

## Letter from the Pastor

Dear Avondale Family,

There is this inspiring passage in the Bible where Jesus is talking to his disciples right before he ascends into heaven. The disciples ask Christ, "Is now the time when you will restore Israel to its power?" Jesus responds by telling them that they will not know when God will do such things and immediately he goes on to say, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Essentially he means everywhere, right? I think we often hear the word "witness" or "evangelism" and we recoil. Images of men yelling into bull horns and Bibles being waved in the air are easily conjured up. Perhaps the terms witness and evangelism have become identified with conversion.

However evangelism translated from its Greek root means to tell the story or message. Witness, we know from our own legal system, means to tell about your experience by sharing your account of an event or situation. So really to be a witness or evangelist simply means we share a story, we recount a message, or we talk about our experience. As people of faith, we do that in the Christian context of talking about Christ and how God's love for you and me is displayed in the life of Jesus.

...tell them that this is a story about God's love for you.



One of the highlights of my work here at Avondale is being able to hand out Bibles to our three year olds and third graders. Every single one of them is excited and interested and curious. As I hand them the book, I call out the child's name and tell them that this is a story about God's love for you. Immediately they get a big grin and they take their new book back to their spot and sit down and start looking at the pictures and turning the pages. For me it is a precious moment.

It also causes me to wonder, at what point do we stop getting excited about this story of God's love for us? When do we decide we don't need to hear that story anymore? What is so important that we can't take a few minutes to open our Bible at home and read a passage or two so that before we start our day we can be reminded that ... no matter what happens to us today, it's going to be ok, because God's love for us is bigger than any event.

I share all this as an encouraging reminder that Jesus was right when he said "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." (Mark 10:14) I also share this because I think here at Avondale we are doing a good job being witnesses and evangelists. We are sharing *continued...*



## Update from Session

### AUGUST

At the August 8, 2021 Stated Meeting of the Session the following actions were taken and information received:

- Approved Minutes of the July 11, 2021 Stated Meeting of the Session and the July 25, 2021 Congregational Meeting.
- Received June and July 2021 Avon-

dale financial information and June 2021 ACC financial information.

- Received a report from the Property Ministry Team on the condition of the HVAC units in the kitchen of the Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary. Both need replacement. The Property Ministry Team has received quotes from Southern Comfort of Charlotte and recommends replacement of both.

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**Pastor Letter *cont.***

THE story to another whole generation and there by following Christ's command to be his witnesses to all the ends of the earth.

You see, you are an evangelist whether you realize it or not. When you volunteer with Avondale Adventures, you are sharing the Gospel. When you help with Roof Above, bring canned food in for Loaves and Fishes, give a gift through the Angel Tree, prepare meals for our folks, send cards, take a member to lunch, and even coming to worship are all ways we witness to God's love and grace. By the way, all of this happens when we offer to God our gifts

of time, energy, creativity, and resources. None of this can be done solely on our own. We need each other, working together, to be the community of faith that Avondale has been and will continue to be. So I would like to say thank you for your faithfulness to Christ's command and for your willingness to be generous so that we can truly share The Good News.

