

Come, Grow With Us!

Our emphasis this year in Sunday School will feature **Scripture memory**. Based on Psalm 1:2,3, we desire that our children effectively learn God's Word for a lifetime.



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Our Purpose: Reach and Equip!

The purpose of our children's ministry is to reach kids for Jesus Christ; equipping them to serve Christ in their homes, neighborhoods, schools, community and world.

We achieve this purpose through our Sunday School, Worship Care, and Wednesday evening programs. We expand this purpose through outreach; supporting ministry to our homebound members, the Crisis Assistance Ministry, York Chester Middle School, the West Gastonia Boys and Girls Club, Operation Christmas Child, the Community Christmas Store and Inter-Faith Hospitality Network.

We also support world missions through our curriculum and education programs.



West Gastonia Boys and Girls Club—birthday smiles!

Nursery and Preschool

First A. R. P. enjoys the benefit of dedicated volunteers and paid caregivers for all services and ministry programs. Safety and security is assured for our youngest members by providing parents with an assigned pager for easy access. A sign-out procedure is also in place for the release of children at the end of any event or service.

Sunday School, worship care and Wednesday night programming for preschool begins at two year years of age. A nursery is provided for infants and one year olds.

Preschool children are included in seasonal programming and special church events.

Kindergarten—Fifth Grade

Sunday School, Elementary Worship Care and Wednesday night programming meet on the first and second floor of the education building for our elementary children. Our Sunday morning curriculum incorporates Scripture and catechism memorization; take-home ideas for family worship are included.

Wednesday nights include music, seasonal projects, and catechism.

Kindergarten Worship Care provides a



Vacation Bible School is great!

review of alternate year Sunday School curriculum. Our new expanded Kids Church Worship Care program provides an opportunity for elementary (grades 1-3) children to hear the adult sermon message on a child's level.

Summer is a big part of our children's ministry. Vacation Bible School and Adventure Camps blend ongoing spiritual training with a lot of fun! Camp Bonclarken and Music Conference are two off-campus camps that children are encouraged to attend.

In addition, Club 45 provides our fourth and fifth graders with year-round fellowship events; preparing them for upcoming youth ministry participation. Our Communicants Class for fifth graders meets annually; allowing these young people the opportunity to make a public profession of faith and formally join First A. R. P. Church.

And! Club 23 has made its debut for our second and third graders!

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