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8:30 am
Sunday Worship

9:30 am
Sunday School

10:45 am
Sunday Worship

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Why People Love to Hate Us...

It was an odd Christmas Season this year: *The Golden Compass*, *Missionary Shootings*, and "Holiday Trees."

It seems that there is a growing national and international trend toward the hatred of the church and Christians. It could be seen locally by the absence of the words "Merry Christmas" from the lips of clerks and from the pages of sale papers. Lowes and other retailers have opted to market Christmas Trees as "holiday trees" so as not to offend shoppers. This has been a multi year trend in the retail sector.

Then the unspeakable violence occurred at New Life Church in Colorado Springs. The deranged gunman indicating that his motivation for killing four missionary students was anger and fame.

Finally, a movie; *The Golden Compass*, a technological wonder that emulated last year's Disney release of the *Chronicles of Narnia*. It was aggressively marketed to adolescents and children. This antagonistic, atheist propaganda is a part of a trilogy of books called *His Dark Materials* written by Phillip Pullman. Mr. Pullman has made remarks that he wants "to kill God in the minds of children." In the heart of the movie, he does just that, but in a carefully masked and crafted way. One of our own youth was required by an educator in Guilford County to see this movie as a part of a class field trip. Based on what this youth's parents had told him, the youth challenged the educator. He and other classmates that supported him were told that their parents were being ignorant. The kids and parents voiced their concern and the field trip was scrapped.

There is an ever increasing antagonism being launched against the church and the Christian faith. It seems that it is ok to believe and do just about anything in our country – except be a faithful, practicing, vocal follower of Jesus Christ. There was a time, during the first century, when following Christ would result in family ostracism, community ridicule and even death at the hands of the state. That time was long, long ago. The institutionalization of our faith and global missionary efforts of 2,000 years changed all of that – until now.

The world seems to love to hate us. I am afraid that we are to blame for it. The place we have enjoyed once as a majority voice and a shaper of culture has disappeared in every major, developed, educated country on the planet. The strongest growth, evangelism and revival of our faith is to be found in the developing nations. In Africa, the annual growth rate of Christianity is about 700%. In Central and South America it ranges from 200-300%. Here in the U.S., our faith is in consistent decline.

Preachers turned politicians, sex scandals, mismanagement of funds, the twisting of scripture to develop "prosperity gospel" myths, church fights that range from denominations splits to parking lot brawls; none of it flatters the church. The world looks on, laughs, or shakes their heads in disgust. The American Church has lost sight of the Great Commission of Jesus Christ – to go into the world and make disciples of all nations. The American Church has lost sight of the priesthood of all believers and determined that the ministry of the church is to be conducted by paid professionals. The American Church has determined that commitment to a church means that your name is on the role, you attend at least once every six weeks and make sure to drop a \$20 bill in the plate when it comes by.

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Where We Were in December

	Offering	Budget Amount	Budget Amount			
Date	Received	Needed to Date	Rec'd to Date	Week #	Sunday School	8:30 / 10:45
12/02/2007	\$11,905.40	\$366,242.78	\$362,752.01	46	163	52/173
12/09/2007	\$7,565.61	\$373,717.04	\$370,317.62	47	209	79/108
12/16/2007	\$7,181.64	\$381,191.38	\$377,499.26	48	188	65/225
12/23/2007	\$8,859.75	\$390,051.13	\$386,359.01	49	154	73/267

Thank you for your response to Consecration Sunday. As of December 23rd, 117 households have committed to a total of \$307,646 for the 2008 Operating Budget!!

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

(Dana's article continued)

We no longer know who and whose we are.

Islam is one of the fastest growing faith traditions in our county. People from all walks of life are responding to it. However the poor, the broken and the disenfranchised are finding a faith home there more than any other demographic group. The rules are strict and the expectations are high. Globally, radical fundamental Islam is on the rise among folks in these same demographics, particularly young males. People are so devoted to what has become a corruption of a doctrine that was originally a corruption of Judaism that they are willing to strap bombs to their bodies and die for God.