Grace & Peace,  
Jim



**Year to Date**

**Ten Cents-A-Meal**

**\$8,156**

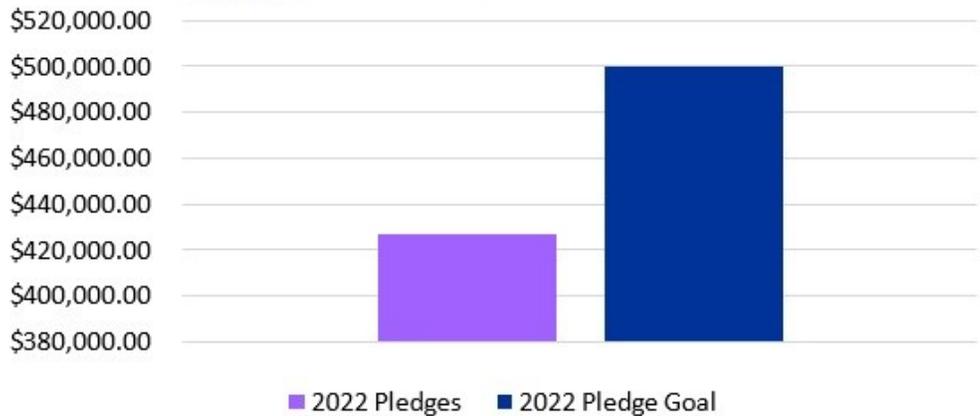


**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund**

**\$2,151**



**Raising the Consciousness**  
*Unity through Christ*



2022 Pledges received to date	\$ 427,070	84 Families Pledged
2022 Pledge Goal	\$ 500,000	50 Pledge Increases
<i>updated 10/26/21</i>		4 New Pledges

*Memorials & Honorariums*

**In Memory of Betty Marshall**

Given by Presbyterian Women of Avondale

**In Memory of Louise Chambers**

Given by Presbyterian Women of Avondale

**In Memory of Bordie McCloskey**

Given by Lamar and Marge Hardegree

Given by Nancy Brandon

Given by Paxon Holz

Given by Steve and Laura Stephenson

**In Honor of Reece Wilkerson**

Given by Tim and Rochelle Harbick

**In Honor of Sigrid Sacra**

Given by Connie Stout

## Session Update *cont.*

- Approved motions to replace the HVAC units in the kitchen of the Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary as recommended by the Property Ministry Team.
- Approved a motion for the Church to enter into a license agreement with a neighboring landowner for the neighbor to plant and maintain trees on Church property adjoining the neighbor's property.
- Received a report on the basketball program, which is being postponed for the upcoming season.
- Appointed Elders Katherine Baloga and Lynn Daniel as commissioners to the August 21, 2021 Presbytery meeting.

Expressed gratitude to: Alex Hegenbart; Francis McNair; the Property Ministry Team; Bordie McCloskey; and all Ministry Team leaders.

### SEPTEMBER

At the September 12, 2021 Stated Meeting of the Session the following actions were taken and information received:

- Approved Minutes of the August 8, 2021 Stated Meeting of the Session.
- Received August 2021 Avondale financial information.
- Received a report from the Sacred Space Task Force on the status of its work.
- Received a report from the Property Ministry Team on the condition of the

HVAC unit in the FLC that services the three upstairs youth rooms. The unit needs replacement. The Property Ministry Team has received a quote from Southern Comfort of Charlotte and recommends replacement.

- Approved motion to replace the HVAC unit in the FLC that services the three upstairs youth rooms as recommended by the Property Ministry Team.

- Approved the Sacrament of Baptism for Helen Lafortune Doherty, daughter of Tim and Anne Doherty on Sunday, August 29 2021 at the 10:00 AM worship service.

- Approved the Sacrament of Baptism for Ginny Katherine Pease, daughter of Joe and Sarah-Kate Pease on Sunday, October 10 2021 at the 10:00 AM worship service.

- Approved a motion for a series of Scout Eagle projects to occur on the Church property to build an amphitheater in the wooded area where the tree fell in front of the Sacred Garden area, with the specific plans and location to be approved by the Property Ministry Team.

- Called for a Congregational Meeting to be held on September 26, 2021 in the Family Life Center immediately following the 10:00 worship service for the purpose of hearing the report of the Nominating Committee and electing elders for the elder class of 2024 and one youth elder for a one year term (class of 2022).

- Received a report from elder Katherine Baloga and Rev. Ewing of the Au-

gust 21, 2021 Presbytery meeting.

Expressed gratitude to: the Nominating Committee; the Sacred Space Task Force; the Stewardship Ministry Team; the musicians participating in the worship services; and Shea Chambers for her work on the youth curriculum.

### OCTOBER

At the October 10, 2021 Stated Meeting of the Session the following actions were taken and information received:

- Approved Minutes of the September 12, 2021 Stated Meeting of the Session and September 26, 2021 Congregational Meeting.

- Received September 2021 Avondale financial information.

