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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....

Can you believe that it is already August? I can't. Summer is almost over. School is slated to begin soon, and time is just rushing along. You may be thinking where has the summer gone – there are trips to be taken still, sights yet to be seen, and time is running out. Take a deep breath. There you go and just relax. Yes, time is flying by, but we still have several weeks of summer and even the early fall will be warm enough to trick us into believing summer is hanging around for just a little longer.

This season of anxiousness and hurry reminds us that we must prioritize our actions and attitudes. As we have often heard the old saying, "It is easy to forget that we are supposed to drain the swamp when we are up to our armpits in alligators." This is especially true in attempting to live according to Christ's commands in the kingdom of God. The Old Testament writer Micah tells us to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly before our God." (6:8) But that is hard to do sometimes when we see injustice all around us and hear harsh words that challenge our faith and gentleness. And it is most difficult to walk humbly in a society that rewards boldness and challenges one to stand one's ground and never give in or give up. Gentleness and kindness are often seen as weaknesses and character flaws.

Even the church and its people are challenged by society and its definitions of ministry and service. It seems that society thinks the goal of the Gospel is to affirm all people, celebrate all people, and accept all people. I believe the goal of the Gospel is to rescue you, transform you, and redirect you. Jesus, in his last words to His disciples, challenged them to "make disciples of others in the process of going about their lives" which he defined as "baptizing and teaching these new disciples all that He had shared with them." (Matthew 28:19-20) I feel Jesus was saying live your life to the fullest but never forget that the priority of your life is sharing the Gospel while serving others with love and grace. I guess the best way to describe this concept is to grow in Christlikeness and love one another, both within the Christian family and in society. That's a difficult task. However, we can achieve it with the help of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

I believe the key to walking in the strength of the Lord comes from focus. We can focus on the troubles and travails around us, or we can keep our eyes fixed on God. Always remember, He loves us unconditionally, gave himself for us in the sacrifice of Jesus, and offers us the power and courage to follow a different path than the one laid out by the world. We may find ourselves up to our armpits with alligators from time to time, but we are **NEVER** alone in the swamp. We always have God. And because of that relationship with God, we always can find strength in one another.



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.

REMEMBRANCES

- AMC MEMBER, HEATHER SMITH ANDERSON, LOST HER MOTHER BETTY JEANNENE SMITH WHO WAS ALSO AN AMC MEMBER ON JUNE 16, 2024. JEANNENE MOVED TO NEW YORK IN 2016 TO BE WITH HER DAUGHTER AFTER BEING DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER. A SMALL FAMILY CEREMONY WAS HELD JUNE 21 AT FLORAL GARDEN PARK MAUSOLEUM CHAPEL WITH REV. DR. JEFF PATTERSON OFFICIATING. ANOTHER FAMILY GATHERING WAS HELD AT ARCHDALE METHODIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL ON JULY 6TH WITH REV. DR. JEFF PATTERSON PRESENT WITH THE FAMILY.

- GARY BROCK, AMC MEMBER, LOST HIS BROTHER, HAROLD BROCK, JR., ON JUNE 29, 2024. HAROLD HAD BEEN ON THE AMC PRAYER LIST FOR SOME TIME AFTER HE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER. HAROLD'S MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS HELD TUESDAY, JULY 9TH AT UNITY WESLEYAN CHURCH WITH REV. BRAD PHARR, REV. TRAVIS SUITS AND REV. TODD BROCK OFFICIATING.

- TOMMY REAGAN AND FRED TURNER, AMC MEMBERS, LOST THEIR NIECE, LINDA ANN TURNER TERRELL ON JULY 4 TRAGICALLY. A GATHERING OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS WAS HELD TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024 AT CUMBY FAMILY FUNERAL SERVICE IN HIGH POINT.

- SHARON CARPENTER, AMC MEMBER, LOST HER COUSIN, BRYNN HEYES, IN A TRAGIC VEHICLE ACCIDENT. HER SERVICE WAS HELD SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024 AT MADISON FUNERAL SERVICE, MARSHALL, NC.

