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WORSHIP TIMES

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:45 am

Worship Service

STAFF

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AMCpastor@northstate.net

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From Pastor Mike....

One of the traditions often associated with the beginning of a new year is making "New Year Resolutions" that will help guide us to better and healthier lives in the upcoming year. Another tradition is seeing how many of these challenges we can break before January passes into February. I would like to propose a new tradition. Instead of making resolutions, I would propose we renew our covenant with God to pursue growing in discipleship and becoming more Christ-like in all that we are and do. Actually, this is not a totally new idea because John Wesley adapted his "Covenant Prayer" in 1775 from a Puritan Prayer which was originally written by Richard Alleine in 1663. Wesley's prayer, which is used by many churches and those of Wesleyan theological persuasion, challenges the Believer to give oneself afresh and anew to God's leadership and guidance in all things.

In its simplest form this prayer of renewal calls the Believer to understand that life is lived in its fullest and most abundant form when we see ourselves as not simply following Christian principles and behaviors but in fact living in a dynamic transforming relationship with God. I feel the best expression of this ideal is found in God's covenant with Abraham as expressed in Genesis 17 where God lays out the requirements of this covenant. They were threefold:

God would be God

The people of Israel would be the People of God

God would use His people to be a great blessing to all humankind

At the foundation of any relationship with God stands this covenant. God has renewed this covenant down through the ages with those who have chosen to abide in it and by it. It was renewed for those who call themselves Christian through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we, as Believers, pledge ourselves daily to this covenant, we are doing far more than just simply adopting a resolution that may or may not change anything we say, do, or are. We are committing ourselves to being disciples of Christ who have been gripped by the very hand of God and empowered by His Holy Spirit. So, this January 2026, do you choose resolutions that may touch you for a few weeks or do you choose a covenant that has the power to transform you for eternity? Which one will you choose?

BACKGROUND CHECKS

As you are aware, the Staff-Parrish Relations Committee recently hired Joanna Hollifield as the Co-Ordinator of children's ministries and activities at the church. In an effort to make this ministry as safe as possible and to make sure we are following all security requirements and insurance provisions, a group met with our representative from Southern Mutual Insurance Company which provides the church's insurance. One item that is required of **ALL** people who work with or assist in any church ministry involving children is a background check. Many of our church members have had these done in the past but are now out-of-date. During January, we will be working to bring all of our background checks into compliance with our insurance company's policy. We need current checks done on all children's Sunday School teachers and assistants, all adults working with children in any capacity within the Children's Ministry (leaders or support help), and all Nursery Workers. This is a simple process that includes completing a registration form giving the church permission to obtain these checks. That permission form can be picked up from the church office, from Pastor Mike, from Joanna Hollifield, or from the mailbox in the Lobby of the Education Building. These need to be returned to the church secretary's mailbox in the Education Building Lobby or to Pastor Mike or to Joanna Hollifield. There is no charge to the individual because the church has budgeted money to cover this expense.

Any questions can be directed to Pastor Mike. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

LOSS OF CHURCH MEMBER

Danny Ray Hankins passed away Sunday, November 30, 2025 at his home. He joined Archdale Methodist Church February 15, 2004 transferring his membership from another Methodist Church. He was currently an inactive member. When active he attended worship with wife, Carol and daughters Robyn and Lori. He had been a member of the Methodist Men and had been a front porch caller.

He is survived by wife, Carol Furr Hankins, daughters, Robyn Hankins and Lori Lyons (Lori is an inactive AMC member), and his grandsons, Alexander and Avery Lyons. Also surviving him is a brother, Mark Hankins and wife Doris, a sister-in-law, Donna Hall and husband Doug, two brothers-in-law, David Furr and Todd Furr and wife Kendra, and other extended family members.

Danny's visitation was held Tuesday, December 9, 2025, from 5-7pm at Cumby Family Funeral Home in Archdale.

Memorials

*In Memory of Ed Lawrence
Given by Marilyn & Jim Howell*

*In Memory of John Snead
Given by David & Susan Stewart*

Honorariums

In Honor of the 2025 Teachers:

Blain Alwran

Norman Askeu

Steve Stutts

Given by The Upper Reflections Class

In Honor of the 2025 Teachers:

