



September 23, 2021

Parents, Staff, and members of the Avondale Community:

Please join me in welcoming Dawn Peebles as our new Director of the Avondale Presbyterian Church Children's Center. Dawn comes to us with over 27 years of early childcare administrative experience. Dawn earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a focus on Early Childhood Education from Radford University and has been a leader in early childhood education and administration around the Charlotte region. In addition to Dawn's deep experience serving as a director of a childcare center, she also brings a wealth of knowledge regarding operating a Five Star premier program, having created and opened a premier Five Star program in Charlotte from the ground up.

Beyond Dawn's qualifications, our Search Committee was immediately impressed with Dawn's out-going and positive attitude, her leadership, and her warm and approachable personality. In short, we feel blessed to have connected with Dawn and are incredibly excited for her to lead our wonderful Children's Center. Dawn's first day at Avondale is on Monday, September 27.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize the tremendous efforts of Millie Norris, who has served as our Interim Director during the search, as well as, Melinda Shamblin and Jaime Hicks who provided invaluable assistance along the way. Likewise, a huge thank you to all of our wonderful Teachers and Staff members – you truly make Avondale the special place we know and love.

Similarly, a special thanks to our Search Committee members: Webb Bostic (President Elect), Micah Caruana, Elizabeth Vorholt, Jessica Shanks, and Michael Yeary. The Search Committee vetted candidates, conducted screening interviews, and held extensive in-person interviews on our campus. Lastly, thank you to Avondale's Pastor, Jim Ewing, for joining us in meeting candidates; we greatly appreciated your time and insights.

We are very excited for Dawn to join us and to begin our next chapter at the Children's Center. Please join me in welcoming Dawn to our Avondale Family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jodie H. Lawson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jodie Herrmann Lawson  
President of the Board of Avondale Children's Center  
Mom of Dell (Toucans) & Tinsley (Alumnus)