- Approved the Sacrament of Baptism for Bennett John Stephenson and Anson Brian Stephenson, sons of Nathan and Brielle Stephenson on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at the 10:00 AM worship service.

- Approved the Sacrament of Baptism for Jakob Gattering on Sunday, October 31, 2021 at the 10:00 AM worship service.

Expressed gratitude to: The Finance Ministry Team and Church financial coordinator, Leah Hackworth; the Stewardship Ministry Team; Reverend Jim Ewing; the newly elected elders; and the Nominating Committee.

### To read about our Elders...

<https://conta.cc/3ubab8B>



### Elder Nominations

Nominated and elected for Elder Class of 2024 was Jim Beall, Christie Flowers, and Carl McDonald. Also elected was Gram Chambers, Class of 2022. Gram is Avondale's third Youth Elder, which has a one-year term. At the beginning of next year, rolling-off Session will be Nancy Bohrer, Alice Cuviallo, Rich Worf, and youth elder Katherine Baloga. With a grateful heart, we give thanks to all for the countless acts of service and for faithfully serving as members of the Session.



## Birthdays in November

<b>1</b> Anna Blake	<b>9</b> Janet Harrison	<b>17</b> Tom Stout
Lauren Faulkenberry	<b>10</b> Wesley Hayes	<b>19</b> Andrew Hall
Hunter Presson	<b>13</b> Mary Hall	<b>21</b> Jim Ewing
<b>2</b> Charlie Shumate	Betty Myers	Jennifer Vick
<b>4</b> Vince Chelena	<b>13</b> Mahlon Thomas	<b>28</b> Sue Gibbs
<b>6</b> Marge Hardegree	<b>15</b> Connor Hipps	Hadlea Presson
Lisa Worf	<b>16</b> Stefanie Mitchell	<b>29</b> Barbara Darling
<b>8</b> Dawn Harlow	Tina Wilson	<b>30</b> Arthur Baum
Beth Suydam		

## Wedding Anniversaries in November

Carl & Dee Dee McDonald	November 4, 2000	Tony & Donna McKenzie	November 17, 1990
Steve & Katy Hill	November 12, 2020	Tommy & Pat Gribble	November 21, 1964
Chris & Alice Cuvillo	November 15, 2014		

## Birthdays in December

<b>1</b> Lilly Stout	<b>11</b> Mac Drozd	<b>25</b> Caroline White
<b>2</b> Jay Meier	Wilson Reed	Grace White
<b>3</b> Jim Bowen	<b>12</b> Nell McRae	<b>26</b> Wilson Major
<b>4</b> Logan Harris	<b>13</b> Liz Davis	<b>27</b> Mary Margaret Martin
Walker Hipps	Helen Reed	Robert Suydam
Steven Phillips	<b>14</b> Miller Boyd	<b>29</b> Christie Flowers
<b>7</b> Kathleen Shannon	Carrie Ewing	Greg McKenzie
<b>8</b> Brian Drozd	<b>18</b> Peggy Simpson	<b>30</b> Trish Boyd
Margaret McGinn	<b>19</b> Sara Chelena	Chris Gardner
<b>9</b> Regina Love	<b>21</b> Wade Mitchell	Lilly McDonald
<b>10</b> Kyle Bowen	<b>22</b> Natalie S. Thomas	<b>31</b> Susanne Anderson
Lynn Daniel	<b>25</b> Scott Coble	Kemper Boyd
Megan Hunter		

## Wedding Anniversaries in December

Alex & Emily Freeze	December 1, 2018	Dave & Holly Thomson	December 18, 1993
Ted & Belinda Camp	December 12, 2012	Marc & Becky Chavaree	December 29, 2010
Chris & Lynn Mathis	December 16, 1972	Brad & Karey Marren	December 31, 2010

