundry detergent so they can divide it into baggies.



Roy Catlett, Debbie Dean, Charles Dobbins, Mandy Forrester,
Jack Hensley, Wayne McGavic, Jo Parker,
Betty Roach, 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.

Please Note

There is a copier/printer for the Sunday School Classes and Teachers to use in the Service Room (the old kitchenette room across the hall from the Wesley Room). This is in case you need to make copies for times when the office is closed.

If you need to make copies during the week, you can come to the Church Office, Monday – Friday, 9am – 3pm.



HOME-MADE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Do you like home-made ice cream? The Archdale Methodist Women are hosting an ice cream social on Sunday evening, July 21, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you have an ice cream freezer, please bring it with your favorite flavor of home-made ice cream to share with others. If you do not have a freezer, you can bring either store bought ice cream or a dessert to share. We look forward to a good turnout. It will be a good time to meet folks you do not know or get to know others better.

No program is planned – just good ice cream and fellowship!

Where We Were Last Month						
Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance
05/05/2024	\$3,768.00	\$80,740.52	\$102,265.02	18	63	84
05/12/2024	\$4,892.00	\$85,632.52	\$107,946.41	19	81	95
05/19/2024	\$9,530.00	\$95,162.52	\$113,627.80	20	74	98
05/26/2024	\$5,298.00	\$100,460.52	\$119,309.19	21	79	85

Capital Improvements Fund

Given in May: \$925.00
 Received to date: \$3,040.00