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## WORSHIP TIMES

9:45 am  
Sunday School

10:45 am  
Worship Service

## STAFF

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## **From Pastor Mike....**

I think everyone can agree that society and our world are in a state of constant confusion and chaos. It seems that there are many different world views competing for dominance and priority in these tumultuous times. One concept that seems to be lurking in the shadows is what many call "Secular Humanism." The basic tenets of Secular Humanism are:

God does not exist – This aspect simply says since God does not exist, faith is useless, unfounded, and unbelievable. It is nothing more than a figment of imagination that has no value and is rooted in superstition. It is an unproved and outmoded way of thinking and living.

Human life has no purpose – People are driven by survival and life is based on change. One should find their fulfillment in material comfort, personal dignity, and community.

It's all about ME! – The individual is raised to the point of utmost importance. You can believe whatever you choose and "live your own truth" – the ultimate goal is for the individual to achieve comfortable survival and self-satisfaction.

The biggest weakness and/or problem with this mindset is that by its very nature Secular Humanism leads to a sense of entitlement and hyper-tolerance. One feels like anything and everything he/she wants, or needs, should be provided for them. Also, whatever they choose to believe should be accepted and approved of by everyone else.

As Believers, I feel it is essential for us to have a scriptural and God-centered foundation for our lives. Holy Scriptures are very clear in regard to these concepts. Genesis tells us that in the beginning **GOD**. There are no hints or allusions to some "Higher Power" – God is the chief character in the scriptures and the main player in dealing with humans down through history. Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us that **"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."** Jesus taught us that purpose is found not in creature comforts and stuff but in living lives marked by love, grace, mercy, and enriched by relationships with others. And finally, we know that the universe does not revolve around us. We have learned by practical experience that life only has meaning when we center it around God and serve others as a reflection of his love and compassion.

In these difficult times, I call Believers back to the cross of Christ. Look there and see love personified in Christ Jesus. Take up the cross daily and find meaning and purpose for your life. In your obedience and loyalty to Christ claim the power to overcome and live abundantly.

## **ARCHDALE METHODIST CHURCH HISTORY QUIZ ANSWERS (FROM SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER)**

<b>Archdale Methodist Church was organized when?</b>	Sept. 6, 1925
<b>How many charter members did AMC have?</b>	20 charter
<b>Who was the first pastor?</b>	Rev. E.M. Jones
<b>When was the first Sunday School held?</b>	Sept. 6, 1925
<b>What was the amount of the first offering?</b>	\$3.01
<b>What year was the church first build?</b>	1927
<b>The church was restructured to its present appearance in what year?</b>	1967
<b>Can you name someone in the church who is a life member?</b>	Ernestine Wilkes
<b>What year was the Fellowship Hall built?</b>	Started 1994, completed 1995
<b>What year did the wind take the roof off the Educational Building?</b>	1998
<b>How many pastors have served Archdale Methodist Church?</b>	28
<b>What year was the steeple added to the church?</b>	1967
<b>Can you name a pastor who served in the first 50 years?</b>	Rev. Keith Bingham
<b>What year was the columbarium built?</b>	2017
<b>- From the George Elder Sunday School Class</b>	



## **LOSS OF CHURCH MEMBER**

Edward "Ed" Lee Lawrence, AMC member, passed away on Sunday, August 31, 2025, with his adored family by his side. He is survived by wife, Carolyn Blanton Lawrence, AMC member, and son Patrick Lawrence and wife, Guadalupe, and daughter, Hayley White and husband Shannon. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Layla White, John Michael Lawrence, Marie Lawrence, Eliana Lawrence and Keegan White. He is also survived by his sister, Barbara Lawrence. He was predeceased by his son, Michael Lawrence, and his sister, Susan Googe along with his parents, Roger and Kit Lawrence.