## Birthdays in January

<b>1</b> Lorin Bookout	<b>15</b> Connie Love	<b>23</b> Ted Todd
Jennifer Matz	Betty Patterson	<b>24</b> Ginny Mitchell
<b>2</b> P.K. Kalevas	<b>16</b> Billy Caldwell	<b>25</b> Tom Cavanaugh
<b>3</b> Tony McKenzie	Evan Wood	Bonnie Howard
Marian Stout	<b>18</b> Liam Platt	Andrew Patterson
<b>7</b> Millie Patterson	Garrett Whitesides	<b>27</b> Jennifer Oglesby-Dewyer
<b>8</b> Emma Ewing	<b>19</b> Sue Haag	Holly Thomson
Croft Hamilton	<b>20</b> Becky Chavaree	<b>28</b> Linda Haigh
<b>11</b> Thomas Lawson	William Doherty	<b>31</b> Joshua Oswald
<b>13</b> Karen Eakes	Deidrea Pavlin	Bill Thornberry
Leslie Saleeby	<b>23</b> Bill Thomas	Carolyn Wright

**We know of no January Wedding Anniversaries.**

## Stewardship & Finance

### Stewardship 2022

We are grateful that 60% of our pledges thus far are an increase for 2022. Even though we have had less face-to-face, in-person contact with one another, it is a testament to your faith in God and in Avondale. Thank you.

### Stewardship 2021

If you find you cannot complete your pledged amount for 2021, it would be very helpful if you would contact the Church office and ask for Leah. As a reminder, please know that the committee does not know pledged amounts and/or balances due.

### Pledging...

Thank you to all who have shared their pledge for 2022. As you probably know, your pledge allows the church to plan the church's annual and month-to-month commitments

more accurately.

If you have not done so, please return your pledge card either by mail, in person at the office, or at the Sunday service. To complete online, see our Stewardship page. [avondalepresbychurch.org/pledge](http://avondalepresbychurch.org/pledge)

In the next several weeks, the Stewardship team will be reaching out to those who have not pledged. If you cannot pledge at this time or do not feel called to pledge, please fill out your card as -0- and it will save you and the team a phone call. This is completely confidential; volunteers on the team never see amounts of pledges.

### Envelopes

If you have pledged and would like envelopes for weekly or monthly giving, please alert Leah Hackworth by

November 1. Call the office or email [leah@avondalepresbychurch.org](mailto:leah@avondalepresbychurch.org).

### Year-End Contributions

As the end of 2021 nears, Leah is available to provide instructions for stock gift transfers as well as to answer many other questions such as pledge contribution progress since Q3 giving statements were sent. Call Leah at the church, option 1, or dial 980-265-9831. Her email is above.

### Your Bank Draft - Renew or Begin!

If you currently give via bank draft, your drafts *do not* automatically continue into 2022 unless you indicate to do so on your pledge card. Contact Leah to give via draft on a weekly, monthly, or quarterly basis and to renew for next year.

## Prayer Requests

### Please pray for:

Allman Family; Billy Caldwell; Louise Ron Crossley; Krista Curtis; Laura Daniel; Jozsef Eyer; Stewart Farris; Mary Hall; Ann Ivey; Kim Kirk; the family of Betty Marshall; Wendy McCreery; Alonzo Miguel of Yakama Nation; Annaweinita Miller of Yakama Nation; John Oglesby; Tim O'Neil; Rita Outland; the family of Bob Rudisill; Tina Sanderson; Sarah Sperry; Stephen Tate & family; Gail Trippodo; the sister of Connie Love, Paulla Via; Courtney Williams & family; and Rick Young IV.

## Joys & Concerns

**Baptism: Hayes** - Baptized August 1, 2021 in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, was Daniel Joseph "Dru" Hayes, the son of Dan and Dana Hayes.

**Baptism: Wilkerson** - Baptized August 15, 2021 in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, was Reece Catherine Wilkerson, daughter of Jed and Hannah Wilkerson.

**Baptism: Doherty** - Baptized August 29, 2021 in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, was Helen Lafortune Doherty, daughter of Tim and Anne Doherty and sister to Thomas and William.

**Baptism: Mitchell** - Baptized September 12, 2021 in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, was Benjamin Owen "Bo" Mitchell, son of Matt and Stefanie Mitchell and little brother to Wade and Brooks.



