



# AVONDALE AVENUES

"A Spirit-led community dedicated to using our gifts and talents  
in building loving relationships and serving community"

*Avondale*  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

[www.avondalepresbychurch.org](http://www.avondalepresbychurch.org)

**October 21, 2008**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Now a final note prior to this Consecration Sunday. I know something, predictably know something, of the church I pastor. A predictability of giving which provides peace of mind. A predictability of giving which mirrors something of the faithfulness of God. A predictability of giving which, since 1997, chipped and whittled away contributing over three million dollars toward the cost of the Family Life Center reducing it to a manageable \$200,000. A predictability of giving which downplays a Consecration Sunday where members present Estimate of Giving Cards because they know giving will continue whatever the time or circumstance.

There will always be those within Avondale who do not financially contribute to the ministry here on Park Road. The assumption made is that the church will always be present when needed; births, baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Then there are a handful most financially generous in the amount given to the work at Avondale. What they contribute often constitutes as high as twenty-five percent of the total operating budget. Most commonly these gifts are received around year end from the maturity and gains of a generous stock market. However, when the market fails to generate a profit, as we have recently experienced, the amount given to the church may drop significantly. Difficult financial times brings forth creative thinking, planning and giving.

Do not misunderstand me. All giving reflective of faith is generous. Perhaps this year we will become more conscious in realizing how all members financially contribute to advance ministry and mission. How great the emphasis that all of us are needed to move forward. Rest assured, the governing body will be responsible in planning program and responding graciously to whatever God entrusts to our care for 2009.

Perhaps what I most appreciate about Consecration Sunday is that no one is forced, or pressured, to fill out an Estimate Giving Card. During the past week we have mentioned that you grow in your giving as you have grown in your faith. Prior to the amount given is your motive for being faithful. Whatever the amount given, it is given out of love and from a grateful heart. No obligation but an expectation that you will give in response to God's grace. We are a wealthy congregation in all the ways that matter.



**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE  
CONSECRATION SUNDAY  
11:00 A.M. October 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Estimate of Giving Cards will be distributed and presented during the service.**

**Please remember the meal which follows in the Family Life Center.**

**Credo Sunday Class** will begin a study from the Thoughtful Christian on Stem Cell Research. Anyone interested is invited to meet with the class in the library, beginning this Sunday Oct. 26. Dr. David Hall will be our leader.

**AVONDALE BASKETBALL!**

**Basketball Season is just around the corner!**

**We need players and coaches!**

The registration forms are posted on the church website. Just bring a completed form to the church office with your registration fee. Members: \$90; Non-members: \$100

**Christmas Tree trip**

For the past decade and a half Avondale's families have had a tradition of making an overnight trip to Boone to choose and cut our own Christmas trees. In the past we have gone up on Friday night eaten a meal at the Daniel Boone Inn, stayed the night and then headed off to the tree lot on Saturday morning returning on Saturday afternoon.

This year we would like to offer you an additional option. Would you be interested in running up in the bus on Saturday morning for a day trip?

If you or your family would like to join us for either of these options, please let me know. ASAP.

Reservations will need to be made by November 10th.

**Option 1:** My family would like to go up on Friday night like we have done in the past. Dec 5th & 6th (\$189 for the room, breakfast & tree plus dinner).

**Option 2:** My family would like to ride up on Saturday for a tree and lunch only. Dec 6th (\$50 for tree plus Lunch) [zach@carolina.rr.com](mailto:zach@carolina.rr.com) 704.965.5702 .

**UPTOWN MEAL MINISTRY**

One of our uptown friends, Hotdog, started something one night. He is an artist who does wonderful pencil sketches. In order to do more, he needed some simple supplies -pencils, paper, erasers and glasses. Sometimes we forget that our uptown friends simply can't have some things that we take for granted...things like glasses. The next week we made sure Hotdog had the things he needed for his artwork. We bought a few extra pairs of glasses from the DollarTree for others who may need them. The 8 pairs were gone in a flash, with one pair left for our last stop of the night. Our friend, Jerry, was at the last stop. Did anyone need glasses? We had one pair left...Jerry pulled out of his pocket one lens from a pair of glasses. There were no frames, just one lens that he was using so he could read. We were glad that Hotdog had started something.

We are so glad that you at Avondale and Merrywood have boldly started something and have continued since January 2003. Thank you so much for feeding our poor and homeless friends in uptown Charlotte . You have made around 30,000 meals for us to deliver. While we are giving away a meal, we have had the chance to come to know so many folks in need. Just like all of us, they have stories to share and for many of us hearing those stories has become a highlight of our week.

We look forward to sharing more stories with our friends at our 4th Annual Uptown Meal Ministry Christmas Party to be held on December 16th. Look for ways you can be a part of this celebration in the Black Book in the next weeks.

**A Time of Continued Remembrance.....**

Two weeks ago we released into the hands of God the life of Jan Parler. For many, her absence is great and grief, heavy. On Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, the invitation is offered for any who would desire to gather in a continued remembrance of Jan.

We will gather at 10:00 A.M. in the church lounge. Bring with you a story, a picture, a memory. Come willing to share and discuss where God can be found within loss and love.

