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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 that the Season of Lent is coming to a close and Easter is just around the corner. It seems like we just celebrated Ash Wednesday a few days ago. Our journey to Jerusalem and Passion Week is quickly coming to a climax. As Holy Week begins, in the scriptures we find that Jesus was busy sharing with his disciples and followers. Arriving to worship, Jesus found the Temple courtyard overflowing with vendors and moneychangers. He overturned the tables, ran off the vendors and their animals while declaring that his Father's house was filled with crooked and evil people. By cleansing the Temple, he called for righteous and holy worship. You would think Jesus would have been afraid to show his face following such actions but on Tuesday he and his disciples returned to the Temple to confront and confound the Pharisees and the Sanhedrin. Once again Jesus tried to call the religious leaders and people to a pure vision of God and authentic worship for Him. However, they refused to listen and missed their opportunity. As Jesus and his disciples were eating supper, a woman comes and in simple trust and belief anoints his feet while Judas slips away to begin his betrayal of Jesus. Both ends of the spectrum are revealed to us on this day – authentic trust and belief on one end and absolute betrayal on the other. We are reminded that we too must choose who Jesus is to each of us and then to live from that perspective. The scriptures are silent as to Jesus' activities on Wednesday of Passion Week. Many scholars believe he found a quiet place to pray and prepare himself for the next couple of days. Thursday brings us to a pivotal event in the life of Jesus and the disciples – the Upper Room. Here Jesus would share a Passover meal with his disciples and with remnants of this meal institute Holy Communion.

We will gather in remembrance and worship on Thursday evening, April 2. We too will be confronted by Christ's crucifixion and decide who we will follow. On the coattails of this special time of worship, Jesus was betrayed, seized, beaten, denied, and finally crucified on Friday. The one who loved, healed, taught, and transformed lives was treated as a common criminal as he died on the cross. When things looked their bleakest and darkest, God rolled up His sleeves and went to work. We all know what happened on Sunday – the rock was rolled away and Jesus the Messiah walked out of the tomb and offered life to all who choose it. We will gather on Easter Sunday morning, April 5 and celebrate this marvelous gift of life purchased for us through the cross and the empty tomb. We will lift our voices in praise and our hearts in surrender to the one who gives us strength, courage, forgiveness, salvation – the Lamb of God who is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Professing Member Update

In recent meetings with Rev. Jeff Johnsen, Presiding Elder in the Greensboro District of the North Carolina Conference of the Global Methodist Church, suggestions were made that Archdale Methodist Church needed to clarify and update our membership rolls. It was discussed at the last Administrative Council Meeting that this needed to be done because the church has undergone disaffiliation from the UMC to being independent and then joining the GMC.

In an effort to assure accuracy in our membership rolls, we need everyone who wishes to be a member of Archdale Methodist Church to reaffirm their decision to be members. Over the next few days, every Professing Member will receive a letter. This letter will give you an opportunity to consider the vows of membership, provide accurate information regarding current address, phone numbers (both landline and cell, if applicable), and e-mail addresses. If you want to maintain your membership in the church, please write **YES** on the appropriate line and return the letter to the church office or place it in the box provided on the table in the Lobby of the Education Building. If you **DO NOT** want to remain a member of the church, you do not have to do anything. The deadline to return your letter is June 1, 2026.

We hope everyone will understand the necessity of this project and we greatly appreciate your efforts in helping us more accurately reflect our church membership.



Stephen Ministry

Even if you never become a Stephen Minister or a care receiver, you can benefit from Stephen Ministry for a couple of reasons. Probably every one of us has known someone who has faced a difficult crisis - perhaps a neighbor, a coworker, a friend, or a relative. We may have wanted to help somehow but didn't know how beyond saying, "I'm praying for you," or sending them a card. Sometimes we might even have avoided that person because we weren't sure what to say or how to help. Stephen Ministry gives you a place where you can connect those people to receive Jesus' love and care when they need it most. You can pull that person aside and lovingly say, "I know you've been going through a rough time lately. Let me tell you about a ministry at our church that provides one-on-one Christian care to people going through tough times." You can put them in touch with a Stephen Leader who can take the next step and, if appropriate, match them with a Stephen Minister. No longer do you have to stand by and watch someone suffer alone because you do not know what to do or say.

