

Avondale Avenues

"Called to love God, love one another and serve community"

Avondale
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

www.avondalepresbychurch.org

June 21, 2011

Welcome Freedom School!

Avondale welcomes six enthusiastic Servant Leaders, Director Wanda Mobley, and 61 kindergarten through eighth graders for six weeks of literacy, life enriching events, and a fun-filled summer.



Freedom School Servant Leaders Brittany Mayfield, Michelle Nguyen, Darryl McLean, Jazmine Edmonds, Candice Flowers, Director Wanda Mobley, and Manny Hidalgo. Please pray for these leaders and their scholars throughout the summer.



Alice Balfe, Brenda Coble, David Mitchell, Tom and Steven Lewis, and Lisa Elliott-Lewis welcomed our visitors with a nutritious breakfast Monday morning.

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Session gathered last Sunday for their June meeting and the actions taken were significant to the present, and future, of Avondale.

Approved:

- Minutes of the May meetings, May financial statement and the church audit for 2009.
- Our youth to assume responsibility for the August 28th Celebration Weekend BBQ with the proceeds to be directed to their 2012 youth trip.
- Request to provide the congregation with additional ways to financially support Freedom School costs with members given the opportunity to sponsor breakfast for a child at the suggested donation of \$25.00.

- Personnel Committee reported on the revised job description, and salary, for our Music Director enabling her to focus on the 11:00am service and oversight of the music program while allowing a base salary to be provided for hiring leadership for the 8:30am contemporary service.
- To become involved in "Partners for Sacred Places". This is a first-step intent of Avondale to participate in a program sponsored by Charlotte Presbytery to assist churches in the preservation of their facilities and defining of outreach to the community. More will be shared with the congregation as we enter into this program.

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Received as information and for future action:

Elders were asked to submit their requests as we reinstate the Wish List. Requests will be identified and prioritized by Session at the July meeting. *(The Wish List is a list of items, approved by the Session, which are desired to enhance the ministry here, and beyond, Avondale but are not currently within the budgeted year due to a limitation of funds.)*

Gratitude was expressed to the following individuals for their faithfulness to ministry:

To Eleanor Ramey for her faithfulness and diligence in working with the instrumentalists for the past many years; to the youth for their leadership with the Youth Sunday service (including thanks to Zach, Shea, Mahlon and Brad); to Callie Magee for her service on the Presbytery Youth Council; to Brenda Coble for her leadership with Bunco; to Bonnie Howard and Kay Chelena for their work with teacher appreciation.

At the July meeting your church leadership will be receiving recommendations from the Discerners concerning the following items which were entrusted to them for prayer, Biblical and theological insight and discerning God's will:

- Consideration for purchasing transportation (van/bus) for ministry
- Development and enhancement of small group ministry
- Involvement with Sedgefield Middle School
- Gathering space adjacent to, and improvements to, the sanctuary
- Developing deeper ties with Park Road churches

A parting note: As we enter into the month of July, the Lewis family will begin their move to Wilmington. Lisa, Tom, Steven and Ryan will be missed at Avondale. They have participated in Kingdom making, while here at Avondale, and will find a place to share their faith and good works with others in Wilmington.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Of Avondale

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/pw/>

Thanks to all the women of Avondale who prepared hygiene kits. A total of 80 kits were delivered to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program.

AWOL will meet Thursday, June 23 at 7:30pm. Please contact Carey at careycavanaugh@gmail.com with questions.

Men's Retreat

November 4—6 Pipestem State Park

The men of the church will retreat to Pipestem State Park the weekend of November 4—6, 2011. The focus of the weekend is Donald Miller's book "A Million Miles in a Thousand Years."

Space is limited to 40. The cost is \$100 prior to September 1, and \$120 September 1—November 1. Sign up in the courtyard on Sundays, find a registration form on the web under Upcoming Events or call the Church Office at 704-333-6194.

Avondale's Budget Performance

May 2011

Member Contributions	\$41,128
Plus Other Income	<u>\$ 3,692</u>
Total Income	\$44,820
Less Expenses	<u>\$45,644</u>
Net	(\$824)

Year-to-date income less expenses is (\$14,701).

**Avondale Bible Camp
 God's Green Team
 July 11-15, 2011
 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

- Make new friends and have a great time!
- Bring a friend or sibling and save!
- \$65 per camper; \$60 each for you and a friend
- Registration forms available in the Church Office or on the web www.avondalepresbychurch.org under Upcoming Events. For more information, call Libby Thompson (704-333-5296).