Hayes



Doherty



Wilkerson

## Joys & Concerns

**Baptism: Pease** - Baptized October 10, 2021, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, was Ginny Katherine Pease, daughter of Joe and Sarah-Kate Pease.

**Birth: Tate** - With great joy, we share news of the birth of Keegan Bailey Tate, born September 7, 2021 to parents Stephen and Gina Tate and big brother Miles.

**Birth: Marren** - With great joy, we share news of the birth of Clark William Marren, born September 13, 2021 to parents Brad and Karey Marren, big sister Grace, and grandparents Chick and Mary Martin.

**Church Triumphant: Marshall** - With deep sadness, we share that Ms. Betty Marshall joined the Church Triumphant September 27, 2021. Betty, 92 years old, joined Avondale church in 1988. A service was held October 22, 2021 at Hankins and Whittington Funeral Service.

**Church Triumphant: Rudisill** - With deep sadness, we share that Mr. Bob Rudisill joined the Church Triumphant October 18, 2021. Bob, 90 years old, joined Avondale church in 1991. A graveside service and burial was held in Asheville on October 26, 2021.

**Marriage: Thomas** - Jeremy Thomas and Amie Eatmon were married on October 2, 2021 on the beach in Oak Island, NC. He is the son of Mahlon and Susan Thomas. Not only did they gain a new daughter-in-law, they gained four new granddaughters - two sets of twins ages 12 and 21.



Mitchell



Marren



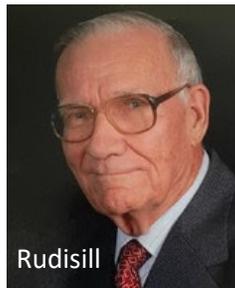
THANK YOU  
for the lovely Pumpkin  
and the Wonderful  
message!  
I love you.  
Betty  
Marshall



Tate



Culbertson



Rudisill



Thomas



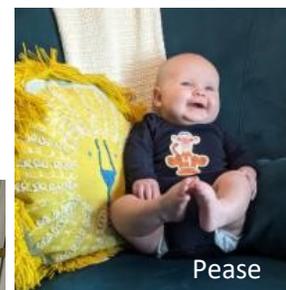
Gotler

**New Members: Culbertson** - Please welcome our newest members, Chase, Alyssa, and Jack Culbertson who joined the church October 10, 2021.

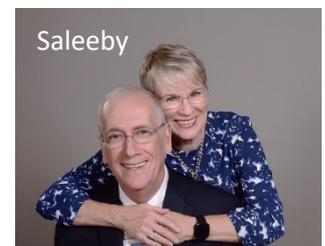
Alyssa and Chase Culbertson are originally from the Midwest and now live a few doors down from Avondale. Their one year-old son Jack attends the Children's Center. They moved here from Philadelphia a couple years ago. Chase went to Davidson and works in private equity. He enjoys reading and golf. Alyssa is a pediatric nurse.

**New Staff: Gotler** - Welcome Gary Gotler! Our Worship team would like to welcome our longtime friend and worship volunteer, Gary Gotler, as an official staff member of Avondale! Gary was hired part-time to run the sound and live-stream equipment every Sunday, making our worship service more accessible to all! If you see Gary during worship, hard at work, offer him a warm welcome and a thank you for the quality of his work!

**Golden Anniversary** - October 24, 2021 was the 50 year anniversary of D.J. and Leslie Saleeby.



Pease



Saleeby

With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:2-3

# Avondale in Action

## Room In The Inn Survey

Please help us determine our participation in Room In The Inn this year! Will you please complete a 3-question interest survey ASAP? Avondale has to provide Roof Above with our commitment by early November. We want to be sure we will have enough volunteers. THANK YOU! Read details & complete the survey [HERE](#) or go to:

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



## Youth Holiday Sale order by November 14

Order your holiday poinsettias and greenery and support Youth Ministry at Avondale.