It is easy as the facts come together for me to understand why the world loves to hate us. Respect is earned, not given. The Church in our country MUST reclaim a passion for the vision of the Great Commission or we will quickly see ourselves become obsolete in a world with a growing number of alternatives. The church needs people of real faith, to make a real commitment to a real vision.

We need new resolutions:

RESOLVE TO COME TO CHURCH. I am ever amazed at the host of reasons that people seem to find for not coming to church. It is an amazing thing for me to try and understand how God's people seem to have an expectation that when they are faced with an emergency or a crisis they expect God and the church to be available to them, yet they have not built any kind of a solid foundation to prepare for the inevitable.

RESOLVE TO PRAY. See above. The development of a spiritual life, bathed in prayer and the reading of scripture is as essential as a balanced diet and good exercise. No prayer, no relationship. No relations, no foundation. No foundation, no hope.

RESOLVE TO GIVE. The typical Christian in America gives 2.4% of their income to the church. Archdale UMC is no different. Only a handful of our families actually follow the Biblical mandate of a 10% tithe. When you live under the false impression that you are master of your own domain and do not put God first here, you usually end up not putting God first everywhere else in your life.

RESOLVE TO SERVE. The greatest joy we can have in life is serving others in the name of Christ. The most miserable, unhappy people I know seem to be those who are obsessed with taking care of themselves. During Christmas while Harold Shives, our Minister of Visitation and I were taking communion to our shut-in members we encountered people who were physically challenged, declining in health and ability, yet among the happiest, most grateful people we encountered during the holidays. Their secret – even now they still live to serve and love others. These folks blessed me more than I could have ever blessed them.

God needs servants willing to make resolutions to restore the integrity of the Church in the face of the world. Resolutions like this will not only restore your joy, they will turn you and our Church into a point of light in a dark world.

Dana

Please pray for our deployed troops, their families, and our nation.

- Heath Burrow** - US Army, Iraq (grandson of Nancy Burrow)
- Adam Altimus** - US Army, Afghanistan (nephew of Becky Lynch)
- Rusty Sexton** - US Military, Iraq (friend of Sharon Crist)
- Kasey Hawley** - USAir Force, Doha, Qatar (friend of Joanne Carter)
- Kyra Maillord** - US Navy, Afghanistan (friend of the Holthams)
- Dustin Bundy** - US Military, Iraq (friend of Wanda Stutts)
- Carlton Idol** - US Military, (friend of The Stutts')
- Rory O'Connor** - USMC, Iraq (son-in-law of the Gentry's)



Please pray for our Shut-Ins:

- Mrs. Stacey Griffith, Mrs. Susie Knotts, Mrs. Mildred Giles, Ms. Virginia Bryant, Mrs. Annie Loflin, Mrs. Lucille Lowder, Mrs. Tura Lowe, Mrs. Thelma Rimmer, Mrs. Kay Sheridan, Mrs. Pika Winslow, Ms. Susan Forrester, Ms. Ollie Bouldin, Ms. Violet Bouldin, Ms. Mary Louise Sullivan and Ms. Betty Mallow, Ms. Carol Thompson (friend of Kay Sheridan).



People, Places, & Things!

Thank You from the Church Nursery

To the person or persons who anonymously donated the beautiful glider and ottoman for the nursery, **"thank you."** This is a wonderful addition to our nursery and will come in very handy.

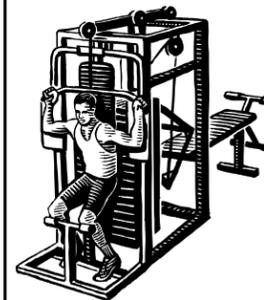
God Bless You,
Jen Foremsky,
Nursery Coordinator



Congratulations to Linda Anderson who received her GRI designation during the October 17th meeting of the High Point Realtors Association. During the past three years she has attended 90 hours of advanced education in the Realtor Institute to earn the Graduate of Realtor Institute designation. This designation is known as the standard in the real estate profession.

ATMS Get's New Sports Equipment!!

If you have a child that attends ATMS you may have heard about the new physical education equipment they've received. ATMS students can now become more physically fit thanks to a grant written by Cindy Clodfelter and funding provided by the Randolph Hospital Community Health Foundation.



