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WORSHIP TIMES

9:45 am
Sunday School

10:45 am
Worship Service

MINISTERS

The Congregation

STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Mike Lee
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From Pastor Mike....

Starting on Sunday, September 8 and running through Sunday, October 13, I will be preaching a series of sermons based on scripture found in Paul's letter to the Christians in Galatia. This area was visited by Paul during his Second Missionary Journey and encompasses modern day Turkey. Later Paul would write the church in Galatia and encourage them to stay faithful and loyal to the Gospel preached by him during his time with them. While this area was primarily inhabited by Gentiles, some Jewish Christians, often called Judaizers, were trying to spread a version of the gospel that required obedience to the Old Testament law as a requirement for salvation. In simpler terms, these Jewish Christians were trying to say salvation was not a free gift of grace alone but rather something one had to earn through obedient actions and adherence to the Mosaic law.

Paul told the Galatians that this was not the gospel he preached, or the gospel proclaimed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He taught them that the "word proclaimed by Jesus" (Gal. 2:3) was a word of freedom in Christ and transformation by God's Holy Spirit. Humankind can never earn the merit and favor of God through obedience to the law but rather through the grace of God and one's commitment and trust in Jesus Christ. The Judaizers were trying to earn salvation through works rather than through faith and trust in God. Paul warns them not to be deceived and led astray.

I feel this is a timely warning we in modern day society need to hear. It seems to me that society wants to define what the proper behavior and mindset should look like for Christians. And unfortunately, there are some Christians and preachers buying into this skewed outlook and straying away from Biblical standards. They are teaching a "watered-down" version of God and accentuating a "feel good" religion that does not lead to salvation and growth in Christ. Hopefully, this sermon series will afford us all the opportunity to dig deeper into Paul's letter to the Galatians and help us see the beauty and power of the Gospel. If we can rediscover the teachings of Jesus through Paul's eyes, then maybe we can connect afresh and anew to the power and guidance offered to us through our relationship with God.

As we enter into this series of sermons, I would ask you to be in prayer for me as I prepare and deliver these messages. I would also ask you to pray for yourselves and one another that we would all be open to the teaching of the Holy Spirit through these messages. I believe this could be a pivotal time in the worship life of our church and in helping us to reach out into our community with the love, grace, mercy, and saving knowledge of Christ that can change and transform us all.



CONDOLENCES

- AMC INACTIVE MEMBER, WESLEY STEVENS, LOST HIS FATHER RANDALL “RANDY” SCOTT STEVENS ON JULY 25, 2024. HE WAS THE FATHER-IN-LAW OF JESSICA STEVENS (AMC INACTIVE MEMBER) AND GRANDFATHER OF KARA AND EMMALINA STEVENS. RANDY’S FUNERAL SERVICE WAS HELD AT 2:30PM ON SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024 AT NEW LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH WITH PASTOR MICHAEL MABE OFFICIATING.

- TANIA BLOSSOM, INACTIVE AMC MEMBER, LOST HER HUSBAND, CHAD RYAN BLOSSOM, WHO WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF AMC ON JULY 29, 2024. HE WAS THE FATHER OF MACKENZIE – AN AMC MEMBER – AND ZANE BLOSSOM. NO SERVICES WERE PLANNED FOR CHAD AT THE TIME OF HIS PASSING.

- CAROL WALLACE, INACTIVE AMC MEMBER, LOST HER SISTER, NANCY JOAN PURVIS BLAIR, ON AUGUST 1, 2024. NANCY’S OBITUARY INCLUDED INFORMATION THAT SHE AND HER LATE HUSBAND WERE MARRIED AT ARCHDALE METHODIST CHURCH IN 1952. IT ALSO INCLUDED HER MOTHER (LALAH HASSELL PURVIS) AND HER GRANDPARENTS WERE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF ARCHDALE METHODIST CHURCH. NANCY’S CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE WAS HELD AT 4PM ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024 AT THE ARCHDALE CHAPEL OF CUMBY FAMILY FUNERAL SERVICE WITH PASTOR SCOTT WAGONER OFFICIATING. A PRIVATE COMMITTAL SERVICE TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE.

- BETSY REAGAN, AMC MEMBER, LOST HER BROTHER, LARRY YALE SHEPPARD, WHO WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF AMC, ON AUGUST 11, 2024. HE IS THE BROTHER-IN-LAW OF TOMMY REAGAN AND UNCLE OF THOMAS REAGAN WHO ARE BOTH AMC MEMBERS. A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LARRY WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 AT ARCHDALE METHODIST CHURCH AT 3PM WITH PASTOR MIKE LEE OFFICIATING. THE VISITATION WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO THESE FAMILIES.

