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WORSHIP TIMES

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:45 am

Worship Service

MINISTERS

The Congregation

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Pastor Emeritus

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*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose
for his inheritance." Psalm 33:12*

The United States will celebrate its 250th anniversary known officially as the Semiquincentennial on July 4, 2026, marking the historic signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. This will mark one of the most significant milestones in our nation's history. It is a tribute to the two and a half centuries of freedom, innovation and the American spirit.

From the original thirteen colonies to every corner of the country, 2026 will be filled with historical reenactments, massive parades, and community gatherings. Whether you are a history buff or just a proud patriot, this is a celebration you will want to remember for decades to come.

THE FOLLOWING WERE SUBMITTED BY SOME OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- What I admire most about our country is that we are free. We are not limited with our thoughts. We are free to worship God. There are many places that do not have freedom.

- Mary Hamilton

- America's 250 Birthday---As I think about our nation's 250th birthday, "Freedom of religion" first comes to mind. Our forefathers are to thank for our religious sects that we have today. Some Christians are persecuted for their right to worship their faith. We Must Do Better!!.

- Betsy Reagan

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Our American Flag

By: James B. DeMasters



The Stars are states,
United in our nation.
The Stripes represent
The thirteen states
The Red signifies blood,
Shed by our brave.
The White denotes virtue,
Forever our aim
The Blue is our faith...
In God We Trust.

Entered in the Congressional Record on January 10, 1963, page A4

“When we honor our Flag
We have what we stand for
As a nation__
Freedom, Equality, Justice and Hope”
Ronald Reagan
(Thanks to Linda Game)



Your name was Daniel Webster Morehouse, my great-great uncle. You were just a teenager in the mid 1860's but you lied about your age so that you could join the U.S. Army. We were fighting to make our country united. You became one of the many drummer boys with the Ohio Company C regiment under General Sherman on his March To The Sea and his “Scorched Earth” campaign.

I never knew you or read about you, but I remember hearing stories from my relatives about your courage and commitment, and our family's pride in you. I'm sure you didn't realize how important the mission was to the cause of freedom, but 250 years later, we as Americans are WELL aware of what you helped to accomplish.

I don't have any visible evidence of your life.. .. not a photo or even a button from your uniformbut your legacy exists on a government piece of paper and in the hearts of your relatives. You marched with the Union Army, and saw more cruelty and carnage that any child should ever witness, but I'm grateful that you lived to see the end of the war, and your country to become the UNITED Staes of America. Thank you, Uncle Dainel, for your service.

- Sally Hord



PATRIOTIC SONGS

Most have their favorite patriotic song that we love to hear and sing. Think about the ones listed below and may they have a renewed and special meaning this year as you listen to them, sing them and enjoy the many variations that will be played and sung.

AMERICA

GOD OF THE AGES

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

LAND OF THE FREE

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

MY COUNTRY TIS OF THEE

GOD BLESS AMERICA

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

GOD BLESS THE USA

THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND

THE IMPORTANCE OF REVERENCE IN CHURCH

Do you feel better after attending church on Sunday? Are you smiling, feeling spiritually stronger and more connected to God and your fellow worshippers?

I have been reading about how attending church is good for the soul, good for the body and good for the spirit. That church is an honor and a privilege. In America, we are free to meet with other Christians to worship God because "The Lord is our strength and our song; He has become our salvation." Exodus 15:2

Quoting from CULTIVATING REVERENCE IN WORSHIP by Phil Majorins:

"John Calvin described reverence as the place where joy and fear are held together. Not the fear of trembling and despair, but the kind that cultivates awe and respect when contemplating God's holiness, nearness, grace and power.

"Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10"

"This is the kind of fear that scripture calls the beginning of wisdom. We were built for reverence because we were built to glorify God. We develop a capacity for deep joy in the same measure that we learn to revere God.

"Humble yourself before the Lord, and He will lift you up. James 4:10"

So that everyone can have a meaningful worship experience, let's put aside our conversations during worship and give all of our attention to honoring and respecting God.

- Gladys Suggs

Memorials

*In Memory of Johnny Kidd
Given by Mary & Rebecca Kidd*

Honorariums

*In Honor of Betty Rader
Given by Mary Kidd*



- 07/01 Abbie Ambrose
- 07/02 Betty Roach
- 07/03 Lou Lamphear
- 07/06 Palmer Kimmons
- 07/06 Betty Rader
- 07/07 David Boyd III
- 07/07 Doug Harmon
- 07/08 Lizzie Smith
- 07/10 Paul Sechrest
- 07/12 Raye Love-Martin
- 07/14 Kathy Brown
- 07/14 Jason Dunlap
- 07/15 Reagan Carter
- 07/15 Don Spell
- 07/16 Amy Dabbs
- 07/17 Kevin Renn
- 07/20 Dale Davis
- 07/21 Camden Gentry
- 07/23 Kristie Rodgers
- 07/24 Emerie Wyrick
- 07/25 Leslie Lowe
- 07/29 Peter Thomas
- 07/29 Fred Turner
- 07/30 Gregory Brannon

