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WORSHIP TIMES

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

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From Pastor Mike....

Archdale Methodist Church reaches a very special milestone this month. On Sunday, September 7, we will celebrate the 100th Birthday of the church. We will gather for a time of worship and then share in a time of fellowship and remembrances in our Fellowship Hall. It will be a very special time, and we hope you will join us and share in this special celebration. A scripture passage comes to my mind when I think about this event. Hebrews 12:1-3. This verse says,

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

There are three main ideas that stand out in this passage for me. The first is that we are surrounded with a "great cloud of witnesses". This reminds me that this church is built on the shoulders of many saints who have proceeded us – not just those in Archdale who established and built this particular church, but all the saints who have come before them. We are a part of a great and glorious past.

The second truth that comes to my mind is that A.M.C. is so much more than a building on the corner. The mission of A.M.C. is to reflect and incarnate the ideals and precepts of "Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." We are a God-centered congregation who looks to our past witness and history to find the strength and motivation to continue in the mission of sharing God's love and grace within this community and around the world. The third truth this passage lifts up is that even though we have ministered and persevered for 100 years, we are committing ourselves afresh and anew to the continuing of this "race that is set before us." While we celebrate our past, we also look forward to the next 100 years of service and ministry. As Christians, we are a part of a much bigger reality for we are residents of the Kingdom of God. We know we will not be here physically to celebrate that milestone, but we are assured of joining that great cloud of witnesses and will have the joy of cheering on the next generations of faith. The members who worship here can be assured of God's continued guidance and empowerment as we move forward in love and grace.

Come join us for the Sunday, September 7 celebration. Stay awhile and be a part of our future ministry story.

BRIEF HISTORY OF ARCHDALE METHODIST CHURCH

ARCHDALE METHODIST CHURCH WAS OFFICIALLY ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 6, 1925 AT THE FOURTH QUARTER CONFERENCE OF HIGHLAND M.E. CHURCH, SOUTH OF HIGH POINT, NC. THE CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED WITH 20 CHARTER MEMBERS. REV. E. M. JONES WAS THE ORGANIZER AND FIRST PASTOR.

THE FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOL WAS HELD IN THE AFTERNOON WITH 50 PRESENT AND \$3.01 WAS COLLECTED. THE FIRST QUARTER AVERAGE ATTENDANCE WAS 55. THE AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL GREW TO 187 IN 1933 WHEN REV. JONES WAS THE PASTOR.

THE LAND ON WHICH OUR CHURCH SITS WAS PURCHASED ON EASTER MONDAY, 1926. THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH WAS LAID IN THE SPRING OF 1927. THE BUILDING WAS COMPLETED NOVEMBER 1, 1927 AND OPENED WITH A GREAT REVIVAL WITH MANY ADDED TO THE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY ADDITIONS, ENHANCEMENTS AND CHANGES TO THE PROPERTY SINCE 1926. THEY INCLUDE CLASSROOMS IN 1954, LAND PURCHASED AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH ON PETTY STREET, MORE SS CLASSROOMS WERE BUILT IN 1962, THE HUT WAS ENLARGED AND ENHANCED, THE SANCTUARY WAS REMODED IN 1966 AND THE STEEPLE WAS ADDED. A NEW PARSONAGE WAS BUILT IN 1975. THE PAYNE PROPERTY ON PETTY STREET WAS PURCHASED IN 1984. MORE LAND WAS PURCHASED IN 1989 THAT CONNECTS WITH FREEMAN STREET. A NEW FELLOWSHIP HALL WAS COMPLETED IN MAY 1995. A STORM IN 1998 TOOK THE ROOF OFF THE EDUCATIONAL BUILDING AND DESTROYED THE SECOND FLOOR AND FURNISHINGS. SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES CONTINUED UNTIL THE ENTIRE EDUCATIONAL BUILDING WAS UPGRADED AND REFURNISHED. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES RETURNED TO THE EDUCATIONAL BUILDING MAY 9, 1999. A COLUMBARIUM WAS ADDED IN 2017 ON THE FORMER PAYNE PROPERTY ON PETTY STREET.

ARCHDALE METHODIST CHURCH HAS HAD 28 PASTORS IN 100 YEARS. MANY OTHER STAFF MEMBERS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH. OUR CHURCH HAS PROVIDED MANY PROGRAMS, EVENTS, BIBLE STUDIES, OUTREACH MISSIONS - LOCALLY AND BEYOND, SUPPORTED CHURCH MEMBERS AND OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES, AND OFFERED OUR FACILITIES FOR MANY FUNCTIONS. WE CONTINUE WITH A VERY STRONG SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. OUR METHODIST WOMEN AND MEN ARE CONTINUALLY AT WORK IN THE CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY. OUR WORSHIP SERVICE WELCOMES EVERYONE. WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH THE GIFTS AND TALENTS OF ALL WHO HAVE SERVED AND CONTINUE TO BE SERVANTS FOR 100 YEARS AT ARCHDALE METHODIST CHURCH.