Students use the equipment as part of their physical education classes, but it is also available for teachers to use as part of regular classes. More than 100 lesson plans were provided with the equipment. The program includes seven pieces of outdoor equipment as well as indoor equipment.

Connor Davis, a seventh grader at ATMS said the pole climb was his favorite piece of equipment!

Cindy Clodfelter has her students welfare at heart. She noted that studies have shown that kids who are more fit, tend to learn better.

January Birthday's!



01/01	Sharon Crist	01/12	Michael Caputa	01/24	Denise Askew
01/02	Don Miller	01/12	Ryan Bradley	01/24	Charles Brannon
01/02	Sharon Hoover	01/13	Carl Robertson	01/24	Rebecca Kidd
01/02	Mandy Forrester	01/14	Hilda Rains	01/24	Brooke Johnson
01/03	Brittany Lax	01/14	Gary Mitchell	01/25	Donna Gross
01/06	Lance Sanders	01/14	Marcia Guffey	01/26	Jackie Sheeley
01/07	Betsy Kennedy	01/14	Brian Lowe	01/26	Craig Becker
01/07	John Kidd	01/16	George Roberts	01/26	Steve Simpson
01/07	Marsha Sparks	01/16	Carly Tickle	01/26	Lauren Roberts
01/07	Marsha Gentry	01/18	Charles Eurillo	01/27	Tura Lowe
01/07	Terry Pruitt	01/18	Marilyn Holtham	01/28	Pat Wood
01/08	David McKinney	01/18	Charles Gentry	01/28	Kayla Dabbs
01/08	Kara Westmoreland	01/18	Rodney Dabbs	01/28	Elizabeth Brannon
01/10	Sumiko Robinson	01/19	Bert Stone	01/29	Jessica Swanner
01/10	Archie Bass	01/20	Donnie Finch	01/29	Lindsay Grimmatt
01/10	Robin Petty	01/20	Elizabeth Walters	01/30	Blain Alwran
01/11	Pika Winslow	01/21	Phil McDonald	01/30	Neal Eason
01/11	Riley Beck	01/21	Liza Liebscher	01/31	Merle Beverley

UMW Calendar of Events...

January Meeting Dates:

- Sun., January 6th** at 1:30pm UMW District Meeting (CMR)
- Tues., January 8th** at 10:30am UMW Morning Circle Meeting (WES)
- Tues., January 8th** at 7:00pm Executive Board Meeting (CMR)
- Tues. January. 15th** at 7:00pm Evening Circle Gen. Meeting, Officer Election, and Program Pledge (CMR)



Senior News!!

The next Senior Luncheon will be held on Wed. January 16th at 11:30am!! We hope you can join us for a great time!



The Friendship Class will serve at Open Door Ministry on Sunday, January 13th.

UMM News...

The United Methodist Men will meet January 27th at 7:30am for their first meeting of the new year. Please make plans to attend and become active in the UMM in 2008. They had a great year in 2007 with over \$15,000 given to AUMC.

Cub Scout Pack 19 News!!

2007 has proven to be a very busy year for Pack 19!

Our aluminum can drive is still going strong and so far we have turned in 442 pounds, working towards our goal of 2,000/lbs! The Pack will continue to collect aluminum cans throughout the new year as a fund raiser and to teach the youth about recycling. If you have any aluminum cans or plastic bottles to donate, please call Ranger Paul Hoffman (Cub Scout Leader) at 302-3097 and he will arrange to have them picked up.

Pack 19 participated in the Archdale Christmas Parade on December 2nd. The Scouts along with the Girl Scouts delivered 22 gift baskets and sang Christmas carols for the residents of Graybriar Nursing Home on December 10th. A great time was had by all!

Congratulations to Bear Scout, Brodie Holden who won Pack 19's recruiting competition this year. He received a \$50 gift card to the Old North State Council Scout Shop. The scouts are always recruiting new youth. It's never too late to join in on the fun. If you have a young man between the ages of 6-10 and are in at least first grade, please come and visit us on Monday's at 7:00pm in the Scout Meeting Room in the Education Building. We would love to have you!

