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WORSHIP TIMES

9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service

MINISTERS The Congregation

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<u>STAFF</u>

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From Pastor Mike....

The recent decision made by Archdale Methodist Church to join the Global Methodist denomination reflects a desire by our church to move into the future with a clear mission and purpose. The past couple of years have been a time of reflection and healing. Following disaffiliation, the church needed time to rest and recuperate. This time was used for introspection and reorganization as Archdale Methodist Church recovered from a devastating and difficult process. I believe the vote taken by the church body made it clear to members, leaders, and the community that Archdale Methodist is now ready embrace a new mission and a new vision.

Our Mission as a church is clearly defined in the Mission Statement of The Global Methodist Church. This statement articulates the belief that the church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe. Both of these ideals are part of our distinctly Wesleyan faith. Believers are called not just to represent Christ to the world, but we are also commissioned by Jesus to make new disciples everywhere we go and in all that we do. The church's number one priority must be the spreading of the gospel and introducing non-believers to the salvation offered by Christ in love. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, told his followers that our strength and power as Christian disciples comes from our faith marked by scriptural holiness

or what is often defined as "growing in Christlikeness" by continual surrender to God's will.

However, to accomplish this mission and purpose, we, the church, must have a vision that guides our attitudes and actions. In Proverbs 19:18, we are told that "where there is no vision, the people perish." Why is that? A vision offers a framework upon which the work can be done to complete the mission and also clarifies the what and the how of the mission. The Vision Statement of the G.M.C. states, "Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the Global Methodist Church envisions multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the earth who flourish in scriptural holiness as we worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly."

Notice that first phrase – "through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit" – that is the HOW. It is not through our strength and power but by God's strong spirit. And the WHAT is also stated succinctly – through:

- Passionate worship authentic and genuine worship that comes from the heart and celebrates God's presence
- Extravagant love love that reaches out to all people and stretches out its hands to minister and to serve
- Bold witness telling others through words and deeds about the salvation offered in Christ that transforms and changes lives

This is what the Global Methodist Church has committed itself to being and doing. We have chosen to associate with and be a part of this type of church and denomination. If we dedicate ourselves fully to this ideal, we can help change the world and make a difference one person at a time and one life at a time. This truly is the greatest adventure and the noblest of all undertakings.

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Missions' Outreach Report:

During the month of May, the men of the church completed a mission project by building a ramp for a family in Randolph County. Both members use walkers making it very difficult to climb stairs to and from their porch. This ramp will allow them to enter and exit their home safely and easily. Their children provide the resources to pay for the ramp and the men of our church provided the labor. The men who helped were Art Johnson, Fred Turner, David Stewart, Pastor Mike, Matthew Hunt, and Gary Hunt.

Any of our men are invited to help with these mission projects by getting in touch with Pastor Mike or Matthew Hunt and adding your name to the call list. Also, if you know of someone with a need, please contact Pastor Mike. Our desire is to serve and meet the needs of people in our church as well as the folks in our community as the hands of Christ reaching out in love.



Stephen Ministry

Most people are much more open to giving care than to receiving it. When a person is giving care, he or she is in a position of strength, stability, and authority. When a person is receiving care, he or she is acknowledging weakness, insecurity and vulnerability - that they need help. As a result, there are countless people today who, though they really could benefit from a Christian friend who would listen and care for them, instead tough it out on their own. They remain the strong silent type, or wear a smile across a face that is holding back a flood of tears. Society encourages this (particularly for men). To ask for help is to admit weakness. To show weakness is to admit inferiority. God did not create us to be independent. We were created to be interdependent. God's Word is clear on this all the way back to Genesis: "It is not good for man to be alone." If you are in need of a Christian friend to talk with, Stephen Ministry is available.

<u>Memorials</u>

In Memory of Ray Cecil

Given by Elizabeth Soule

Where We Were Last Month						
Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance
05/04/2025	\$2,900.00	\$72,869.00	\$94,554.72	18	70	87
05/11/2025	\$2,193.00	\$75,062.00	\$99,807.76	19	72	95
05/18/2025	\$2,849.94	\$77,911.94	\$105,060.80	20	74	96
05/25/2025	\$3,813.25	\$81,725.19	\$110,3313.84	21	64	97

Capital Improvements Fund

 Given in May:
 \$475.00

 Received to date:
 \$6,900.00