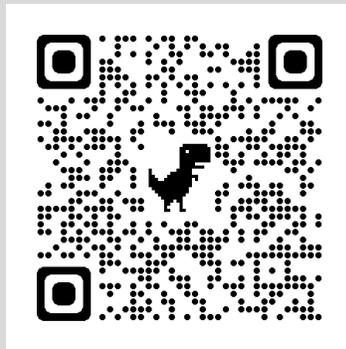
[avondalepresbychurch.org/youthfundraisers](http://avondalepresbychurch.org/youthfundraisers)

## Career Talks

### sign-up for ACE

Would you consider a short talk with kids about your career? Read more about it:

[avondalepresbychurch.org/post/career-talks](http://avondalepresbychurch.org/post/career-talks)



## THINK KIDS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN YOUR JOB? >



## THINK AGAIN! sign-up for <

### Career Share for ACE



## Women's Retreat Survey

This annual retreat to Black Mountain, NC has been a wonderful tradition—a weekend full of spiritual growth, rest and fellowship. The planning committee would normally begin planning now; however, they are seeking your input! Please take a moment to answer a few questions to help us gauge interest.

[www.avondalepresbychurch.org/post/womensretreat22](http://www.avondalepresbychurch.org/post/womensretreat22)

## Avondale in Action

### ACE Engagement Opportunities

The Avondale ACE (Alliance Center for Education, formerly Bethlehem Center) Summer Camp was active at Avondale this summer, with ACE teens participating in workshops including healthy cooking, *Journey to Me*, Poetry, Music Consortium, and Mental Health Awareness. Avondale was able to send three ACE youth to Camp Grier: Maleik B. attended the Adventurer program for older teens, while Jaden W. and Frederick G. attended Mountain Bike camp for middle schoolers.

The ACE Out of School Time program is now underway at Avondale. Please consider sharing your Career with the ACE students. All careers are welcome and of interest. These will be virtual via Zoom, and presentations would take place on Tuesday or Thursday at 4:30 or 5 PM and would be only 20- 30 minutes long. To read more about Career Share, presenting or to sign-up, visit our website "aNews" page or [www.avondalepresbychurch.org/post/career-talks](http://www.avondalepresbychurch.org/post/career-talks).

**A BIG THANK YOU goes to Avondalers for the generous donations of school supplies for the ACE kids and teachers!**

### Upcoming ACE Holiday Engagement Opportunities

We are excited to continue two upcoming annual traditions with Alliance Center for Education (ACE). Thanksgiving Blessing Boxes will be distributed to ACE students and families on November 23. The Blessing Boxes will include a fresh turkey and all the ingredients for a family Thanksgiving dinner. Many of the items will be obtained through Second Harvest, but Avondalers will have the opportunity to contribute food items to complete the meals. Look for more information in November.

For Christmas, we will have an Angel Tree for ACE students, families and staff. Children will provide their "wish list" on angel ornaments we will hang on a tree, and there will be gift sign-ups online also. Avondale members and Children's Center families can choose an angel for a child, family or staff member for whom to buy gifts or gift cards.

**Thanks to Avondale for your support of our ACE ministry!**

### Youth Group & Camp Grier

Avondale's Youth Group goes to Camp Grier annually for their Fall Retreat. This year, our youth head to Old Fort, NC on November 12. Their weekend will be filled with Amazing Race style games, a mission project, hiking, devotions, free time and worship. Do you know about Camp Grier? Many of our church children attend the Camp Grier summer program independently and in recent summers, our ACE program has sponsored children to attend. Camp Grier is a non-profit, outdoor ministry program with the Presbyterian (PCUSA) Church. Located in Old Fort on 650 acres of land bordering the Pisgah National Forest, their campus fills each summer with campers from all different backgrounds, histories, ethnicities and lifestyles.