- SYLVIA SMITH, AMC MEMBER, LOST HER NIECE'S HUSBAND, JEFF STUTTS, ON JULY 21, 2024. HE IS THE COUSINS' HUSBAND OF AMC MEMBER, LAURA MCKINNON. JEFF'S MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS HELD SATURDAY, JULY 27TH AT 11AM AT CENTRAL CHURCH IN ASHEBORO.

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO THESE FAMILIES.

School Supplies

It is that time again to begin thinking about "back to school" supplies. Below is a short list of items we can begin collecting for Archdale Elementary School. Please bring items and put them in the container labelled "Archdale Elementary School" near the Wesley Room entrance.

We will collect items weekly for the month of August.

Items needs are:

- colored pencils
- crayons
- #2 pencils
- pencil bags or boxes
- glue sticks
- 1 subject spiral notebooks
- marble notebooks
- tissues
- highlighters
- filler paper
- Clorox wipes



Happy Birthday

08/01 David Clausel	08/14 Angie Grimmett
08/01 Isley Collins	08/15 Morgan Gallimore
08/02 Joey Aspley	08/16 Carolyn Lawrence
08/02 Mike Gross	08/16 Kay McLaughlin
08/03 Bob Dowling	08/17 Leslie Durm
08/03 Debbie Dowling	08/17 Natalee Harper
08/03 June Gardner	08/17 Tim Williams
08/03 Trey Liebscher	08/18 Skip Hopkinson
08/03 Matt Walden	08/19 Sandra Hale
08/05 Bryant Walker	08/19 Mark Hamilton
08/05 Henry Watson	08/19 Luke Lanier
08/06 Jim Beverley	08/22 Wayne Brewer
08/07 Sarah Penley	08/22 Michael Mikhail
08/08 Jessica Grove	08/24 Shorty Kimmons
08/08 Lib Harris	08/24 Rhonda Sharpe
08/08 Wilma Wilson	08/24 Sheree Winstead
08/09 Jordan Rose	08/25 Savannah Hyder
08/09 Paul Thomas	08/26 Sydney Collins
08/10 Christian Coggins	08/28 Nancy Burrow
08/10 Brandel Kimmons	08/29 Mike Byerly
08/11 Rae Askew	08/29 Jack Hicks
08/11 Denise Warren	08/29 Jordan Hollifield
08/11 Corey Yow	08/29 Donna Kish
08/12 Tommy Reagan	08/29 John Kish
08/13 Cameron Crisco	08/29 Jennifer Wilson
08/13 Glenna Dysinger	08/30 Wade Allen
08/13 Erin Hawkins	08/30 Emmie Messner
08/13 Dixie Lamphear	08/31 Joe Mike Smith
08/13 Matthew Mitchell	
08/13 Brian Staples	



Goodbye Summer!



Memorials

In Memory of Bruce Webb

Given by:

Barbara Bentley

Richard Besch

In Memory of Harold Brock

Given by: Gary & Marcia Guffey



The Stephen Series logo consists of a cross and circle together with a broken person and a whole person. The Broken person behind the cross symbolizes the brokenness in our lives due to our sin and imperfections. The whole person stands in front of the cross because it is only through the cross of Jesus that we are made whole. The circle symbolizes both the wholeness we receive through Christ and God's unending love for us.

Where We Were Last Month

Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance
07/07/2024	\$2,549.00	\$124,863.52	\$153,397.53	27	71	76
07/14/2024	\$10,625.00	\$135,488.52	\$159,078.92	28	83	95
07/21/2024	\$5,801.00	\$141,289.52	\$164,760.31	29	80	86
07/28/2024	\$6,333.00	\$147,622.52	\$170,441.70	30	79	107

Capital Improvements Fund

Given in July: \$497.00

Received to date: \$4,307.00