January Scout Activities & Dates

- Jan. 7th - Den Meeting at 7:00pm
- Jan. 14th - Den Meeting at 7:00pm
- Sat., Jan. 19th - Preliminary Pinewood Derby in the Fellowship Hall
- Jan. 21st. - National Guard Armory Visit
- Jan. 28th - Pack Night / Annual Cake Bake Auction in the Fellowship Hall.



Girl Scouts.

AUMC GIRL SCOUT NEWS!!

The Girl Scouts will resume their weekly meetings on January 9th. Meetings are on Wednesday's and Thursday's beginning at 6:30pm in the Scout Room located in the Education Building.

The Girl Scouts are selling their delicious cookies!! If you'd like to order your favorite kind, please call Kim Cothran at 476-9287!



"A Night In Bethlehem".....What an Experience!!

172 travelers journeyed through "Bethlehem" on December 9th! A wonderful team of people made this beautiful Christmas event come to life and I would like to honor each of them. Some of these people did major work to make this possible. Others made a phone call, built a prop, etc. They all brought "Bethlehem" to life! "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace..." Yours in the journey, Pat!

Thank You

Mike, Virginia, and Michala Washburn, Rick & Karen Dietz, Dan, Lori, Anna, and Lizzie Smith, Kim, Earl, Connor, and Reagan Davis, Angie, Chris, and Lindsay Grimmett, Lori, Robyn, and Danny Hankins, Al, Emily, Ann, Sarah, and Ben Henderson, Jill, Steve, Matthew, and Marcus Connor, Pete, Tyler, Jennifer, Jessica, and Maddie Stevens, Garrett & Cheryl Traylor, Susannah Burley, Bert Stone, Betty Warren, Johnny, Mary, and Rebecca Kidd, Tim & Debbie Kennedy, Zach Thompson, Andrew McGavic, Colin Ceiswich, Elizabeth, Wade and Eric Allen, Chris Game, Rodney Dabbs, Terry Pruitt, Rachel Jackson, Henry Stuart, Peggy Johnson and Leggett & Platt, Candy Hicks and Bassett Furniture, Matt Hunt, Marilyn & Tom Holtham, Megan Cates, Kara Westmoreland, Aaron McKim, Crosslove Theatre Co., Lewis Dorsett and the THS Shop Class, Michelle Small, and our own Debbi Colón for reservations and printing.

January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy New Year! Office Closed	2	3 Prayer Shawl Ministry	4	5
6 UMW District Meeting	7 Staff Meeting Cub Scouts	8 UMW AM Circle UMW Executive Board Mtg. ADK Sorority Mtg. Boy Scouts	9 Rotary Club Lunch Junior Girl Scouts	10 Brownies Stephen Ministers	11	12 BETA Mtg.
13 Finance Comm. Mtg. Youth Praise & Worship Concert	14 Cub Scouts	15 UMW General Mtg. Boy Scouts	16 Rotary Club Lunch Senior Lunch Junior Girl Scouts	17 Brownies Prayer Shawl Ministry	18	19 Cub Scout Pinewood Derby
20 Executive Comm. Mtg.	21 Martin Luther King Day Staff Meeting Cub Scouts	22 Boy Scouts	23 Rotary Club Lunch Junior Girl Scouts	24 Brownies Stephen Leaders Mtg.	25	26 HP District UMW Mtg.
27 UMM Breakfast Mtg. Youth Small Groups Mtg.	28 Spiritus Mtg. Staff Parish Mtg. Cub Scout Pack Night (Cake Bake Auction)	29 Boy Scouts	30 Rotary Club Lunch Junior Girl Scouts	31 Brownies		

Honor Roll!!



Shadybrook Elementary:

Kayla Dabbs

Trindale Elementary

Connor Gardner

Trinity High School

Lina Clausel	Zach Thompson
Chris Grimmett	Mariah Askew
Bryan Peele	Riley Beck
David Clausel	Colin Ceiswich
Jessica Swanner	Seth Askew
Brittany Lax	Andrew McGavic

Youth Stuph

Happy New Year Ya'll! Great Stuff Ahead to Praise God!!

