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WORSHIP TIMES

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:45 am

Worship Service

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From Pastor Mike....

As we move into the month of November, our thoughts move to the upcoming holiday season and all the things we need to get done so we can properly celebrate this important time of the year. It seems the rush toward Christmas becomes an all-consuming chore for most of us. However, I would caution each of us to take some time to take some time to enjoy Thanksgiving prior to the Yuletide rush. I feel it is vital that we stop and consider the blessings that God has poured out on us so that we may be more prepared to enter into the season of giving and receiving and celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

One of the verses I like to meditate on during this time of "thanks-giving" is Isaiah 25:1, ***"O Lord, You are my God; I will exalt You, I will give thanks to Your name; For You have worked wonders, plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness."*** One of the things I like about this verse is that God tells his faithful servants that He has made plans for our lives, and He is faithful to bringing about those plans if we are faithful and obedient to Him. He knows what I need and where I need to be laboring for Him and will lead me if I just follow His guidance.

All this came together for me recently as I was driving to work and heard the theologian T.G. Brooks talking about gifts we receive from God and His plans for us to use those gifts. Brooks said, "some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers." During this Thanksgiving season I am looking at a couple of unanswered prayers and am amazed at God's greatness and love.

One unanswered prayer is that when I was younger, I did not have a real idea of what I wanted to be when I grew up, but I always wanted to do something **BIG, GRAND, EPIC, LIFE-CHANGING**. As I look back at the folks who helped influence my life choices and taught about the life of faith, I realize that they were ordinary folks who simply lived their lives the best way they knew how. They were obedient disciples witnessing to their faith and sharing their love of God with others in just simple things done faithfully. I can

now see how I have tried to follow in their footsteps and do the same things - teaching, preaching, walking beside others as they faced crisis and concerns, and sharing their lives and supporting them. I am sure you can echo these same feelings as you have loved and supported others. Maybe we were doing something **BIG, GRAND, EPIC, LIFE-CHANGING** and never realized it.

A second prayer I am contemplating is one I started praying some time back. As I approached retirement age, I started praying that God would simplify my life. I thought it would be nice if things sort of slowed down a little. Instead of slowing down, it seems things just climbed up into a higher gear. The church is growing, and our ministry is expanding. My two grandchildren are quickly growing into teenagers and making greater demands on my time. There are still sermons to be preached, work to be done, and people to be reached with His grace and love. And you know what? I am so thankful and grateful that God still thinks I am capable of being of service to Him and His kingdom. And guess what? **So are you!** Regardless of the age or stage of our lives, capabilities or limitations, God has plans for us to be a part of His Kingdom's work. God still has plans for each of His disciples. This is something we should all be grateful for and celebrate during this Thanksgiving season.

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES

- AMC member, Emily Rose, lost her mother, Dorothy “Dot” May (Turnage) Walker on October 2, 2024. Her survivors include inactive member, Jeff Rose, her son-in-law and grandsons, Jordan and Justin Rose. She is also survived by another daughter, Delia Ann Walker. Her funeral service was held October 7, 2024 at 2pm in the Chapel of Cumby Family Funeral Service with Rev. Willis Greene officiating. Burial followed at Floral Garden Park Cemetery.

- Michelle Felder, inactive AMC member, lost her mother, Kathleen “Kathy” Mary Funk, October 3, 2024. Kathy was the mother-in-law of inactive AMC member, Michael Felder, and the grandmother of inactive AMC members, Shayanna Felder Etheridge and Michael Alexander Felder. A visitation and celebration of her life was held on Sunday, October 13, 2024 from 3pm to 4:30pm at Cumby Family Funeral Service in Archdale.

May the memories of their loved ones live forever in their hearts.

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

The Annual Church Conference will be on Sunday, November 3rd immediately following the Worship Service in the Sanctuary for the purpose of approving the 2025 Budget & 2025 Leadership Roster.



Lib Brown, 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.

Happy Birthday!! Nov 15 Lib Brown
4075 Wood Ave
Archdale, NC 27263

Happy Birthday

Memorials

In Memory of Roy Catlett

Given by Sharon Crist

In Memory of Marianne Livengood

Given by Bradley & Debra Striplin

In Memory of Larry Sheppard

Given by Sharon Crist

In Memory of Bruce Webb

Given by Julia Calloway

11/02 Beverly Giles
11/02 Danny Hankins
11/03 Charlotte Hicks
11/04 Cathy Wyatt
11/04 Lorri Finch
11/05 Chris East
11/05 Betsy Reagan
11/06 John Burns
11/07 Laurie Hamilton
11/07 Wanda Mitchell
11/08 Brookelyn Habib
11/08 Alexandria Johnson
11/08 Jill Parrish
11/08 Emma Snow
11/09 John Garrett
11/09 Aubrey O'Connor
11/10 Paul Game
11/10 Kathy Stuart
11/11 Norman Askew
11/11 Bill Petty
11/13 Joy Cherry
11/13 Randy Justice
11/13 Jessica Krpejs
11/13 Laura McKinnon
11/14 Kevin Peele
11/14 Jean Sellers
11/15 Lib Brown
11/15 Bill Coltrane
11/16 Spencer Dyson
11/16 Mallory Trivette
11/17 Sierra Bowser
11/17 Earl Davis II
11/17 Jackson Hunt
11/19 Gregg Jarrett
11/19 Michelle Lowe
11/19 Susan Stewart
11/19 Caleb Weaver

11/21 Taylor Prince
11/21 Nancy Workman
11/22 Kevin Causey
11/26 Mary Jo McCall
11/27 Richard Besch
11/27 Rob Lowe
11/27 Lee Milligan
11/28 Greg Daniels
11/28 Mallory Hoffman
11/28 Alexandra Petty
11/29 Russell Eurillo
11/29 Joy Garret
11/30 Gary Hunt



Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule:

- Thurs, Nov. 28: Thanksgiving (Church Office Closed)
- Fri, Nov. 29: Thanksgiving Holiday (Church Office Closed)





Holidays can be a very hard time for those who have lost loved ones in the past year, or anyone going through a difficult time in their life. Care receivers are the recipients of Stephen Ministers' care. They are people from our church or community who are experiencing divorce, grief, loss of a job, loneliness, hospitalization, terminal illness, or any of an endless number of other life difficulties. Stephen Ministers are caring Christian friends who listen, understand, accept, and pray for and with care receivers who are working through a crisis or a tough time.

If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please call the church office.

General Reminder: As a courtesy to First Citizens Bank (across the street from the church), please do not park in the driveway or the Drive thru lanes for ATM and night deposits. You can park at the bank, just make sure to use the marked parking spaces.

Where We Were Last Month

Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance
10/06/2024	\$11,006.00	\$199,729.52	\$227,255.60	40	86	108
10/13/2024	\$2,961.00	\$202,690.52	\$232,936.99	41	82	95
10/20/2024	\$8,204.82	\$210,895.34	\$238,618.38	42	77	106
10/27/2024	\$3,701.00	\$214,596.34	\$244,299.77	43	76	94

Capital Improvements Fund

Given in Oct: \$320.00
Received to date: \$5,437.00