Member Relocation

Hugh Presswood has moved to a retirement home close to his daughter. His address is now:

Hugh Presswood
c/o Carol Marchionda
7914 Ashby Glen Drive
Huntersville, NC 28078



- July 2 Don & Susan Spell
- July 3 James & Lib Harris
- July 7 Doug & Wendy Harmon
- July 9 Rory & Lindsay O'Connor
- July 12 Greg & Donna Mollenkopf
- July 16 Larry & Gail Lawson
- July 20 Kevin & Melinda Peele
- July 25 Rodney & Amy Dabbs
- July 25 Eric & Lora Krpejs
- July 29 Clyde & Dorothy Brown

COAT Sunday

July 26th

COAT needs:

Jelly and Spaghetti Sauce

*Have a Birthday or Anniversary this month and don't see your name/ names...Please contact the church office so we can update our records.



2026 GRADUATES

- **Owen Benjamin Ambrose** graduated from the Duke School of Arts on Thursday, June 11, 2026. He will be attending the University of Wisconsin majoring in Political Science.

He is the youngest grandson of Abbie Ambrose.

- **Tanner J. Hamilton** graduated from E. A. Laney High School in Wilmington, NC on June 6, 2026 Magna Cum Laude. He received honors in STEM and World Language. Tanner will attend NC State this fall.

Tanner is the son of John D. Hamilton and Dr. Tara J. Parnell and the grandson of Mary B. Hamilton and the late Frank (Doug) Hamilton.

- **Olivia Turner** graduated May 29, 2026 from Uwharrie Charter School. Olivia received Student Athlete honors for academics while playing sports and also an award for All Conference in Cross Country. She has completed her real estate courses and is going into residential and commercial sales. She has plans to open a brokerage firm at the NC coast.

Her parents are Steve and Mitzi Turner and her grandparents are Fred Turner and the late Susie Turner.

- **Sarah Jayne Walden** graduated from Asheboro Hybrid Academy and Randolph Community College. Sarah has enjoyed playing golf during her school years where she has excelled in this sport. She will be attending High Point University majoring in Hospitality Management.

She is the daughter of Matt and Myndy Walden and granddaughter of Gary & Marcia Guffey.

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2026 GRADUATES (con't)

- **Taylor Webb** graduated June 10, 2026 from Wheatmore High School. She was on the tennis team all 4 years in high school. She received a Certificate from the National Technical Honor Society along with a cord to wear with graduation gown. This is a premier non-profit honor organization for students enrolled in Career and Technical Education programs. She did her internship in pharmacology at CVS in Randleman. While in high school, Taylor worked as an intern at Trindale Elementary School for her Child Development class.

She has received chemistry honors award and math 2 honors award in early childhood development valor award and pharmacology valor award. She received a scholarship from Randolph Community College. She will be attending the University of North Carolina at Wilmington where she will study nursing and specializing in Pediatric Oncology Nursing.

Taylor is the daughter of Greg & Kelly Webb and the granddaughter of Carole Webb and the late Bruce Webb. They have been so supportive of Taylor throughout her high school years and are so proud of all she has achieved. Taylor has been at Archdale Methodist Church on different occasions and she was often seen at the Neighborhood Café with her grandmother and helping Tim Kennedy serve drinks.

We are excited for all the graduates and what they have accomplished.

Our best wishes are with them as they pursue their future plans and goals.

SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE

The late Colton Thomas Brown was remembered at Catawba Ridge High School graduation because of a very special friend from Kindergarten. This friend wanted Colton remembered as he would have graduated this year. When Colton passed away unexpectedly in early 2026, he was in the top 15% of his class, was a member of the Beta Club and had earned several graduation cords for his honors classes and AP classes. His friends request was to have a chair open so Colton would have a place among his fellow students. It became necessary for his friend to petition to the school board with signatures and then publicly appear at the board's meeting.

The friends request was granted and Colton's classmate's graduation was held May 29, 2026 at Winthrop Coliseum in Fort Mill, SC. What a truly special friend he was to remember Colton's untimely death on February 20, 2026.

Colton's parents are Daniel and Melissa Brown and his grandparents are Sam Brown and the late Janet Brown.

Hello Archdale families. Summer is in full swing and we have a big dive into preparation for our VBS. Anyone wanting to volunteer please let Joanna Hollifield know. There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer of the education building beside the mail boxes. If you are available to help with decorating our fellowship hall we will be meeting on July 12th at 4pm to decorate and short meeting to give out the itinerary schedule. VBS will be July 26th through the 29th. On the 29th we will have family night to join our Kids for presentation dinner and a ton of fellowship fun. Making disciples and spreading the word of our Lord and savior to our community is our mission in growing the kingdom of God.