Blain Alwran

Norman Askeu

Marilyn Holtham

Gary Hunt

Kay Nichols

Given by the AMC Friendship Class



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| 01/01 Sharon Crist | 01/18 Rodney Dabbs |
| 01/01 Trang Phan | 01/18 Charles Eurillo |
| 01/01 Cade Hamilton | 01/18 Charles Gentry |
| 01/02 Mandy Forrester | 01/18 Carol Hamilton |
| 01/03 Brittany Lax | 01/18 Marilyn Holtham |
| 01/04 Larry Lawson | 01/18 Conner Stanley |
| 01/05 Matthew Habib | 01/19 Bert Stone |
| 01/07 Caleb Byerly | 01/19 Cymbre White |
| 01/07 Marsha Gentry | 01/20 Libby Walters |
| 01/07 Rory O'Connor | 01/21 Taylor Beck |
| 01/07 Zachary Orr | 01/21 Evelyn Habib |
| 01/07 Marsha Sparks | 01/21 Lance McCall |
| 01/08 Erica Graves | 01/21 Phil McDonald |
| 01/08 David McKinney | 01/21 Beth Ritter |
| 01/08 Charles Snyder | 01/23 Christa Webster |
| 01/10 Robin Causey | 01/24 Charles Brannon |
| 01/11 Riley Beck | 01/24 Brooke Johnson |
| 01/11 Noah Hunt | 01/24 Rebecca Kidd |
| 01/12 Ryan Bradley | 01/25 Donna Gross |
| 01/12 Fletcher Gallimore | 01/26 Steve Gaskey |
| 01/13 Butch Robertson | 01/26 Lauren Roberts |
| 01/13 Hannah Smith | 01/26 Steve Simpson |
| 01/14 Marcia Guffey | 01/27 Finley O'Connor |
| 01/14 Brian Lowe | 01/28 Elizabeth Brannon |
| 01/14 Gary Mitchell | 01/28 Kayla Dabbs |
| 01/14 Ben Walker | 01/29 Sophia Billings |
| 01/15 Jeremy Boles | 01/29 Lindsay Grimmett |
| 01/16 Brook Herring | 01/29 Jessica Page |
| 01/16 Tess Herring | 01/30 Blain Alwran |
| 01/16 Mark Prince | 01/30 Neal Eason |
| 01/16 Carly Tickle | 01/30 Tammy Gallimore |
| | 01/31 Merle Beverley |



Stephen Ministry

Who benefits from Stephen Ministry? The most obvious answer is the person who receives care. He or she no longer has to walk alone through life's struggles. A Stephen Minister walks alongside this person for as long as he or she needs care, bringing Jesus' unconditional love and acceptance to the person. Pastors benefit because Stephen Ministry helps pastors fulfill their calling to "equip the saints for the work of the ministry". The entire congregation benefits from Stephen Ministry because people feel cared for in their time of need. Our congregation becomes a more caring community where people know their needs will be met.

If you want to know more about Stephen Ministry, contact Peggy Johnson (336-259-9841).



Happy New Year Archdale Methodist Families. I hope you have had a most blessed and Merry Christmas. We are ready to get the new year in action with our kids meeting twice this month.

The first Kids meet will be January 4th at 4pm to 5pm in the children's wing in the Sunday school class. We will have a lesson, activity and craft. The second kids meet will be on January 18th at 4pm to 6pm in the fellowship hall and parents are invited to join your child for a spaghetti dinner following a game apples to apples Bible edition. I am looking forward to diving into God's word and lots of fun with our AMC kids. Please let me know if you have any questions.

I will keep you updated in the GroupMe Journey Kidspiration app for any updates. If you are not connected in the app and would like to be, you will need to download the app and join the group AMC Journey Kidspiration. If you need help please let me know and I'll be glad to get you connected.

If you are interested in volunteering at any of the kids meetings and or events, you will need to complete a new background paper to be completed and returned to the church office or can be dropped in the church mailbox that is located outside of the fellowship hall.

Again if you have any questions please let me know. Looking forward to a fantastic faith filled year with our children.

Joanna Hollifield

336-542-6146

Call or text

jezraj@yahoo.com

Email

2026 Archdale Methodist Handbook

The 2026 AMC Handbooks will be printed by the end of January. If you need to update any of your information: address, phone numbers, email address, etc. please contact the Church Office no later than Friday, Jan. 23rd, 2026.

FELLOWSHIP HALL ACCESS

In an effort to better safeguard the Fellowship building, church office, and other rooms, the Trustee's recently decided to ask everyone to enter the Fellowship Hall through the front lobby only. The outside doors to the Community Room, Kitchen Hallway, and Kitchen will no longer be opened by a key. All entry will be through the front Lobby and then these doors can be accessed from inside the rooms. We have had some problems with doors being left open and unlocked from time to time which has created a security issue. This change will take place in January. If you need further information or have any questions regarding Fellowship Hall access, please check with the Trustees.

COAT Sunday

Jan. 25

COAT needs big boxes of cereal

Change of Address for Mandy Forrester:

**3603 Bethany Trace
Greensboro, NC 27406**

Where We Were Last Month

Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance
12/07/2025	\$8,014.00	\$221,030.05	\$257,398.96	49	77	114
12/14/2025	\$3,635.00	\$224,665.05	\$262,652.00	50	74	110
12/21/2025	\$4,193.00	\$228,858.05	\$267,905.04	51	74	95
12/28/2025	\$4,826.00	\$233,684.05	\$273,158.08	52	69	95

Capital Improvements Fund

Given in Dec: **\$950.00**
Received to date: **\$14,460.00**