



MARCH 2026

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WORSHIP TIMES

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:45 am

Worship Service

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From Pastor Mike....

March is an unusual month. We like to think winter is almost over but spring has not "sprung" yet. There is one event we can all buy into during this dreary month – "March Madness." Soon, and very soon, the warriors of college basketball will begin their campaigns to capture conference championships to earn the right to compete for school pride and national glory.

However, I am reminded of another expression of "March Madness". In the New Testament, the writer Matthew tells us the story of another type of campaign. Jesus and his disciples were making their way to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover and to participate in the Temple. In Matthew 20:17-19, Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to Jerusalem not just to participate in Passover, but he was headed there to be scourged, beaten, and ultimately to be crucified. The disciples did not understand this statement and must have thought it to be sheer madness. But Jesus knew that his fate and his destiny was to die to initiate salvation for humankind.

While Jesus was headed to Jerusalem, the Pharisees and Sadducees had already begun their campaign to deal with Jesus and stop his influence and power. Matthew 26:3 – 5 tells us that the chief priests and the elders were already meeting with Caiaphas, the high priest, and plotting against Jesus. They were trying to find a way to seize Jesus without the populace knowing about it and killing him. Their fears of Jesus and his teachings were stronger than their fear of the peoples' displeasure toward them. Pure madness had seized them.

As we look back on nearly 2000 years of history, the events of that early March seem to incarnate utter madness. In this story we see the leaders of the Jewish religion planning and putting into motion the capture and ultimate death of a young rabbi. We see the ultimate sacrifice of teacher and healer changing not only history but providing the greatest gift to all humankind in the promise of a salvation relationship with the God of creation. In the willingness of Jesus Christ to die for me and for you, we find the humble expression of God's great love. What must have looked like madness to the people of Jesus' day was in fact the greatest act in human history. Another of Jesus' disciples, John explained it with these words, "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends." In that one act of loving sacrifice, God turned the madness of man into the way of salvation and life. That's a "March Madness" I can get into and support.

Archdale families we are MARCHing into our lenten season SPRINGing forward towards Easter. As we look forward to longer sunlight ☀️ days and warmer weather, remember those clocks SPRING forward on Sunday March 8th which is also our next kids meet at 4pm in the children's wing in the craft room. We will be learning the story of Easter from a surprise visitor 🐰 enjoying a craft 🎨 and study 📖 our next scripture challenge. Kids are invited to enjoy a Easter Egg Hunt 🐣 on Saturday MARCH 28th at 11am in the fellowship hall. I encourage all families to invite friends and families to enjoy the fun. Kids will search for eggs by age groups and return to the fellowship hall to have a Hotdog 🌭 lunch with a special guest appearance 🐰. On Sunday March 29th Psalm 📖 Sunday The Easter Story 📖 will be told by our children. The Easter Story is a drama production you will not want to miss as we share the journey of Jesus through his disciples, to the cross ☩ and the resurrection, Amen He is ALIVE! Also a REMINDER any person that is volunteering in any capacity with the children please see me or Sidney in the office Monday through Friday 9am to 3pm or in the mailbox in the education building for a BACKGROUND check packet. These can be turned in to the office, dropped off in the mailbox outside the fellowship hall or give it to me Joanna Hollifield to turn in. If you have any questions please let me know Joanna Hollifield 336-542-6146.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

IN ADDITION TO 911, REMEMBER THESE EMERGENCY NUMBERS

When in sorrow.....	call John 14
When you worry.....	call Matthew 6:19-34
When God seems far away.....	call Psalm 139
When you are lonely and fearful.....	call Psalm 23
When you feel down and out.....	call Romans 8:31
When you want peace and rest.....	call Matthew 11:25-30
When you want Christian assurance.....	call Romans 8:1-30
When you leave home for work or travel.....	call Psalm 121
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish.....	call Psalm 67
If you are depressed.....	call Psalm 130
If people seem unkind.....	call John 15
For reassurance.....	call Psalm 145:18
To learn how a Stephen Minister could walk with you during your time of need.....	call 336-259-9841

Memorials

In Memory of Nancy Burrow

Given by:

Greg Williams

Rosemarie Foster

Linda Game

The Friendship Sunday School Class

Hoyt & Kay Nichols

Hershel & Teena Reddeck

Archdale Trinity Lions

Michael & Ashley Wallace

In Memory of Bill Maine

Given by Hoyt & Kay Nichols



March Birthdays



03/01 Paul Clausel	03/15 Lindsay Byrum
03/01 Matthew Connor	03/17 Terry Gates
03/02 Steve Brown	03/17 Rae Hicks
03/02 Jon Dysinger	03/17 Jake Lowe
03/03 Mariah Askew	03/17 Danny Mann
03/03 Linda Game	03/18 Lisa Clausel
03/04 Alex McGavic	03/20 Jared Askew
03/04 Tara Owens	03/20 Cheryl Byerly
03/05 Connor Allen	03/20 Ethan Dysinger
03/05 Trevor Allen	03/20 Cole Liebscher
03/05 Debbie Kennedy	03/21 Deidra Colclough
03/05 Michael Linthicum	03/22 Tom Holtham
03/05 Tamara Owens	03/22 Sally Hord
03/08 Craig Grimmett	03/23 Kyle Barefoot
03/08 Blair Hawley	03/23 Jane Pepper
03/08 Jim Johnson	03/23 Andrew Wilson
03/08 Judy Lentz	03/23 Toni Wray
03/09 Barbara Jarrett	03/26 Maggie Boyle
03/10 Rosemarie Foster	03/26 Clyde Brown
03/11 Alexandria Sarmiento	03/26 Sylvia Smith
03/11 Ethan Simpson	03/26 Aliene Soule
03/12 Rusty Smith	03/27 Art Johnson
03/13 Sue McDonald	03/28 Jennifer East
03/14 Jonah Peele	
03/14 David Stewart	