## Memorials

### Jan Parler

Peggy Horne  
Lilian Wetmore  
Lamar & Shirley Thompson  
Tim & Cathy Watts  
Virginia & Bayard Van Hecke  
Majorie & Lia Storch  
Ben Fanning  
William & Joann Malcolm  
Michael & Carol Barrett  
Hardee's Coffee Club, Barnwell, SC  
Clark & Shirley Bennett  
Shaw Engineering  
Leon & Elizabeth Gleaton, Jr.  
Claude & Nancy Brown  
Wendall & Mary Beth Gibson  
ECU Trumpet Studio  
Donald & Holley Hamilton  
Jeannie Satterfield  
Roger & Laura Burba  
Jean McCloskey  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard W. Tingle  
Esther Kennedy  
Dorothy M. Acee  
Elmore & Willene Camp  
Betty McBrayer  
Bill & Ruth Loftin  
Jim & Martha Rogers  
Emily Bearden  
Dollie Sitton  
Bill & Nell Stowe  
Chuck & Sarah Hendrix  
Susan & Dennis Brandau  
Sara Bethune  
Barbara Hill  
Henry & Hannah Stockwell  
Scott & Brenda Coble  
Karl & Joan Munn  
Stewart Farris  
Helen Marple  
Ruth Marple  
Lamar & Marge Hardegee  
Al & Lee Weigle  
Ellen Watson  
Chris & Vickie Rolfe  
Todd & Patti Oswald  
Joan Middleton  
Claire Graham  
Ann Gregory

## Memorials

### Statia Michelson

Susan Brandau  
Helen Marple  
Bill & Ruth Loftin  
Jeannie Satterfield  
Emily Bearden  
Kenneth & Shirley Lippincott  
Chuck & Sarah Hendrix  
Sara Bethune  
Lila Powell

### Inge Hegenbart

Helen Marple  
Ruth Marple  
Emily Bearden  
Sara Bethune

## **The Advent Family Workshop**

is just around the corner...  
Sunday Nov. 23 from  
4-6 in the Family Life  
Center. We need your help!



If you like to help with arts and crafts,  
can help set up and take down, can  
help in the kitchen or can help decorate  
then we need you!

Please contact Bonnie Howard  
([rhoward13@carolina.rr.com](mailto:rhoward13@carolina.rr.com))  
and we will be in touch very soon!



## **YOUTH GROUP SELLING CHRISTMAS GREENERY & POINSETTIAS**

The youth group is once again taking orders for Christmas greenery and poinsettias! Choose from fraser fir, boxwood, mixed green or bayleaf wreaths in various sizes, and white pine, fraser fir or boxwood garland, as well as a mixed green centerpiece for your table or mantle. These are made to order fresh from our North Carolina mountains.

You won't want to miss out on the poinsettias being offered. Choose from a variety of colors and sizes ranging from a 4 inch pot with 3 to 4 blooms to a 12 inch terra cotta pot with 18 to 25 blooms. Also available is a spectacular hanging basket with 15 to 20 blooms.

Look for the table set up in the courtyard on Sundays where you will see the youth group folks taking orders. We have also attached to the *online* newsletter the order forms and a color poinsettia brochure (to help you make your color choice!). (For those receiving their newsletter through the *postal mail*, the color brochure is not attached – look for it at the table in the courtyard). Order deadline is November 9, with an anticipated pickup date of December 6.

This is a major fundraiser for the youth group and proceeds are used to offset expenses for their next overseas trip. Thank you for supporting our youth group!

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**Avondale Avenues is sent out every other Tuesday.**

Announcements must be submitted by the Tuesday before the mail date. Announcements can be:  
Brought to the church office    Faxed to 704-333-5901    E-mailed to: [ann@avondalepresbychurch.org](mailto:ann@avondalepresbychurch.org)



**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Ministry of Caring to Members of our Church:** Elmore Camp, Gatha Land, Polly Vaughn, Betty Eudy, Tommie Connell,

**Ministry of Caring to Friends of Our Church Family:**  
Justin DeMartino, Isabelle DeMartino, & Shannon Judah  
(relatives of Barbara Cromar)

Glenn Harris (son of Mary Frances Harris)  
Nelson & Martha Kessell (friends of Mary Anne Hogue)  
Janet Dougherty (relative of Audrey Dougherty)  
Happy McCrary (friend of Mary Anne Hogue)  
Theresa Wu (friend of Joan & Karl Munn)  
Will Walker (friend of Olivia Magee)  
Betty Elliott (mother of Lisa Elliott-Lewis)  
Carrie Brennan (daughter of Barbara & Bill Town)  
Fred Anderson (nephew of Tommie Connell)  
Karl Pittard (son-in-law of Barbara Darling)  
Bob McCoy (son of Fran McCoy)  
Jean Gaither (sister of Ann Gregory)

**Entering Into The Church Triumphant**

Janice Donaldson Parler

April 16, 1957—October 1, 2008

Our sympathy is extended to Jan's husband Rick and to their sons Sam, Clay and Reid.

**Congratulations** to Helen and Craig Favor on the birth of a girl. Anna Susan Favor was born on Sept. 29th in Roanoke, Va. Nancy & Charles Favor are the proud grandparents, Helen Marple, great grandmother and Ruth Marple great aunt.

**Ladies Don't Forget**

**FALL GATHERING NOV. 2 12:15**

Menu—Deli sandwiches, chips, fruit, desert

\$4 tickets available in courtyard.

Invite a new member—her ticket is free!

Entertainment & Thank Offering