



# ARCHWAYS



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## WORSHIP TIMES

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:45 am

Worship Service

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

It is hard to believe it is already November. The holidays are nearly here and once again, we all go into panic mood. So much to do and so little time. As we approach Thanksgiving, I hope we all take time to thank God for the blessings He has so richly poured out on us. If we think for just a few moments, we realize that we are blessed beyond measure. However, I also hope we take a moment and ponder an aspect of thankfulness that we so often forget. In Philippians 4:11 Paul says, "I have learned how to be content in any circumstance." In the next verse, Paul refers to contentment as a "secret" one must learn. When Paul speaks of being content in any circumstance, I think he was trying to teach us that having things or obtaining things can never truly satisfy or sustain us. Life is built not on externals but rather it means to be satisfied with whatever the Lord chooses to give us. Paul understood that **THINGS** are only temporal and can be taken away so easily – we can misplace and lose them, fire and time can destroy them, and thieves can steal them from us. An attitude of contentment can only be found when we place our hope and sense of security in that which is eternal and not seen with human eyes. We all realize that we need certain tangible things to live and thrive but only in a relationship with God through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit can sustain us and secure us for eternity. This is where our peace comes from and is the secret that Paul learned through the travails and struggles of his life. And this was not just a knowledge of Christ but rather an intimacy with Christ as Paul leaned on and learned about the Master. Paul had tried God time and again and trusted in Him through all kinds of situation and circumstances. He had learned through experience that God was trustworthy and always present with strength, power, and courage.

For Paul, this truly was a learned behavior that resulted in a transformed attitude. Whether in shipwreck, torture, or in times of plenty and feasting, Paul learned the nature and heart of God. He found joy. He found peace. He found thankfulness. This learning and trusting grew into deliberate acts of discipleship that Paul expressed through praise and giving glory to God. Paul also learned that God never just blessed him but rather always provided enough blessings for Paul to share by blessing others. It was never just about Paul but was always for others as well. May this Thanksgiving season find us counting our blessings and being content with what God provides. And may we never forget to also be a blessing to others.

## **OUR CONDOLENCES**

**- Brian Christopher Dowling (50) passed away October 5, 2025 in Charlotte, NC. His parents are Bob & Debbie Dowling-AMC member who survive him. Bob & family left AMC when he became a Local Pastor for the Western NC Conference. Brian attended AMC as a teenager along with his family and was active while attending. Blair Dowling Hawley is an AMC member and sister of Brian who survives him along with his brother, Ben Dowling. Brian's Celebration of Life Memorial Service was held on Sunday, October 19, 2025 at Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church at 3pm with Rev. Duncan Martin officiating.**

**- Danny Grant passed away October 5, 2025 due to a vehicle accident. His special loved friend was Sally Hord, AMC member. He is also survived by daughter, Jennifer Kintner and two sons, Jimmy Lee Grand and Justin Jarrell Grant. His sister, Tina Grant, and brother, Johnny Grant, survives him. Arrangement details will be shared at a later date.**

**- AMC member James Stanley lost his stepmother, Ruth Stilley Stanley, on October 9, 2025 at the Hospice Home in High Point. She is also survived by daughters, Alice Reid and Nancy Stanley along with James wife, Donna, and stepson Richard Stanley and wife Gena. Her siblings are Jerry Lawson and Kay Wiles. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. The funeral service was held October 13, 2025 at Cumby Family Funeral Service in Archdale. Burial followed at Mt. Gilead Methodist Church Cemetery in Trinity.**

**- Sharon Schaeffer, AMC member, lost her son, Dr. Stanley "Stan" Dean Schaeffer, on October 8, 2025 in Kernersville NC. He had a long battle with Huntington's disease. He is also survived by wife, Kathleen "Kem" Schaeffer, beloved son, Christopher Schaeffer and wife Taylor along with Uncles, Sid VanMatre and wife Henrietta and Chris Vanmatre and wife Kay. In honor of Stan's wishes there will be no formal service held at this time.**

***Keep all these families and others not listed but have experienced loss in your thoughts and prayers.***

## **LOSS OF CHURCH MEMBER**

Archdale Methodist Church lost our most senior member, John Calvin Snead, on September 22, 2025. John lived 99 years being the best he could be in all he embarked on being and doing. He joined AMC on September 2, 1962 on profession of faith being baptized the same day. He kept the church bulletin for that day and it was shown at his service. He was so active and faithful as long as he was able being a servant and attending Sunday School and Worship at AMC.

He was a long time member of the Choir, the Friendship Sunday School Class, the Methodist Men, a Greeter and Front Porch Caller as well as other committees he had served on or had been the chairperson. He loved helping with the Methodist Men's BBQ and was always one of the first to arrive when the slaw was made by the men. He participated in many of the Sunday School Class activities as he worked with his beloved SS class members making chicken pies. He was so helpful and always enjoyed the class social gatherings helping with their Brunswick Stews. He visited the Columbarium daily after the loss of his wife, Charlotte, and watered the plants and blew off the leaves with his leaf blower until his health changed. He filled his life with faithful devotion to his family, his church and any endeavor he pursued.