FROM THE GEORGE ELDER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

ARCHDALE METHODIST CHURCH HISTORY QUIZ

Archdale Methodist will be 100 years old this month. We know this is quite an accomplishment for which we are very proud. The George Elder SS Class is recognizing and celebrating this milestone during the covered dish lunch following the worship service on September 7, 2025. This is a test of your knowledge about AMC.

- **Archdale Methodist Church was organized when?**
- **How many charter members did AMC have?**
- **Who was the first pastor?**
- **When was the first Sunday School held?**
- **What was the amount of the first offering?**
- **What year was the church first build?**
- **The church was restructured to its present appearance in what year?**
- **Can you name someone in the church who is a life member?**
- **What year was the Fellowship Hall built?**
- **What year did the wind take the roof off the Educational Building?**
- **How many pastors have served Archdale Methodist Church?**
- **What year was the steeple added to the church?**
- **Can you name a pastor who served in the first 50 years?**
- **What year was the columbarium built?**

From the George Elder Sunday School Class

LOSS OF CHURCH MEMBERS

- John Henry Burns, AMC member since December 21, 1997, passed away July 21, 2025. He is survived by wife, Amy Story Burns, son, John David Burns (Janice Skelly), four daughters, Jennifer Johnson (Tim), Rev. Megan Argabrite (Eric), Laura and Carol Burns. His grandchildren are Duncan, Eleanor and Lincoln Burns and Davey Argabrite. John had been a member of the former Upper Room Sunday School Class at Archdale Methodist Church. This class today is known as the Upper Reflections Sunday School Class following a merger of two classes.

A Celebration of Life service with military honors was held at 2pm on Monday, August 4, 2025 in the chapel of Cumby Family Funeral Service in Archdale. Rev. Randy Blanton officiated.

Please remember John's family who are grieving the loss of their beloved family member.



- AMC member, Teresa Dunlap Wood, passed away unexpectedly at her home on Saturday, August 16, 2025. She is survived by husband, Scott Wood, who is an AMC member. Her daughter, Kara Westmoreland Merriman, survives her and is an AMC member. Also surviving is her mother-in-law, Pat Wood, and her brothers-in-law, Mike Wood and Dwayne Wood. She had a very special Jaybird family – one was the late Debbie Alwan.

Teresa joined AMC November 30, 2003 and was baptized the same day. She had served on Church Council, been a Greeter for the worship service, served in the Nursery and was a former member of the Methodist Women at Archdale Methodist Church.

A Celebration of Life Service was held August 22, 2025 at 11am at Beloved Community UMC, 1015 Mill Avenue, High Point NC 27260.

The family needs your prayers and support during this most difficult time.

Memorials

*In Memory of Ray Cecil
Given by Tommy & Betsy Reagan*



09/03 Carole Lowe
09/04 Vicki Fletcher
09/04 Lunda Stanley
09/05 Ernestine Wilkes
09/13 Mike Lee
09/14 Jackie Stroud
09/16 Joy Brewer
09/18 Gayle Rearwin
09/21 Roger Lockhart
09/26 Sharon Schaeffer
09/30 Mary Hamilton

AMC 100th
Anniversary Lunch

Sunday, Sept. 7th
following the Worship
Service in the
Fellowship Hall



**TO WHOM ARE STEPHEN MINISTERS TRAINED TO
PROVIDE CARE?**

They care for people experiencing divorce, the death of a loved one, hospitalization, loss of a job, a terminal illness, a relocation, the birth of a child, an empty nest, the transition into retirement, loneliness, a spiritual crisis - the list goes on and on. Many of these needs might otherwise go unnoticed or slip through the cracks because we would have lacked the staff to meet them. With Stephen Ministry, we have a team of well-trained Christian caregivers who can provide care in these situations. It is a confidential ministry. The only people who know the identity of a care receiver are that care receiver, their Stephen Minister, and the Stephen Leader who linked the two together. If you are experiencing a life problem and would like someone to talk with confidentially, please contact the church office to get in contact with a Stephen Minister.



In observance of Labor Day,
the Church Office will be
closed on
Monday, Sept. 1

COAT Sunday Sept. 28th

Coat needs full size
boxes of cereal



Save the Date

The Administrative Council will meet on
Sunday, Sept. 28th at 4pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Where We Were Last Month

Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance
08/03/2025	\$2,830.00	\$133,925.05	\$168,844.24	31	75	92
08/10/2025	\$3,694.00	\$137,619.05	\$168,097.28	32	70	91
08/17/2025	\$2,620.00	\$140,239.05	\$173,350.32	33	78	115
08/24/2025	\$4,075.00	\$144,314.05	\$178,603.36	34	79	98
08/31/2025	\$2,401.00	\$146,715.05	\$183,856.40	35	80	96

Capital Improvements Fund

Given in Aug: \$370.00
Received to date: \$10,465.00