Ed joined Archdale Methodist Church August 31, 1983. This month and day is special as it is the date he joined AMC and the date he was no longer a member due to his passing. He transferred from another Methodist Church. He was baptized in 1949, the year he was born. He was so active and involved in numerous roles for many years. He joined the Upper Room Sunday School Class and was so faithful with all the activities within this class. This class merged with another class October 1, 2014 to become the Upper Reflections Class. He continued a very special bond with all the combined class members.

His involvements included being a Methodist Youth Fellowship Leader with his wife and Bob and Debbie Dowling. He was a Sunday School teacher, a greeter at the 9:00 and 10:45 services, a nursery worker at the 8:30, 9:00 and 10:30 worship services, Parsonage Committee member, a Trustee at different times, a Neighborhood Café team member, Lay Leadership member, and was involved with the Guilford Interfaith Hospitality Network. Ed was a long time member of the Methodist Men and enjoyed working with this group and participating in their activities. He loved helping where ever he was needed or he saw the need to serve.

A service to celebrate Ed's life was held on Friday September 5, 2025 at Archdale Methodist Church at 3pm with Rev. Mike Lee and Rev. Dr. Jeff Patterson officiating. A private graveside service was held on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at Randolph Memorial in Asheboro.

Keep Carolyn, the children, grandchildren, sister and other family members and his friends who remained close like family in your prayers. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family. Our memories of Ed will forever be etched in our hearts.



## Memorials

### ***In Memory of Ed Lawrence***

*Given by:*

*The Upper Reflections Sunday School Class*

*The Gentry Family: Chuck & Marsha, Courtney Gentry, Lindsay O'Conner, & Ashley Boyle  
Linda Game & Chris Game*

*Gary Brock*

*Hoyt & Kay Nichols*

*Bobbie Finch*

*Joe & Maxine Hunter*

*The Causey Family: Vicki Causey, Christy Allen & Kevin Causey*

*The Arledge Family*

*Robin Corum*

*Tommy & Betsy Reagan*

*Sandee Sledge*

*David & Elizabeth McCain*

*Shelby Buchanan*

*John & Beth Todd and Family*

*Dean & Julia Calloway*

*Gary & Marcia Guffey*

*Bill & Karen Martin*

*Robert & Deborah Dowling*

*Gary & Cathy Hunt*

*Don & Joan Shepherd*

### ***In Memory of Joyce Harris Williams***

*Given by the George Elder Sunday School Class*



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



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

We have Stephen Ministry because God calls every one of us to love and care for one another. Remember the story Jesus told in Matthew 25, when the people asked, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and gave you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you or naked and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" Jesus told that story speaking to all of us. The Holy Spirit has blessed us all with gifts for ministry. Stephen Ministry provides a place where those who have the gifts for caring ministry can put them to use in a meaningful way. Why did Sir Edmund Hillary climb Mount Everest? Because it was there. Why do we have a caring ministry to meet people's needs? Because the needs are there. Sometimes the needs are quiet and can go unnoticed. Sometimes people think, "My need isn't important enough -- I'll go it alone". Or we want to look the other way just as the three men did who preceded the Samaritan on the road to Jericho. The needs are there -- people's hearts are wounded, their lives broken. They are in need of Christ's love and healing. Stephen Ministry helps our church meet the many needs that are out there.

# BARBECUE

**Saturday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

**COAT Sunday Oct. 26th**

**COAT needs spaghetti sauce  
& boxes or bags of rice**

## Where We Were Last Month

Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance
09/07/2025	\$3,387.00	\$150,102.05	\$189,109.44	36	81	138
09/14/2025	\$2,158.00	\$152,260.05	\$194,362.48	37	78	105
09/21/2025	\$2,088.00	\$154,348.05	\$199,615.52	38	71	102
09/28/2025	\$6,766.00	\$161,114.05	\$204,868.56	39	79	95

## Capital Improvements Fund

Given in Sept:                    \$1,750.00

Received to date:    \$12,215.00