THINK KIDS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN YOUR JOB?  
THINK AGAIN!  
sign-up for  
Career Share for ACE

Gifted 386  
Composition Notebooks  
Spiral Notebooks  
Marker Packs  
Colored Pencil Packs  
Pencil Packs  
Glue Bottles  
Glue Sticks  
Scissors  
Crayon Boxes  
Teacher Supply Bags

MISSION  
Avondale

Seeking 17 Backpacks for ACE  
-10 for teens & -7 for elementary (grades 2nd-5th)

### Youth Group Dates:

**November 12-14** - Fall Retreat, Camp Grier  
**November 14** - Holiday Sale orders due  
**December 4** - Holiday Sale order pick-up  
**February 18-21** - Winter Retreat, Pipestem

## Avondale in Action

### Christian Nurture

Adult Sunday School and Small Groups opportunities are strong and continue to be appreciated by many. We offer Bible 101, Seekers, Presbyterian Women Circles (PWA), Avondale Senior Adult Program (ASAP), Mystics and the Women's Study. In addition, PWA began a new monthly study group and Shea Chambers is leading a Racial Healing study. To join a group, either in-person or virtually, please contact Jessica Shanks in the church office. To read more about these groups, [click here](#). Our church office conference room is now Zoom accessible. If there are any groups wanting to know more about utilizing this resource, please contact Jessica. (See Property Work Day for more details.)

### Avondale's Racial Healing Small Group Shares Resources...

A committed group of +/-15 members and friends of Avondale have met three times so far (as of Oct. 12) in our pursuit for Racial Healing. As a predominately white congregation, we are working on our "stamina" in terms of discussing and unpacking our racial identity, history and conditioning. We are striving to listen, learn and care about the disparities our brothers and sisters of color face. It is sometimes uncomfortable and hard work, but incredibly important in the life of the church to commit to this effort. God sees and celebrates our differences, and so should we. If interested in an introduction to what we are studying, please read "*Racial Reconciliation Might Not Be What You Think It Is*" (7-9 minute read). See our website "aNews" page - [www.avondalepresbychurch.org/post/racialjusticerecs](http://www.avondalepresbychurch.org/post/racialjusticerecs). Stay tuned for future opportunities to join the next group; possibly in the spring of 2022.

### Mission - Back to Lunches

Avondale is back on track to make lunches for the homeless every month and we need your help. Starting in December, we will resume making lunches for Roof Above to serve to our homeless neighbors every month. We have agreed to take on a great

number of lunches and sandwiches (150 sandwiches!), so we will need more volunteers than in the past. This is a great opportunity for families to help feed our homeless neighbors and also learn the magic of an assembly line! Be on the lookout for sign-ups. Our first date is 4 PM on Wednesday, December 22 - a great way to serve during the holidays.

### Outreach

Avondale has welcomed several visitors to our worship services since we began holding them in-person this summer. We held another Next Steps class in September for people wanting to learn more about Avondale. We're eager to welcome some more new members in the coming weeks.

### New Member Pictures

Before returning to in-person worship in July, Avondale welcomed new members. So Avondalers could see faces to say hello and welcome them to the Avondale family, we shared their pictures and names. <https://tinyurl.com/newmembers21>

### Worship

Sermon series, baptisms, communion, Dedication Sunday, Rally Day, Bibles for children, Nursery, Blessing of the Backpacks, Music ministry, Sunday school, liturgy readers, and so much more... thank you to all for your gifts of time and talents. To sign-up to serve with upcoming services, visit [avondalepresbychurch.org/eworship](http://avondalepresbychurch.org/eworship) and click the sign-up box.

### Blessing of the Animals

By invitation from our neighbor Holy Comforter, Rev. Jim Ewing and Avondale participated in the "Blessing of the Animals" on September 26th. Jim joined other Park Road pastors for an outdoor ecumenical service celebrating God's creation and the blessings our family pets bring to our lives.

### Have you noticed the clearing by the FLC?

If curious about what is going on, visit [www.avondalepresbychurch.org/post/scoutproject](http://www.avondalepresbychurch.org/post/scoutproject).



## Avondale In Action

### Property Work Day

We now have a “Zoom Room” at Avondale! On the Property Work Day in September, we setup the office conference room with a TV monitor, computer, camera and microphone to make virtual accessibility to meetings and other small groups easier and of better quality! So far, Bible 101 and the new Racial Healing small group have been able to use this and have had great success. If you have a meeting or small group gathering and would like to offer a virtual attendance option, reach out to Jessica Shanks in the church office and she will get you setup and teach you how to use it!

