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## WORSHIP TIMES

9:45 am  
Sunday School

10:45 am  
Worship Service

## MINISTERS

The Congregation

## STAFF

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## *From Pastor Mike....*

Do you ever stop and think about what you do to prepare yourself for worship service on Sunday morning? A popular song says we often "tumble out of bed and stumble to the kitchen, pour yourself a cup of ambition and yawn and stretch and try to come to life." A quick shower and throw on our Sunday clothes and out the door. Sound familiar? Well, that may work for some folks but if you want to have a more harmonious and eventful experience may I offer some suggestions inspired by a recent Facebook post.

As we prepare ourselves for morning worship, I feel we need to include time for some prayer-filled time with God. It is important to not just simply share our recent prayer requests and concerns but to take time to consciously listen to what God may be saying to us. Ask Him what we need to hear during our study and worship time. Ask God to highlight that specific message that is being presented just for us and how it relates to our individual needs and situation. Maybe even a quick visit to the Prayer Chapel can help me prepare my heart and spirit for the morning opportunities.

Sometimes I find that listening to Christian music can help me focus on the particular needs that God will be reminding me about during the worship service. Listening to insightful music can often stimulate areas that I need to open to God through prayer and meditation. I have also found that taking my Bible and referencing scripture being read or taught can open my heart, mind, and spirit to God's leading and enlightenment. It helps my memory to take notes and write down the points that make sense to me. Seems I remember the lessons better and find ways to relate them to my weekly endeavors.

Once you arrive at church and have found your spot for the service, take time to greet those folks around you. If you know them, greet them warmly and reconnect by sharing a friendly visit. If you don't know them, ask their name and make a connection. Welcome them to Archdale Methodist because once the service starts, you don't want to scare them off when you start singing and praising God loudly and enthusiastically. They will be much more likely to join in with the singing if they feel they are surrounded by friends. While you are making a "Happy Racket" and praising God, focus on "ABBA" and all that He has done for you during the past week. If we focus on His blessings to us, it makes the singing easier and so much more fun.

I think all these things can help us to get more out of worship and also to put more into it. It is easy to slip into an attitude of just seeing the rest of the folks and enjoying some time with them. It is also easy to just settle into the comfortableness of the service and the routine aspects of what we do. But if the true purpose of worship is to spend some time in God's presence and experience his power and peace, it seems the best thing for us to do is to come expecting Him to do something. Do you really expect God to do something on Sunday mornings to change lives and transform people? Or do you just look forward to "business as usual"? If God is going to move, each one of us must be open to His Spirit's movement, but we must also be willing for Him to move in and through me. This can only happen if I am looking for Him, expecting Him, and am prepared to be his vessel of love and grace to others. Wouldn't it be neat if God were to show up on Sunday morning and used **YOU** to touch someone's life. **I BELIEVE IT CAN HAPPEN. DO YOU?**

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### **OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

- AMC Pastor Mike Lee lost his daughter, Marianne Elizabeth Lee Livengood, on Sunday, August 25, 2024 at her home. She is survived by husband, Jeff Livengood; children, Jacob Livengood and Rachel Livengood; father, Michael Lee and wife Cathy; mother Nancy White Fail and husband Tommy; brother Michael Brown; brother-in-law, James Livengood and sister-in-law, Carolyn Cass; grandfather, Alton Lee; grandmother, Audrey Thomas and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Her funeral service was held on Saturday, August 31, 2024 at Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church in Winston Salem.

- Ernestine Wilkes, AMC member, lost her sister, Betsy Marie Baker Cumby, on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at High Point Medical Center. She is survived by nephews, Billy Wilkes, Tommy and Ben Cumby, great-nieces, Jordan Gavitt and husband, Kyle, and Shelley Wilkes and great-great nephews, Will, Ben, Jack and Andy Gavitt. Betsy's funeral service was held on Friday, September 6, 2024 at Hopewell United Methodist Church with Pastor Toni Ruth Smith, Pastor Ken Spencer and Pastor Daniel Han officiating.

- AMC member, Carole Webb, lost her nephew on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at his home. He is survived by 2 sons, 5 grandchildren, 1 brother, 2 sisters and 2 aunts, Carole Webb and Cookie (Larry) as well as nephews, great grandchildren and several great-nephews and great-nieces. His celebration of life was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at Cumby Family Funeral Service in Archdale with Pastor Casey Bradford officiating.

*Our condolences go out to these families.*

*Memorials*

*In Memory of Roy Catlett*

*Given by:*

*Hoyt & Kay Nichols*

*Thomas & Betsy Reagan*

*In Memory of Marianne Livengood*

*Given by:*

*Bobbie Finch*

*Linda Game*

*Doug Harmon*

*In Memory of Larry Sheppard*

*Given by:*

*Charles & Betty Sue Seigler*

*Braxton Culler*



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!! Oct 2 Wayne McGavic**

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use during the Worship Service.  
Please see an Usher for assistance.**

### **FROM THE GEORGE ELDER SS CLASS – LOSS OF MEMBER**

Roy Baxter Catlett fought the good fight and finished the race on Saturday, September 14, 2024 when he entered his eternal home. He passed away peacefully at Hinkle Hospice House in Lexington. He previously resided at Piedmont Crossing in Thomasville for almost 2 years.