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY

- Sam Brown lost his grandson, Colton Thomas Brown, on February 20, 2026. Colton was 18 years old when his life came to an unexpected end in Fort Mill, SC. He was an outstanding student as he was in the top 15% of his 2026 class. He was admitted to the Beta Club and earned several graduation cords for his honor classes and AP classes. He became an Eagle Scout in 2025 and also accomplished the Bronze, Gold and Silver Palms. He held several leader positions while in the Boys Scouts Troop.

Surviving Colton are his parents, Daniel and Melissa Brown, his sister, Lauren Brown, grandfathers, Samuel "Sam" Brown, and David Burnette along with Uncles, Aunts and Cousins.

The service to celebrate Colton's life was held at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church Sanctuary in Fort Mill, SC at 1pm on Friday, February 27th.

- Larry Dobbins lost his brother and AMC church member, Charles Dobbins, on March 8, 2026. See the write-up in this newsletter under "Loss of Church Member" on Charles Dobbins.

Continue to uplift these families with your expressions of sympathy.

LOSS OF AMC MEMBER

CHARLES WELDON DOBBINS PASSED AWAY MARCH 8, 2026 AT BROOKSTONE TERRACE ASSISTED LIVING IN THOMASVILLE NC. CHARLES WAS 98 AND OUR OLDEST MEMBER. HE JOINED ARCHDALE MARCH 26, 2000 TRANSFERRING FROM WELCH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. HE BECAME AN ACTIVE PERSON INVOLVED WITH THE ADULT FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL, THE CHOIR, THE METHODIST MEN AND THE MORNING METHODIST WOMEN BECOMING A MEMBER FEBRUARY 14, 2027. HE DROVE HIS LATE WIFE, ZULA, TO THE METHODIST WOMEN'S MEETINGS AND STAYED FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. HE ALSO BROUGHT HER TO THE CHURCH WHERE ZULA DECORATED FOR METHODIST WOMEN'S EVENTS. HE REMAINED A MEMBER OF THE METHODIST WOMEN DUE TO HIS COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION MAKING SURE ZULA REMAINED ACTIVE AS LONG AS SHE WAS ABLE. CHARLES ENJOYED COMING TO THE SEMI-ANNUAL METHODIST MEN'S BBQ AND SEEING HIS CHURCH FAMILY.

HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO DEDICATED SONS, RONALD D. DOBBINS (KATHY) AND DWIGHT W. DOBBINS (MARSHA), TWO BROTHERS, HERMAN AND LARRY (JOCAROL) DOBBINS, AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN, FRAN HILL (MATT), ERIC DOBBINS (REBEKAH) AND EMILY DOBBINS. HE HAS FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, HUNTER SMITH, CORBEN HILL, WELDON DOBBINS, BLAYNE DOBBINS AND A FUTURE GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER ARRIVING IN JUNE. CHARLES IS ALSO SURVIVED BY A STEPDAUGHTER, MARY LEE HARTLEY, TWO STEP GRANDSONS AND TWO STEP GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR CHARLES WAS HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH, AT CUMBY FAMILY FUNERAL SERVICE IN ARCHDALE WITH REV. MARK HOLLAR OFFICIATING. BURIAL FOLLOWED AT FAIRVIEW CHURCH CEMETERY IN TRINITY.

REMEMBER THIS LOVING FAMILY AS THEY CONTINUE LIFE WITHOUT THEIR BELOVED ONE.

Hello Archdale families. March winds have blown us right into April. The first Sunday April 5th is celebrating Easter and our Risen Lord. Don't forget to bring your flowers to decorate our cross in the sanctuary. April is invite as many friends as you can challenge all month long. Lets fill the classes and pews with as many friends as you can. The second Sunday April 12 at 4m in the Art room of the children's wing our Kids will meet for their next scripture challenge. I also challenge all the children and Archdale friends and Families to bring a friend. Invite as many as you can. We will also be doing some special crafts and fun activities. The fourth Sunday April 26th at 4pm we will also be meeting in the Art room of the children's wing for a special scripture challenge in our battle of the bibles. We will also be doing a special craft and fun activities diving into the Fruit of the Spirit. April is bringing showers of fun and fellowship. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Be sure to invite as many friends as possible so we can shower them with fellowship in Christ.