Memorials

In Memory of Larry Sheppard

Given by:

RJ Schrift & Company

Bobbie Finch

Hoyt & Kay Nichols

George Elder Sunday School Class

Sandra Hale

Frank & Victoria Knox

Mary Hamilton

Linda Game

Honorarium

In Honor of Doug Harmon

Given by Mary & Rebecca Kidd



Lib Brown, 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.

Sept 14 Jackie Stroud

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FROM THE GEORGE ELDER SS CLASS

- Change of address:

Carol Wallace

1765 Westchester Drive Apt. 223

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THE LOSS OF LARRY SHEPPARD

Larry Yale Sheppard left his earthly home on Sunday, August 11, 2024. He passed at Moses Cone Hospital following a two weeks stay. Larry had previously been a resident at Whitestone in Greensboro for a few years.

Larry attended Archdale Methodist Church as a child, youth and adult. He was active during childhood, involved in MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship) and attended with his family. He made lifelong friends during his early years at AMC. He moved his membership along with his late wife, Aldora, March 25, 1969 to College Village United Methodist Church.

Larry returned to AMC following the passing of his wife. He joined the George Elder SS Class November 18, 2018. He became a full member of AMC December 22, 2019 transferring his membership from High Point Friends. Following the pandemic, Larry, was experiencing declining health and became inactive.

A memorial service for Larry will be held at 3pm on Sunday, September 8, 2024 at Archdale Methodist Church with Pastor Mike Lee officiating. The family will receive friends following the service in the Fellowship Hall.

- Submitted by Shirley Cecil



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.



In observance of Labor Day,
the Church Office will be
closed on
Monday, Sept. 2



09/01 Pam Conrad
09/03 Becky Coltrane
09/03 Kacey Fulcher
09/03 Carole Lowe
09/04 Vicki Fletcher
09/04 Lunda Stanley
09/04 Belva Williams
09/05 Sarah Game
09/05 Britt Murdock
09/05 Ernestine Wilkes
09/06 Haley Mann
09/06 Naomi Smith
09/06 Tyler Stevens
09/07 Andrew Hanes
09/08 Brian Hodgins
09/09 Lee Byerly
09/09 Jane Liebscher
09/10 Bryan Peele
09/12 Philip Bradford
09/13 Mike Lee
09/13 James Yow
09/14 Jackie Stroud
09/16 Joy Brewer
09/16 Ryan Hiatt
09/16 Penny Lockhart
09/17 Lori-Ann Sarmiento
09/18 Steve Cates
09/18 Gayle Rearwin
09/19 Eric Allen
09/19 Ben Henderson
09/19 Zachary Lax
09/21 Roger Lockhart
09/21 Ali Murray
09/21 Dawn Retghe
09/21 Megan Vogler
09/21 Scott Wood

09/22 Gracie Hodgins
09/22 Katie Stewart
09/23 Glen Milligan
09/24 Eric Krpejs
09/24 Ray Rimmer
09/25 Cadence Collins
09/25 Collins Fulcher
09/25 Gerri Tickle
09/26 Sharon Schaeffer
09/27 Dakota Chester
09/27 Ryan Hanes
09/27 Savannah McKinney-Billings
09/27 Cloie Prince
09/28 Stephen Angel
09/28 Christian Chester
09/28 Jessica Stevens
09/29 Samantha East
09/29 Jeremiah Lynch
09/30 Teresa Grimberg
09/30 Mary Hamilton



Save the Date

The Administrative Council will meet on
Sunday, Sept. 22nd at 4pm
in the Community Room

5th Sunday Lunch

Sunday, Sept. 29th
following the Worship
Service in the
Fellowship Hall



The installation of the new flooring in the Fellowship Hall will start on Sunday, September 15th and is estimated to be completed by Saturday, September 21st.

During this time, the entire Fellowship Hall building will be closed. That includes the Office, Foyer, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen and Community Room.

Mike and Sidney will NOT have access to the office phones during this time.

If you need assistance from the Church Office, you can:

Call Mike's cell phone: 336-688-0888

Email Mike: AMCpastor@northstate.net

Email Sidney: AMCoffice@northstate.net

Where We Were Last Month						
Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance
08/04/2024	\$7,620.00	\$155,242.52	\$176,123.09	31	73	87
08/11/2024	\$3,492.00	\$158,734.52	\$181,804.48	32	66	93
08/18/2024	\$2,519.00	\$161,253.52	\$187,485.87	33	83	103
08/25/2024	\$4,674.00	\$165,927.52	\$193,167.26	34	62	87

Capital Improvements Fund

Given in Aug: \$510.00

Received to date: \$4,817.00