**The Church Office will be closed on
Friday, July 3rd**



Where We Were Last Month						
Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance
06/07/2026	\$14,787.00	\$96,887.01	\$131,239.38	23	61	61
06/14/2026	\$6,127.00	\$103,014.01	\$136,945.44	24	66	84
06/21/2026	\$1,715.50	\$104,729.51	\$142,651.50	25	62	76
06/28/2026	\$3,552.00	\$108,281.51	\$148,357.56	26	59	73

Capital Improvements Fund

Given in June: \$.00
Received to date: \$1,900.00



Stephen Ministry

Archdale chose the Stephen Ministry program in response to God's love and Jesus' command: "Love one another, even as I have loved you." Stephen Ministers answer this call in a special way by "being there" for people in crisis or people who need a Christian presence amid the struggles of life. Stephen Ministers try to be Jesus to people in need, and everyone needs Christian care at some point in his or her life. No one is exempt from the struggles and problems of everyday living. By listening, being there, and ministering through Christian resources such as prayer, blessing, and sharing scriptures, Stephen Ministers can help in a unique way. Prayer keeps the lines open between people and God. Praying specifically and intentionally for needs brings spiritual strength to ministry. That is why all Stephen Ministers pray daily for their own care receiver, and then pray for each of the other Stephen Ministers and all of their care receivers. They pray for Stephen Ministers by name, but in a general way for care receivers (whose names are confidential), praying that their hearts will be opened to receive God's love and God's answers as He reveals them. We thank God for healing that has taken place in our care receivers.

Sometimes Stephen Ministers fall prey to what Henri Nouwen says is "separating prayer from service." It is easy to give in to the urge to emphasize ministry over spirituality, to nurture the "gifts of the Spirit" more than the "gift of the Spirit." Like others in our society, it is easy to look for results or progress. We get too busy to pray; we have too many needs to attend to, too many people to respond to -- and prayer becomes a luxury.

That's one of the reasons we have monthly meetings to bring us back to our purpose -- which definitely links our service with our prayers! So we are reminded that spirituality enables ministry; and that someone who attempts ministry without being spiritually grounded is like someone who build a house upon the sand, or like a branch that attempts to grow independently from the vine.

We ask that you as members of the congregation pray especially for our Stephen Ministers. Prayer has done such wonderful things for our church. We know this request will be honored and we will feel the undergirding of your prayers.

MEMBERSHIP

The Global Methodist Church book of Doctrine and Discipline provides information on membership records.

- Active Membership roll. A permanent membership record for each baptized or professing member must be maintained with specific information about the member.
- Inactive membership roll
- Constituency roll
- Affiliate membership
- Associate Membership

Anyone who is now a member of Archdale Methodist Church is a professing member and is coded the same in the church records.

Any professing member who is inactive will be coded as such. All others will be coded active or shut in.

The constituency roll consists of the following.:

- Unbaptized infants
- Individuals of professing members who have not joined but for whom the local church has a pastoral responsibility.
- Persons who have attended worship more than twice, or participated more than twice in the ministries of the church during the past 12 months.
- Friends of the church are those who are unlikely to join the church due to distance or other faith commitments and are under the pastoral care of the congregation.

ARCHDALE METHODIST CHURCH CURRENT STATUS

- Professing members: 155
- Full Members withdrawn from membership due to no mailing address: 38
- Full Members withdrawn from membership due to transfer to another Methodist church: 3
- Full members who responded declining membership with AMC, a global Methodist: 26
- Full members who were mailed reaffirmation letters with no response to mailing have been withdrawn as inactive members: 231

Full member was the term used for all members of Archdale Methodist Church prior to joining the Global Methodist Church.

Any member whose membership that has been withdrawn may be reinstated if they so request.



NC Global Methodist
Church Annual Conference

Joanna Hollifield and Peggy Johnson attended the NC Global Conference in Winston-Salem on Thursday, June 18. Since neither of them are clergy or lay leaders, they did not attend any of the business sessions since they could not vote.

Peggy attended one of the breakout sessions titled "ABC's of Calling" - A simple framework for discerning your calling and helping others discover theirs, led by two ladies from Georgia. A = Abide in Christ; B = Belong in Community; C = Cooperate with the Holy Spirit. This was one of 7 sessions available to all those attending.

Joanna attended a session entitled Build A Pillar: Beyond Snacks, Stickers, and Stories: Children's Ministry that Makes Disciples led by Teresa Auten. They emphasized that children have a place in the church – not just to be seen and not heard. They also really emphasized to children's church above age 5 because service is where children learn to worship and they need to be included in worship. Reading a scripture, singing and engaging with others. They focused on discipleship – not discipline. Meaning let the children be seen and heard.

It was good to see so many people we have met recently, especially the guest pastors we have heard at Archdale recently, along with visiting all the vendor booths set up there. We made several contacts for future projects, upcoming events, and a lot of different projects the Global Methodist Church is involved with.