Updated address for Harold Shives:

3319 Longview Drive

Archdale, NC 27263

COAT Sunday, March 22nd

**COAT needs spaghetti sauce,
spaghetti noodles and jelly**

BACKGROUND CHECKS

As a reminder, in an effort to make the Children's ministry as safe as possible and to make sure we are following all security requirements and insurance provisions, it 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. We will still 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.



Where We Were Last Month

Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance	Facebook
02/01/2026	\$770.00	\$9,730.00	\$28,530.30	5	No	Services	- Snow
02/08/2026	\$8,681.00	\$18,411.00	\$34,236.36	6	66	92	11
02/15/2026	\$3,097.00	\$21,508.00	\$39,942.42	7	76	85	10
02/22/2026	\$3,930.00	\$25,438.00	\$45,648.48	8	61	84	10

Capital Improvements Fund

Given in Feb: \$535.00

Received to date: \$925.00

SAVE THE DATE!!

COME HELP US CELEBRATE!!

5/31/2026 after church service

**100 yr Anniversary for the
Methodist Women Organization**

5th Sunday of the month of May
It's a Covered Dish Affair
Please bring your favorite dishes.



ARCHDALE METHODIST CHURCH PALL

A pall is a large cloth used to cover a casket or coffin during a Christian funeral, symbolizing the white garment given at Baptism and the equality of all before God. Usually white, it represents resurrection and hope in Christ. There can be a Christian symbol in the middle of the pall which is the case with the AMC pall.

The pall at Archdale Methodist Church was given by the children of the late Lula Hunt Crott in 1984. This is embroidered on the underside of the pall. The pall was dedicated during a worship service when the late Maxine Sechrest was the Worship Chair. Maxine was so proud of this gift when it was given to the church. It is a beautiful heavy cloth that basically covers the casket and is removed before the casket is taken to the cemetery.

It has been used at different times at a funeral service at AMC. The latest time was the service held February 4, 2026 for the late Nancy Lou Farlow Burrow. This was Nancy's request at the time she planned her service.

It is stored in a black plastic hang up bag in the closet in the room where the choir practices their music. There are some instructions on the outside of the bag regarding the use. Once removed from the casket it has to be folded like it was prior to use making sure the symbol is not in a folded position. It is hung on 2 large heavy duty hangers and placed back in the bag.

The Funeral Assistants serving Nancy's service folded the pall (4 of us). This is one of the many duties the Archdale Methodist Church Funeral Assistants handled at Nancy's service. We welcome others to become a part of this service we offer families when the service is held at Archdale Methodist Church. It is currently a very small number who serve in this role. Please contact Shirley Cecil with interest or questions on becoming a Funeral Assistant.

Submitted by Shirley Cecil

LOSS OF CHURCH MEMBER AT ARCHDALE METHODIST CHURCH

Nancy Lou Farlow Burrow, 96, entered into eternal life on January 27, 2026, at her beloved earthly home. Nancy joined AMC September, 1961 transferring from another denomination. Nancy's involvement from her and her late husband, Leon, focused on music, youth and adults very early on. Many young people in the church at the time their children, LuAnn and Jeffrey, were young, were impacted by their influence and the love this couple had for the youth in working with them and opening their home to all.

Nancy was a long time member of the church choir singing praises to the Lord and blessing the people of AMC. She was a faithful and devoted member of the Friendship Sunday School Class. She had been a greeter at the 9am and 10:45am worship services. She had been a part of the Bereavement Food Volunteer Group providing food for the families of deceased members of the church. She had participated in Bible Studies and been on the Nurture Ministry Team. She had been a selected servant in the weekly counter offerings. Nancy helped with the Methodist Men's fund raising projects when Leon was a member of the Methodist Men. Her servant hood reached far and wide at the church and beyond.

A few years ago Nancy was leaving the worship service and she fell in the parking lot after she exited the Educational Building double doors. This was quite a fall as her face took a hit with broken glasses. She was taken to the hospital by EMS and recovered. Shortly after the fall she developed Shingles which she said was worst than the fall. Nancy was faithful to her Sunday School Class and the worship service with her attendance waning after she fell. She did come many times to the Methodist Men's BBQ. Her most recent time was October 11, 2025 when she drove herself and bought BBQ. In November she fell in Food Lion and this began her decline in health including a stroke in January.

She is survived by her children: LuAnn Burrow Spain (Chuck), Jeffery Burrow (Robin), grand children, Mandy (Randy), Heath (Jayme), Casey (Jordan), Christopher (Amanda), Karna (Russ), Michelle (Jon); 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Her service was held February 4, 2026 at 1pm at Archdale Methodist Church with Reverend Jeffrey Burrow and Lay Pastor Gary Hunt officiating. Burial followed in the Flint Hill Community Church cemetery in Sophia.

Continue to remember this family in your prayers as their life is missing a very beloved member.