Thank you,
Joanna Hollifield



TUESDAY MORNING METHODIST WOMEN

We welcomed new member, Deborah Barnes, at our March 10, 2026 meeting with 18 in attendance at this meeting. The mission project for this unit in 2026 is to continue bringing backpack items for Community Outreach of Archdale Trinity each month. COAT provides these backpacks to 9 schools in Randolph County. Our average for the three months this year is 320 items per month.

We encourage and invite all ladies at Archdale Methodist Church to join us for a meeting when we meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the Community Room.

Memorials

In Memory of Nancy Burrow

Given by:

Sharon Carpenter

Gary & Cathy Hunt

David & Susan Stewart

In Memory of Charles Dobbins

Given by:

Gary & Cathy Hunt

Hoyt & Kay Nichols

Archdale Methodist Women

In Memory of Angie Glascock

Given by Sharon Carpenter

Columbarium Notice:

We have a limited number of niches left.
If you would like information about the
columbarium or purchasing a niche,
please contact John Todd: 336-688-1239

COAT Sunday, April 26

COAT needs spaghetti sauce
& spaghetti noodles

Happy Birthday!

04/01 Eliana Lawrence
04/03 Samuel Huthmaker
04/03 Peggy Johnson
04/05 Heather Teater
04/08 Eric Buchanan
04/08 Rob Lance
04/09 Angela Dyson
04/09 Kerry Gallimore
04/09 Courtney Gentry
04/11 Jim Aspley
04/11 Mylynda Ross
04/12 Susan Daniels
04/12 Gage Hamilton
04/13 Sean Kilby
04/14 Mark Clodfelter
04/15 Sherry Thomas
04/16 Raquel Alwran
04/16 Benjamin Dowling
04/16 James Harris
04/16 Emmalina Stevens
04/16 Myndy Walden
04/16 Tanya Work
04/17 Kevin Work
04/18 Colin Ceiswich
04/18 Kim Chapman
04/18 Jo Carol Dobbins
04/21 Brandon Royals
04/23 Alex Kilby
04/23 Jack Pascual
04/25 Ezra Hollifield
04/26 Chris Game
04/26 Joe Hoover

04/27 Tom Anderson
04/28 Kym Simpson
04/29 Andrew Hamilton
04/29 Matthew Hunt
04/29 Ashley Lanier
04/29 Steve Stutts
04/30 Baylor Lance
04/30 Lisa Smith
04/30 Kevin Teater
04/30 Mary Yow



Updated address for Kathy Brown:

1221 N. Main Street Apt A
High Point, NC 27262

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.



BARBECUE

Sat, April 11
\$12/Plate or Pound
Dine In/Take Out
11:30am - 2:00pm

Archdale Methodist Church Building Use Update:

- Archdale Methodist Church is a total non-smoking, non-vaping & non- tobacco facility & property
- ALL meetings held at Archdale Methodist Church will be held in the Community Room or the Fellowship Hall

Both of these new policies were motioned and voted on at the Trustee Meeting held on March 2, 2026

Where We Were Last Month

Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance	Facebook
03/01/2026	\$10,314.00	\$35,752.00	\$51,354.54	9	75	92	10
03/08/2026	\$4,750.00	\$40,502.00	\$57,060.60	10	65	77	10
03/15/2026	\$2,148.00	\$42,650.00	\$62,766.66	11	71	77	6
03/22/2026	\$3,936.00	\$46,586.00	\$68,472.72	12	56	81	7
03/29/2026	\$3,073.00	\$49,659.00	\$74,178.78	13	65	85	7

Capital Improvements Fund

Given in March: \$240.00
 Received to date: \$1,165.00