Extreme Makeover... You Edition!

"Let Me Introduce You to My Carpenter"

This is our praise and worship theme for 2008! Please put the following dates on your calendars.

Sunday, January 13th

Telling Your Story

Restless Roots along with Rev. Dana McKim & Rev. Danny Leonard.

Sunday, February 10th

Prayer Banquet

Restless Roots and Rev. Andy Lambert

Sunday, March 2nd

Tearing Down, and Building Up
Multisensory Worship

Sunday, April 6th

Knowing the Carpenter

"Do you really need the nails?"
Restless Roots

Sunday, May 4th

Raise the Roof

Outdoor Worship / Concert

January Information

January 6th

Video Road Trip

Come for a wild ride movie style. We end up at Megan & Abbey Cates for supper and videos. We meet at 4pm.

January 13th

Praise & Worship

January 20th

Mission Road Trip: Brenner's Children's Hospital/
Ronald McDonald House

January 27th

Home Groups

Mid-High's: Tim & Debbie Kennedy's
Senior-High's: Rick & Karen Dietz

Don't Forget...

Summit Retreat

February 1-3 in Boone, NC

Please lift in prayer our 27 youth and adults who will go on this retreat.

Team Effort Summer Mission 08! Dilkon, AZ, Navajo Reservation

We will experience the culture of Native American's and go to repair and build homes. We'll also be working with children on the reservation. Watch for upcoming fund raisers as we prepare our hearts to serve. Our youth and adults will pay \$369/each for their trip and our team will work to raise our balance of \$10,575 for transportation and supplies. Please watch for these events. **Team members are reminded that a \$69 deposit is needed by January 6th** to hold your spot. 25 spots are available.



We extend our deepest sympathy to The Families of:

Ronnie Southern (Pat Wood's brother)

Travis Benfield (friend of the Beck's)

Dorothy Lichtenberger (Themla Rimmer's sister)

***In Memory of
Leecia Lax &
Rachel Stroud
made by:***

*Archdale United
Methodist Men*

***In Memory of
Wendell Cole
made by:***

Catherine Cole

***In Memory of
John Matthews Sr. & their
wedding at AUMC
March 1947***

made by:

Thelma Matthews

***In Honor of
Maxine Sechrest
made by:***

*Donnie & Bobbie Finch
Jim & Sharon Clodfelter
Hoyt & Kay Nichols
James & Lib Harris
The Roach Family
Betty Bowling
Thelma Jarvis*

***In Honor of
Ray Cecil
made by:***

Paul & Sherry Thomas

***In Honor of
2007 Sunday School Class
Teachers***

Blain Alwran

Wayne Brewer

Ray Cecil

Sharon Clodfelter

Mary Kidd

Kay Nichols

made by:

*George Elder Sunday
School Class*

Thank You

The Family of Carlton Layne Alwran thank you for your prayers, cards and love during the time of their loss. All expressions of sympathy meant so much to us.

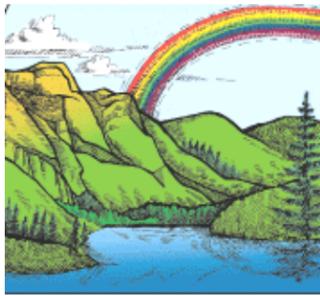
Without God's strength, lifting us on the wings of your prayers, we could not have made it through this difficult time in our lives. We love and appreciate every one of you and ask for your continued prayers and support.

Relay For Life

Are you interested in putting together a Relay for Life team? Beth Saunders of Archdale Friends Meeting is willing to help lead the Faithful Friends (formerly Quaker Ladies) again this year, however, a Co-Captain is needed to help. Team Captains meet once a month and serve as a collection point for their church group. Additional involvement is optional. Please call Beth to volunteer or if you have questions at 847-5501.

Whenever you donate memorials to the American Cancer Society, you can add a note to credit that amount to our team, under the High Point Relay for Life.





Rainbow Painters Children's Ministry at Archdale!!

"...teach me to become like the first rainbow painter that I may pick up His brush and continue to show others the colors of His love..."