### ASAP

ASAP had a wonderful musical program with Rich Stanley and his friend Laura in August. School supplies were collected for the teachers of Sedgfield Middle School. In September, the program was speaker County Commissioner Laura Meier. ASAP also recognized a “faithful senior,” naming Lamar Hardegree as one who continuously and humbly gives and serves others.

ASAP meets next on October 28 at noon. Lunch will be a BBQ meal with dessert. We continue to collect Pop Tabs which are taken to Ronald McDonald House to be recycled. Our next turn-in time will be the week after Christmas. Please BRING YOUR TABS TO OUR MEETING or if members of the congregation have tabs, give them to any ASAP

member to turn-in. This is our mission project for the year. Our program this month will be presented by Lyn Sweet. She will review some books adults we will like to read and also share a few children's books. We look forward to December when we welcome back John Tosco's wonderful Christmas music.  
- ASAP Planning Team

### PWA Mission

PWA took 65 treat bags to faculty of Sedgfield Middle School. PWA is also sponsoring the Teacher of the Month in November. Please include Sedgfield teachers in your prayers.



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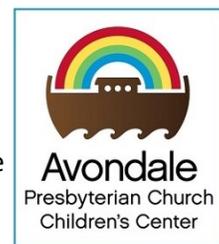
Charlotte Art  
Collective  
November 13  
10 to 4 PM  
at Avondale

### Avondale Adventures

Avondale Adventures is off to a great start! The program will run for 9 weeks on Wednesday evenings from 5 to 6 PM. During this time, our 24 preschool and elementary age children are enjoying Bible Exploration and Music and will soon start to work on an Advent surprise for the congregation!

### ACC Welcomes New Director

We are pleased and excited to welcome Dawn Peebles to the ACC! She began September 27, 2021. Dawn is originally from Virginia and has been in Charlotte since moving here following college. She has two teenage daughters, a senior at Ardrey Kell High School and a sophomore at UNC Charlotte. Read more about Dawn [here](https://tinyurl.com/ACCDawn).  
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A HUGE THANK YOU goes to Millie Norris and the ACC team and the Search Committee team for their time and talents during the director search.



Avondale Adventures  
“Friends with God”

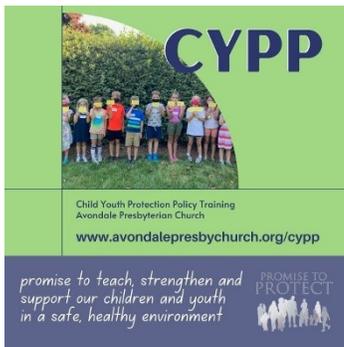




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**Newsletter Publishing Schedule**

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**CYPP Training**  
 3 times offered  
 November 4, 6 and 9

**October Bash!**  
 Saturday,  
 October 30

**Youth Holiday Sale**  
 Now thru  
 November 14

**3rd Annual  
 Christmas Marketplace**  
 December 4

For church employees and volunteers who serve our children and youth is Child Youth Protection Policy training. We promise to teach, strengthen and support our children and youth in a safe, healthy environment. Info & RSVP: [www.avondalepresbychurch.org/cypp](http://www.avondalepresbychurch.org/cypp)

Come to Avondale for live music, games, Halloween treats, and more! Best of all is the fellowship. Held outdoors, rain or shine, bring your chairs/blanket. Masks are required. [www.avondalepresbychurch.org/post/octoberbash](http://www.avondalepresbychurch.org/post/octoberbash)

Our youth undertake raising money to help fund mission and service trips, occasionally abroad. Buy your greenery and poinsettias and help support Youth Ministry. Info & Ordering: [www.avondalepresbychurch.org/youthfundraisers](http://www.avondalepresbychurch.org/youthfundraisers)

The Avondale market celebrates the gifts of local artisans! We invite you to shop with us and celebrate local. Artisan deadline to participate is November 8, 2021. Market info & artisan sign-up: [www.avondalepresbychurch.org/christmasmarket](http://www.avondalepresbychurch.org/christmasmarket)