He is survived by daughter, Cheryl Taylor and husband, Garrett, son, Eric Snead and wife Julie along with grandchildren, Kelby Snead, Susannah Burley, Josh Dycus, Casey Dycus and Ashlynn Snead.

John's Memorial Service was held on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 2pm with Pastor Mike Lee and Cheryl Traylor who gave the Eulogy. Inurnment followed in the church columbarium.

Your prayers and remembrances are needed by Cheryl, Eric and all the family. Cheryl had been his caregiver at his home for over 1 year for which John was so grateful for her love and devotion to caring for him.

### Memorials

*In Memory of Ed Lawrence*

*Given by:*

*The Archdale Methodist Men*

*Andy & Carole Boyd*

*Sandra Hale*

*In Memory of Stanley Schaeffer*

*Given by The George Elder Sunday*

*School Class*

*In Memory of John Snead*

*Given by:*

*The Archdale Methodist Men*

*The Friendship Sunday School Class*

*Hoyt & Kay Nichols*

*Hershel & Teena Reddeck*

*In Memory of Joyce Harris Williams*

*Given by The Randleman High School*

*Class of 1962*



# Happy Birthday

11/02 Beverly Giles	11/21 Taylor Prince
11/02 Danny Hankins	11/21 Nancy Workman
11/03 Charlotte Hicks	11/22 Kevin Causey
11/04 Cathy Wyatt	11/26 Mary Jo McCall
11/05 Chris East	11/27 Richard Besch
11/05 Betsy Reagan	11/27 Rob Lowe
11/07 Laurie Hamilton	11/27 Lee Milligan
11/07 Wanda Mitchell	11/28 Greg Daniels
11/08 Brookelyn Habib	11/28 Mallory Hoffman
11/08 Alexandria Johnson	11/28 Alexandra Petty
11/08 Jill Parrish	11/29 Russell Eurillo
11/08 Emma Snow	11/29 Joy Garret
11/09 John Garrett	11/30 Gary Hunt
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 Jaxon Dunlap	
11/19 Gregg Jarrett	
11/19 Michelle Lowe	
11/19 Susan Stewart	
11/19 Caleb Weaver	



### Update on the Sunday School project for Archdale Elementary School

As of October 19, the Sunday school classes had donated: 211 girl's underwear, 120 boy's underwear, 159 pairs of boy's socks, and 135 pairs of girl's socks to Archdale Elementary School. Today is the last day we will be collecting these items. A big "Thank You!" to all who participated in this project. The school was very appreciative of the items already taken to them. The last items donated will be delivered to the school this week. We will let you know the total number of items donated after the final count.



## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Stephen Ministry can be a wonderful outreach of Christ's love both to our own members and to the community. In the second chapter of his epistle, James tells us, "Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." He says we need to be "doers of the Word, not just hearers." Just talking about loving and caring for one another doesn't automatically make us a loving and caring congregation. We need to be doers! Stephen Ministry is a wonderful way to be doers of the Gospel. We can knock on the door of an unchurched person and say, "Jesus loves you," and he or she *might* listen. But if we meet his or her needs for care during a difficult time in their life and let that person experience Jesus' love and forgiveness working through a Stephen Minister, he or she *will* listen.

If you or someone you know could benefit by talking with a Stephen Minister, call the church office to get the number of a Stephen Minister.



**The Church Office will be closed on  
Thurs, Nov. 27 & Friday, Nov. 28**

Where We Were Last Month						
Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance
10/05/2025	\$3,863.00	\$164,977.05	\$210,121.60	40	80	106
10/12/2025	\$8,476.00	\$173,453.05	\$215,374.64	41	77	94
10/19/2025	\$1,670.00	\$175,123.05	\$220,627.68	42	76	82
10/26/2025	\$4,992.00	\$180,115.05	\$225,880.72	43	81	99

### **Capital Improvements Fund**

Given in Oct: \$995.00  
Received to date: \$13,210.00

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

- **Administrative Council Meeting:** Sunday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> following the Worship Service for the specific purpose of approving the 2026 Budget and 2026 Leadership Roster.
- **Annual Church Conference:** Sunday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at Tabernacle Methodist Church located at 5721 Methodist Road, Greensboro NC 27406 starting at 2:30pm to fulfill the requirements of the Global Methodist Church.



### **COAT Sunday Nov. 23rd**

COAT needs Chunky soups  
and crackers

### **November Events:**

- Nov 7: George Elder Sunday School Class Social (FH)
- Nov 8: Combined Women's Circle Meeting (11:30am - Community Room)
- Nov. 9: Administrative Council Meeting (following Worship in the Sanctuary)
- Nov 11: Finance Committee Meeting (6:30pm - Community Room)
- Nov 16: Annual Church Conference
- Nov 17: Trustees Meeting (6:30pm - Community Room)
- Nov 23: COAT Sunday
- Methodist Men's Breakfast (8:30am - Community Room)
- Tim Kennedy Sunday School Class Luncheon (following Worship in the FH)
- Nov 27: Thanksgiving (Church Office Closed)
- Nov 28: Thanksgiving Holiday (Church Office Closed)
- Nov 30: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lunch (following Worship in the FH)