BIG HOUSE!

This children's praise and worship experience will begin Sunday, January 13th. Children K-5th grade will leave worship following our offering time to experience music and skits that we will then share in worship in the coming months. We will meet in the Music/Storytelling Room on the children's hall. Parent and other adult chaperone help is needed! Please contact Pat for more information.



ARCHDALE KIDS 4 CHRIST

Coming Events.....

Sunday, January 27th, Lunch & a Movie!

Watch for more details! Parent chaperones are needed.

**Kids 4
CHRIST!**

DISCIPLE STREET

Disciple Street seeks children to find LOST ITEMS!

Missing.....one coin, a son, and a sheep! Join your friends beginning January 6th to search for these missing objects. Lost and Found on Disciple Street, January 6-27! Our mission project will be Children and Safety!



Ryan Bradley (1/12)

Carly Tickle (1/16)

and

Lauren Roberts (1/26)

It's the Kidz Page!!

COUNTDOWN TO THE *New Year*

Celebrate the blessings of the previous year and the hope of the New Year with this fun party idea and craft.

What you need:

- Brown paper lunch bags or colorful bags
- Construction paper
- Markers
- Glue
- Scissors
- Stickers (optional)
- Inexpensive prizes or treats (see ideas below)

What you do:

1. Before New Year's Eve, assemble a bag for every hour before midnight that you plan to celebrate.
2. Use construction paper and markers to make a clock with a different time for each bag.
3. Glue a clock onto each bag.
4. Decorate the bags with stickers or other designs.
5. Fill the bags with inexpensive prizes or treats, each accompanied by a Bible verse. Here are a few suggestions:

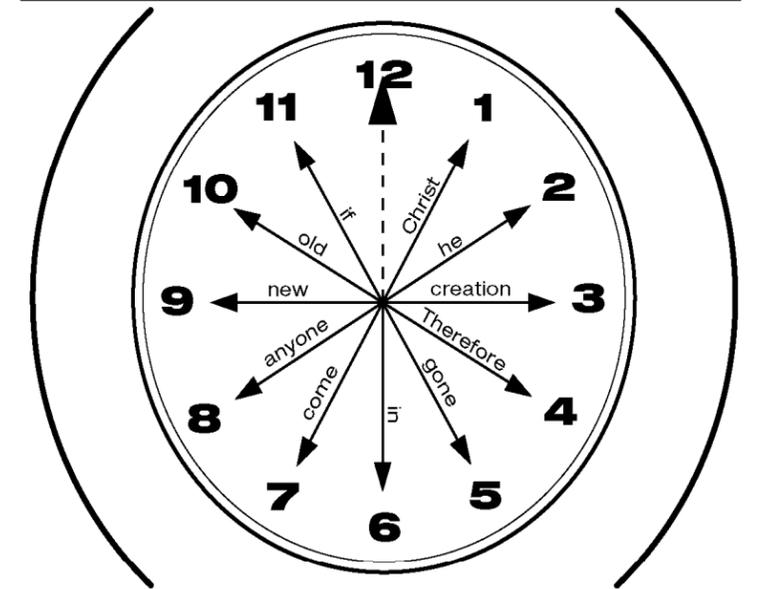
- Plastic party-favor watches ("The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore" Psalm 121:8, NIV.)
 - Bookmarks ("Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture" 1 Timothy 4:13, NIV.)
 - Small notepads and pencils ("Let love and faithfulness never leave you ... write them on the tablet of your heart" Proverbs 3:3, NIV.)
 - Sweet treats ("Taste and see that the LORD is good" Psalm 34:8, NIV.)
 - Party noisemaker, in a bag to be opened at midnight ("Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth" Psalm 98:4, NRSV.)
6. Open each bag at the time shown on its clock.



IN WITH THE NEW

It's "time" for New Year's resolutions! We should always want to improve ourselves for God, looking to Jesus as our example. God will work with us and through us when we come to him in prayer.

Using the clock's hour hand, copy each word to help you complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.



" _____ , _____ is _____ , is a _____
_____ ; the _____ has _____ , the _____ has _____ !"

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"