Your donations of the following for Avondale Bible Camp are appreciated:

- Empty fruit/vegetable baskets
- Slightly used or new pastel or white regular pillow cases
- Old canvas tennis shoes
- Empty cereal boxes
- Seed packets
- Seeds from your yard—acorns, pinecones, magnolia pods, gum balls
- Fruit or vegetable seeds and pits
- Greeting cards to recycle
- Maps from around the world (National Geographic inserts)
- Flower pots/containers
- Artificial fruit and vegetables
- Construction paper
- Yarn, buttons, felt and Velcro
- Any gardening tools, aprons, hats, gloves, containers, watering cans you no longer use

Memorials

Bill Stowe: Rick Parler
 Chris and Vickie Rolfe
 Lois Alexander

Harry Greyard, Sr.: Rogers and Olivia Magee

Freedom School Friends

Would you be willing to help an at-risk child have a safe and enriching summer? Would you like to help a child improve their ability to succeed in school? Then, here's how you can help:

In Partnership with Freedom School Partners, Avondale is sponsoring its 4th Freedom School here on the church campus. For six weeks, we will open our arms to 60 children and their families, providing literacy instruction, afternoon enrichment events and off-site learning opportunities. Want to help make this happen?

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!

Prepare and serve breakfast: Work with a team to feed hungry scholars. Food is provided. Special help is needed Wed-Fri, June 29-July 29. Contact Brenda Coble (brendacoble@carolina.rr.com).

Go on a field trip: Bring your children or come alone and enjoy ImaginOn, Ray's Splash Planet, Discovery Place, or the Mint Museum. Contact Jane Summey Mullennix (jane@avondalepresbychurch.org).

Share your hobby: Show scholars how to garden, cook, take photographs, do yoga. Contact Jane Summey Mullennix (jane@avondalepresbychurch.org).

Make a donation: Our Session has approved congregation contributions to sponsor a child for breakfast. For \$25.00/week, you can assure that one child has a nutritious and delicious breakfast. Make checks payable to Avondale Presbyterian Church.

**Ten Cents A Meal
 2010 Annual Report**



A total of \$224,239 in donations from congregations, individuals and interest income, was received and disbursed during 2010. All monies granted stay within the bounds of the Charlotte Presbytery. Fifty-eight agencies and ministries benefited from the offering, with Bethlehem Center, Crisis Assistance Ministry, Uptown Shelter and Friendship Trays receiving the largest allocations.

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Joys and Concerns

Ministry of Caring to Members of Our Church:

Betty Marshall, Bill Berryhill, Flo Bowen, Genny Burns,
Betty and Jack Marvin, Joan Middleton, Leona Hough,
Libby Thompson, Mike Love, Miriam McLeod, Reese
Hautop, Sara Bethune and Ted Goldthorpe

Ministry of Caring to Friends of Our Church Family:

Beth Austin (cousin of Rena White)
Bob Bates (cousin of Nancy Favor and Ruth Marple)
Bo Sibilsky (brother of Lyn Sweet)
Connie Christy (friend of Kay Conner)
Ed Small (friend of Millie Norris)
Edward Caldwell (cousin of Joan Munn)
Floyd Privette (father of Rena White)
Grier Christenbury (friend of the Zuyus family)
Helen Horrocks (sister of Eleanor Ramey)
Jack Darling (ex-husband of Barbara Darling)
Jean Carmichael (friend of Fran McCoy)
Jewell Ball (friend of Jane Summey Mullennix)
Jim Norris (friend of McCloskey and McDonald families)
Joe Graham (son of Claire and brother of Regina Love)
Laura Taylor (cousin of Barbara Darling)
Lee and family (friend of Ruby Cathey)
Luke Sahlie (grandson of Joanne Sahlie)
Marie Schafer (friend of Dave Comstock)
Peggy and Ray Buckner (friends of Hannah Stockwell)

Sam McAlexander (friend of McCloskey and
McDonald families)
Sarah Stout Haw (daughter of Connie and Eldon Stout,
sister and sister-in-law of Tom and Marian Stout)
SFC Stephen Rogers (son of Robert Rogers)
Susan Caskey (friend of Barbara Witzel)

Entering Into the Church Triumphant

Erica Rains Ely

June 10, 2011

Our sympathy is extended to Lincoln, Jackie, Eliza
and Emma, and to their extended family and friends.

Our sympathy to...

Paige Whitson, one of our newest members, whose
father, James Andrew (Andy) Martin, Jr., died
Wednesday, June 15.