



# Sunday School & Small Groups

*Avondale Presbyterian Church*  
*2821 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28209*  
*704.333.6194*

Faith formation happens over a lifetime and in many settings of church life together. Avondale offers ministries and opportunities for all ages. We hope you'll join in and find that Avondale offers warm fellowship and nourishes faith at every stage.

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

*Avondale*  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



### **Bible 101**

Bible 101 meets in-person on Sundays and also offers virtual attendance via Zoom. Each week we discuss a Bible passage, delving into the history, the context, and grappling with its meaning in our lives. We ask a lot of questions and operate under the wise words of our founder "no Sunday school answers." Our reading often comes from the lectionary, which follows the year in the life of God's church. But we veer away from that to engage other topics that our class feels called to discuss. We're a community of all ages that wrestles with and rejoices in God's word. We welcome you to join us Sunday mornings at 11 in the conference room or online. Have questions? Contact [Lisa Worf](#).

### **Seekers**

Seekers is a discussion oriented study group that meets following worship in the library. We value fellowship, sharing life's triumphs and tragedies, and studying God's message for our lives through the Bible as well as other literature. We also study current social issues in the light of the gospel. Join us Sundays at 11 AM!

### **The Mystic Group**

We are a diverse group that meets monthly. We explore and seek to be aware of our relationship with God from different perspectives. Our goal is to center and immerse ourselves in God's living presence and broaden our awareness and intuition to be Christ centered. "Learning to Let Go of Self," we practice this centering through silence and prayer. We read and discuss a variety of writings and books of mystics and current wisdom authors. The meeting date may fluctuate to allow all the best opportunity to be present. If you would like to join us or hear more information, contact [Ted Todd](#).

### **Avondale Senior Adult Program**

Avondale Senior Adult Program (ASAP) is a ministry opportunity for older adults. We organize social activities as well as service and learning activities for all who attend. We meet at 12 noon the fourth Thursday of every month to share food, fun, and fellowship. Avondalers and guests

## *For adults of all ages* **Sunday School & Small Groups**

enjoy speakers, music, service projects, and more. You'll also enjoy the delicious lunch and friendly fellowship. Interested in ASAP? Contact [Brenda Coble](#).

### **Women's Bible Study**

Do you know the stories of the women in your family tree? Do you know the stories of the women in Jesus' family tree? Join us this year to learn about Mary, Bathsheba, Ruth, Rahab, and Tamar. We will learn how these women shaped Jesus' identity and ours too. This study is the first Tuesday of each month at 1 PM, September through June. Come, bring a friend, and enjoy the fellowship. Contact [Lyn Sweet](#) if you have questions.

### **Women's Study Groups**

Join the women of Avondale seasonally for short Bible studies. Women of all ages are welcome and our groups reflect that. Friends, family and non-members are welcome too! Our women's group studies usually happen in the spring and fall and are offered in-person and online. For more information, email [Amanda Shanks](#) or call the office.

### **Presbyterian Women of Avondale**

The purpose of Presbyterian Women of Avondale (PWA) is to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, support the missions of the church, work for justice and peace, and build an inclusive and caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witness to the promise of God's kingdom.

PWA small group opportunities include an evening dinner social/ Bible study group and a daytime social/ Bible study group. If interested to hear more about PWA small group opportunities, contact [Lyn Sweet](#) or call the church.

### **Taizé Prayer Services**

Taizé services are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. A trademark of Taizé is the singing of distinctive prayer chants during candlelit prayer services. Taizé music highlights simple phrases, usually lines from the Psalms or other pieces of Scripture, repeated or sung in canon. The repetition is designed to help with meditation and prayer. We hope you are able to participate and find this service to be a time of meaning and quiet reflection.





# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## God made you and me and God loves us.

Avondale offers ministries and opportunities for all ages.  
Avondale engages the curiosity of children and youth about God and  
helps show them church can be a fun, safe place.  
Faith formation happens over a lifetime.

### Nursery

The nursery is open and available for children 2 and under during worship and the Sunday school hour. This includes children of older ages with physical limitations.



### Sunday School

Following the Children's Moment in worship, our preschool children ages 3 years and up are invited to attend Sunday school. There, children will be nurtured in the love and grace of God, learning the story of who and whose they are by using the PCUSA curriculum, "Growing in Grace and Gratitude."

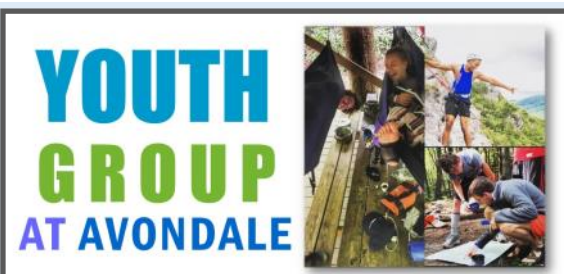


### Elementary Sunday School

Our elementary age children are invited to join Sunday school and enjoy a time of yummy treats and Bible study with friends and dedicated leaders using the "Deep Blue" curriculum. "Deep Blue" encourages digging deeper into the Bible, asking tough questions, and creatively engaging their faith.

### More Children's Ministries

Avondale is "God made you and me and God loves us." There's so much to tell children about faith, but we start with telling them that. We encourage kids to ask questions about Jesus, read the Bible, and talk and listen to God. We want them to see church as a place to challenge and enjoy themselves. More programs for children are offered through out the year, like Avondale Adventures and Vacation Bible School.



### Youth Group

Avondale Youth Group is for 6th-12th graders. A strong faith takes exploration, questions, and fellowship with others on the same journey. Join us Sunday evenings during the school year for invigorating discussion, fun, and dinner. Kids talk a lot, learn new things, enjoy activities, do service work in the community and on trips, and much more.

For more information about ministries for children and youth, contact the Church office at 704-333-6194 or email [Jessica Shanks](mailto:Jessica.Shanks@avondalepresbychurch.org).

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

*Avondale*  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH