

Open Church Profile

Northlake Assembly of God

2632 Sunset Rd. Charlotte, NC 28216

Location: Our church is located in northwest Charlotte, NC, just south of Lake Norman and within a few miles of Northlake Mall. Charlotte is the largest city in North Carolina, with a diverse population nearing 1 million residents. Two major interstates intersect in the heart of Charlotte, with a third that encircles the city.

History: Northlake Assembly of God was founded in June of 1977 as Evangel Temple Assembly of God. The first meeting took place at the Holiday Inn, located on Sugar Creek Road, and Ralph Dale served as the church's founding Pastor. From there, the church moved to the Tryon Mall, then to the McCrory YMCA, before purchasing 16 acres of land on Sunset Rd. The new church building was completed in 1983. In 1984, Lee Russell became the new Lead Pastor and attendance swelled to over 200, crowding the new building. This led to a 100% vote for expanding the campus to add a new sanctuary designed to seat 600 people. The congregation moved into the new addition in October of 1987. In the early 2000s, the church decided to update the name of the Assembly to match the regional identity of the church's location. The name Northlake Assembly of God was adopted. Soon after, in June of 2007, the church moved into yet another new addition to the facilities, completing today's current footprint with a new family life center, gymnasium, grand foyer entrance, and educational wing. After 26 years as Senior Pastor, Lee Russell announced his retirement in April of 2010 and Jeremy Faughn of Indiana was elected as the new Lead Pastor in July 2010. Pastor Jeremy grew the congregation and served until November of 2019, when he announced his resignation. Following a stint as Interim Pastors beginning in January 2020, Pastors Bruce and Beth Johnson were elected as Lead Pastors of the church on June 14, 2020. In April of 2026, the Johnsons announced their retirement as Lead Pastors at Northlake and from full time ministry.

Population & Demographics: Charlotte has a population of nearly 950,000 people with a median age of 34.5 years. There are 369,000 households, with a median household income of \$82,068. The city has an average graduation rate of about 90% for high school and about 49% for a bachelor's degree or higher. The current median home sale price is \$426,000 as of March 2026.

Climate: The most predictable characteristic of Charlotte's weather is the unpredictability. It is not uncommon, especially in the transition between seasons, to experience both freezing and high temperatures within the same week. Summers in Charlotte can be hot, with averages in the upper 80s and many days as high as 95 degrees. Summer also brings traditional southern humidity that can be thick and sticky. Warmer months can bring brief, but intense, thunder storms and possible, but rare, tornados. Winters in Charlotte are mild by most standards with typical highs in the upper 40s and lows in the upper 20s to mid 30s. Snow is infrequent and light, with one or two snow events per season at max. Ice is more likely than snow and can be disruptive to the city, especially concerning schools and traffic. These events are rare, but

memorable and impactful when they occur. Fall is generally the most mild season of weather, bringing respite from humidity and low rain amounts. Mornings are crisp and afternoons are comfortable. Spring brings much of the same comfort as Fall, but with lots of added pollen.

Spiritual Culture: Charlotte is still considered a Bible Belt city, with 73% of adults in the area professing to be Christians. There are estimated to be over 700 churches within the city and thousands in the entire Charlotte Metro region. Evangelical Protestants and non-denominational churches make up the largest segments of the population. There are multiple modern, fast-growing churches in the area with multiple campuses and younger audiences. About 22% of the population is considered to be non-religious. There is also a small population of adherents to Judaism, Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, and more. The majority of churches in the Charlotte area are racially and culturally separated, though that is not the case at Northlake.

Attractions & Highlights: The city lives up to its tourism motto: “Charlotte’s got a lot!” Major attractions include the NASCAR Hall of Fame (Uptown Charlotte), Charlotte Motor Speedway (Northeast Charlotte/Concord), Carowinds Theme Park (located on the border of SC and home to thrilling coasters and a water park), the Billy Graham Library (Southwest Charlotte), and multiple museums. Colleges and Universities include the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (largest public university with two campuses), Queens University (small, private university), Johnson C. Smith University (HBCU with deep local roots), Johnson & Wales University (focused on culinary arts and hospitality), and Central Piedmont Community College (focused on workforce education). Major sports teams include the Carolina Panthers (NFL), Charlotte Hornets (NBA), Charlotte Checkers (AHL), Charlotte FC (futbol/soccer), Charlotte Knights (MiLB), and Charlotte 49ers (multiple university sports, particularly football). The Panthers, Hornets, Checkers, and Charlotte FC have all reached the playoffs in their respective leagues within the last year. Charlotte is also known as the unofficial capital of NASCAR, with race teams headquartered throughout the area. Other sporting events commonly held in Charlotte include the ACC Basketball Tournament, CIAA Basketball Tournament, Duke’s Mayo Bowl, and the Charlotte Marathon. Charlotte is home to a wealth of parks and outdoor recreational facilities, including the U.S. National Whitewater Center, Lake Norman, Lake Wylie, the Catawba River, the Latta Plantation, and the Carolina’s Raptor Center.

Church Information:

- District Affiliation: Region 2/Greater Charlotte
- Vision: "Building God's Kingdom, One Soul at a Time."
- Mission: “We welcome every person to encounter Jesus Christ and equip them to find their purpose through the power of the Holy Spirit.”
- Governance: Board of Directors- George Newhook (Vice Chair & Treasurer), Renee’ Brooks (Secretary), Jonathan Fletcher, Finny Balla, Rhonda Nordan, Timothy Wheeler
- Staff- Jack Malone (Office Administrator/Choir Director), Jordan Malone (Lead Worshiper), Coty Neel (Youth), and Michael Glavin (Media/Tech). Until May 2026, the Kids Ministry Leader was Tiffany Greene.

Statistical Averages:

- Constituents: 240 individuals call Northlake their home church (171 adults, 69 youth and children)
- Average Sunday AM attendance from 2025: 148
- Service Time(s): Sundays at 10:30am ~ 12pm; Wednesdays "Midweek" Bible study/youth/kids at 6:30pm; Choir/Praise Team rehearsals at 7:40pm (break through summer months)
- Total # of Active Voting Members: 93
- Race percentages of total adherents: White (55%), Black (33%), Hispanic (4%), Native American (2%), Other/Mixed (6%)
- Serve Teams: 1st Impressions, Care, Children's Ministries, Maintenance, Worship, Tech
- Life Groups: Men, Women, "55+", Young Adult, Youth

Church Budget:

- Annual Income: (2025) \$539,463; Average income (2021-2025) \$516,120
- Missions Giving: (2025 distributions) \$39,436 (17 current programs)
- Church debt: \$321,658.45 (Regions Bank mortgage on church gym/education wing)

Property Description:

- The church sits on 18 acres of property owned since 1983, backing up to Sunset Hills Golf Course
- Sanctuary renovation completed in October 2023, seating around 280 chairs (+ original: balcony/tech, built-in baptistry behind platform, stained glass windows)
- Gymnasium: 2 restrooms, kitchen, storage, seating alcove, basketball, volleyball, pickleball, church meals & events
- Main level: Sanctuary, 2 foyers, Church Merch area, coffee bar, conference room, Northlake Kids church, Offices (Pastor, Admin), kitchen + breakroom, 2 restrooms + 1 in Pastor's office (half bath)
- Children's wing: Children's director office/nursing room, 2 restrooms, 3 classrooms (nursery + toddlers), covered drive-through/drop off
- "Level One" (basement): Northlake Youth, 2 restrooms with showers, workshop, ceramics room w/ kiln, storage, 3 classrooms/potential 4th
- Upper level: Livestream/broadcast room, studio, storage
- 2 parking lots with connecting back loop
- Fenced playground area
- 15 passenger 2005 Ford van
- 29 passenger 2007 Chevy bus

Outdoor Property Photos:





Foyer and Sanctuary Photos:









Kids and Youth Space Photos:







Shared Space and Office Photos:

Gymnasium (includes kitchen and 2 bathrooms)



Pastor's Office (includes private half bath)