Roy began attending Archdale Methodist Church when he and his late wife relocated to Archdale. He joined the church September 9, 2007. He was a member of the George Elder Sunday School. He taught Sunday School in the George Elder Sunday School Class and the Friendship Sunday School Class. Roy shared small books with SS class members and always encouraged us to read and study God's word.

He was a member of the Archdale Methodist Men and was very active. He enjoyed working the Methodist Men's BBQ as long as his health permitted. He served on the Church Council and participated in other servant roles at AMC.

A service to celebrate Roy's life was held on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at the Archdale Chapel of Cumby Family Funeral Service with Pastor Roger Carmichael officiating. The burial followed at Floral Garden Memorial Park Cemetery.

- Submitted by Shirley Cecil



### ***HOW CAN SOMEONE RECEIVE CARE FROM A STEPHEN MINISTER?***

Peggy Johnson is our Stephen Leader who co-ordinates referrals. If you or someone you know could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, you can talk to her, to the Pastor, or to our other Stephen Minister Greg Mollenkopf. Any of them would be happy to help you through the process. (If you want to talk about Stephen Ministry for someone else, make sure you get his or her permission first.)



## **Mark Your Calendar for the Lunch & Learn in October!**

Join us on Wednesday, October 16, at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Gary Guffey from COAT (Community Outreach of Archdale and Trinity)

Gary met with us in the spring. He is returning to bring us up to date on how COAT is serving our area.

Please call the church office to let us know you are coming so we will know for how many to plan lunch.

10/02 Madelyn Dabbs	10/21 Tania Blossom
10/02 Wayne McGavic	10/21 Dorothy Brown
10/03 Rebecca Hunt	10/22 Richard Eurillo
10/03 Cole Tickle	10/22 Lina Sheets
10/04 Jeff Hicks	10/23 Andy Boyd
10/05 Donna Ballas	10/23 Margaret Brown
10/06 Kyle Kennedy	10/24 Christopher Grimmett
10/06 Ann Owens	10/24 Oaklynn Harmon
10/06 Craig Stutts	10/25 Thomas Foster
10/06 Karen Warner	10/25 Karleigh Lowe
10/08 Shannon Moser	10/26 Paul Game
10/09 Blakelynn Harmon	10/27 Michael Watson
10/09 Ian Sheeley	10/28 Marcus Connor
10/10 Donna Eason	10/28 Joanna Hollifield
10/11 Julie Messner	10/28 Carson Work
10/11 Carla Mikhail	10/29 Brandon Coltrane
10/13 Tina Everhart	10/30 Todd Messner
10/13 Sharon Harper	10/30 Lew Russo
10/13 Carole Webb	10/30 Heather Smith
10/14 Linda Cates	10/31 Peggy Darr
10/15 Shelby Buchanan	
10/15 Jami Coggins	
10/15 Kim Davis	
10/16 Wendy Harmon	
10/17 Erika Guffey	
10/17 Donna Reid	
10/17 Jeff Rose	
10/17 Sarah Walden	
10/19 Lisa Hunter	
10/19 Madeline Stewart	
10/20 Shay Felder	
10/20 Carol Wallace	



## **SENIOR GAMES MEDALIST**

Sally Hord is a member of the Senior Ladies Cheerleading and Dance Team called the "High Point RAH-RAHS".

They traveled by bus to Cary, NC on Sept. 19th to compete in the NC Senior Games State Competition and won the Gold Medal for the 4th consecutive year!

**GO RAH-RAHS!!**



### Church Mailboxes have been relocated

To help make it easier to check you mailbox,  
the mailboxes that used to be in the Fellowship Hall foyer are  
now located in the foyer of the Education Building.  
Please make sure to stop by and check your mailbox!

# **BARBECUE**

**Saturday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>**

**\$10 PLATE or POUND**  
**DINE IN / TAKE OUT**  
**11:30 AM - 6:00 PM**

### **Where We Were Last Month**

Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance
09/01/2024	\$3,416.00	\$169,343.52	\$198,848.65	35	71	91
09/08/2024	\$4,036.00	\$173,379.52	\$204,530.04	36	84	96
09/15/2024	\$3,939.00	\$177,318.52	\$210,211.43	37	80	100
09/22/2024	\$5,420.00	\$182,738.52	\$215,892.82	38	77	95
09/29/2024	\$5,985.00	\$188,723.52	\$221,574.21	39	75	86

### **Capital Improvements Fund**

Given in Sept:           \$300.00  
Received to date:   \$5,117.00