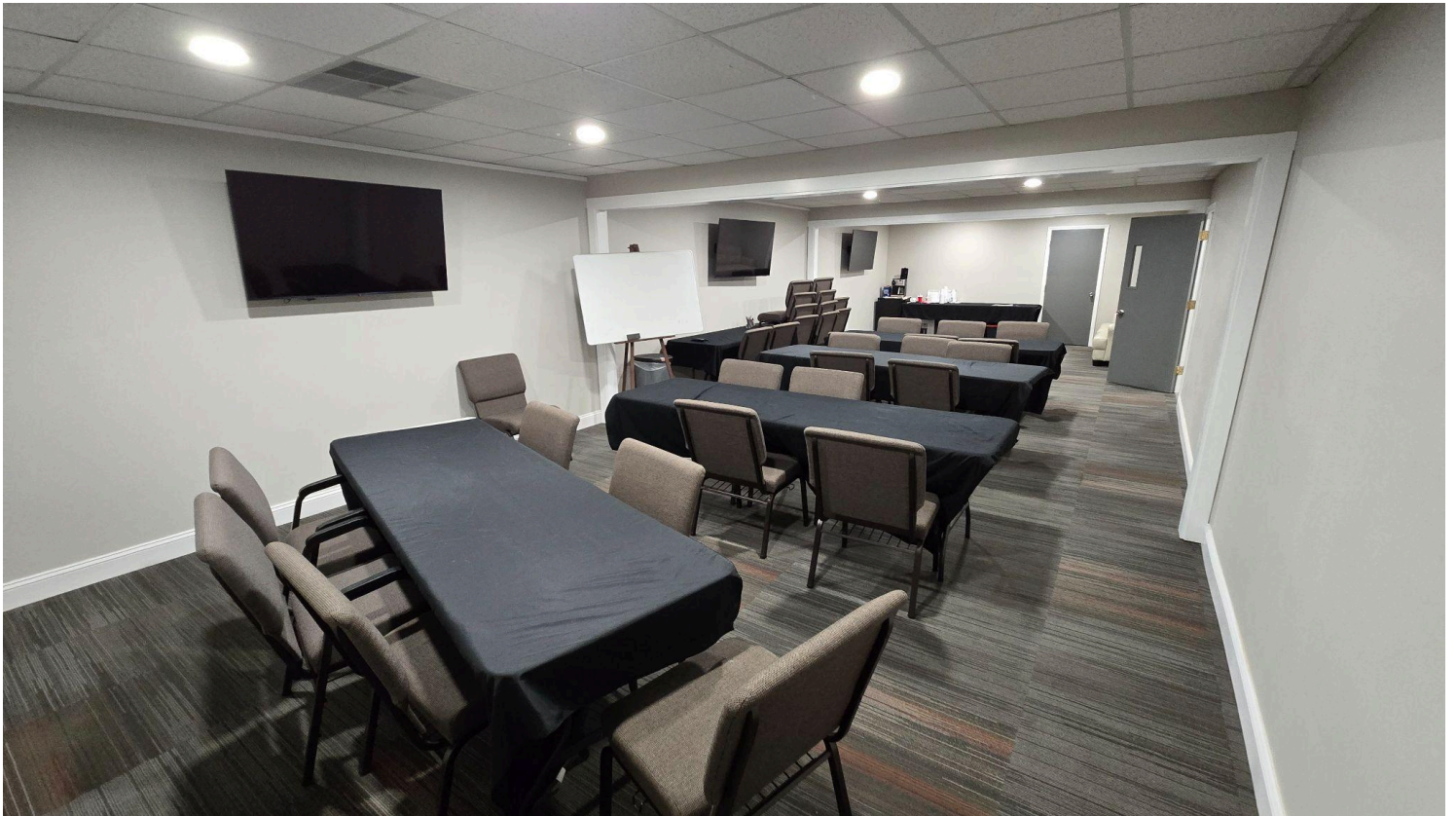
Staff break/kitchen area



Small Conference Room



Adult Classroom/Groups Area



Ceramics room with functional kiln



Additional hallway & foyer photos

