FLETCHER SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

October 29, 2026



Welcome Trey and Vicky Brown - Trey Brown's roots run deep in the Fletcher community. Born at Park Ridge Hospital, now AdventHealth Hendersonville, he attended Captain Gilmer Christian School and graduated from Fletcher Academy. He and his wife, Vicky, married in 2011 and left one week later for a year of service in Micronesia. In 2013, they joined Adventist Frontier Missions and went on to serve in the Middle East for ten years. They are looking forward to welcoming their first child, a little girl, in December!

Trey joins our pastoral team as a part-time pastor with a heart for Bible study, discipleship, and building a community where everyone feels welcome. He loves helping people discover Jesus and equipping church members to share their faith, walk alongside new believers, and welcome them into the Adventist church family.

Please join us in welcoming Trey and Vicky! Trey looks forward to getting to know you.



Trey Brown in Darlene Nash's Sabbath School class at the Fletcher Church, celebrating his second birthday.

Adventurer Induction - Join us this Sabbath, **October 31**, at 1:30 PM for our Adventurer Induction Service! The service will take place in the Adventurer classroom. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with our Adventurers and their families as we begin another exciting year of learning, growing, and serving together!

Potluck Schedule - We regularly have vegetarian potlucks following the worship service on the second and last Sabbaths of the month. The next potluck will be **October 31**. Potluck is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends, to get to know your church family, and to welcome newcomers. Please bring food to share.



Volunteer Photographer Needed for Church Directory Updates - Help us keep our online church directory up to date! We're looking for a volunteer photographer who can be at church for several consecutive Sabbaths to take updated photos of individuals and families. If you're interested in helping, please contact the church office or speak with one of the pastors. You're also welcome to submit an updated photo of yourself and/or your family by emailing it to secretary@fletchersda.org. If you're a Fletcher Church member and don't currently have access to the online directory, please contact the church office for instructions.

Ladies Christmas Chorus - Please join the ladies Christmas chorus singing for the Christmas Eve program. Practice sessions will be held on Friday evenings starting **November 6** from 6:30-7:30pm, in the sanctuary, running through December 18.

Slow Fade

King Solomon said in Ecclesiastes 7:29 that the one thing he had learned was that God made man to walk uprightly and to live a simple honest life. BUT we have made life so complex that in the process we have lost our simplicity and uprightness.

God made man in His own image. To be honest and to walk in a moral way. To tell the truth and to have high standards. To live a simple honest life and not to choose the chaos we choose everyday. When we make the choice to choose frustrations and anger, we let other things in our life take over our happiness. Maybe we didn't realize it. Maybe it's a slow fade. When we look back we wonder how we got there.

I challenge you this week to look in your closet of chaos and see if you can get rid of some of the things that take away your happiness and your time with God and your family.

Slow Fade
Casting Crowns

Be careful little eyes what you see
It's the second glance that ties your hands
As darkness pulls the strings
Be careful little feet where you go
For it's the little feet behind you
That are sure to follow

It's a slow fade
When you give yourself away
It's a slow fade
When black and white have turned to grey
And thoughts invade, choices are made

A price will be paid
When you give yourself away
People never crumble in a day

It's a slow fade

Karin Peters
Women's Ministry Leader

Annual Foster Children's Christmas Party - Sunday, **December 6**, at the Lelia Patterson Center. Each year, Fletcher Church partners with the Henderson County Department of Social Services to host a Christmas party for children in foster care and their foster families. Volunteers are needed for setup, activities during the party, and cleanup afterward. Our greatest need right now is for sponsors for one or more children. When you sign up, you'll receive information about a child and their wish list. Please plan to spend approximately $75 per child and bring your wrapped gifts to the church by November 28. Sign up at the church welcome desk or contact Beth Brinson at (828) 674-3530 or Kalen Harbin at (828) 702-3201. You may also sign up or ask questions by emailing dssfosterparty@gmail.com. Thank you for helping make Christmas special for these children and their families!

Annual Barn Party - **November 7** at the Moore's farm on Howard Gap Road. Gathering at 5:30 PM, all are invited! Please bring chairs, a salad or chili, and/or a dessert, along with a serving utensil. Thank you!



Pastoral Appreciation Month - We invite you to join us in showing appreciation for our pastors and thanking them for their dedication, spiritual leadership, and faithful service to our church family. If you would like to share a card, gift, or note of encouragement, you may drop it off at the church office. Let's take this opportunity to remind our pastors how much they are loved and appreciated!

With Gratitude for Pastor Ivan Blake, by Pastor Ryan Ashlock -

As Pastor Ivan Blake retires from his part-time role on our pastoral staff, we thank God for his nearly seventeen years of faithful service to the Fletcher Church. Ivan served as our lead pastor until his first retirement in 2020. When I came to Fletcher in March 2021, I asked him to serve alongside me and James Reynaert part-time, and I am deeply grateful that he agreed. It has been one of the greatest honors of my life to serve with Ivan.

Ivan has blessed our congregation with wisdom, solid biblical preaching and teaching, steady leadership, and capable administration. Through it all, he has consistently lifted up Jesus.

We also honor Elvera, who previously served Fletcher as a part-time pastor and whose ministry has touched many lives. Ivan and Elvera are deeply loved, and we are thankful that they will continue to be part of our congregation.

As Trey Brown steps into Ivan's staff role, please join me in thanking Ivan and Elvera for all they have given to our church family. We pray that this next chapter brings them rest, joy, and many more opportunities to experience God's goodness.

Prayer Requests

If you would like to be added to our prayer list, please speak with one of the pastors or contact the church office during office hours.
You are welcome to join us in praying for the following people:

- Individuals with private needs.
- AdventHealth
- Captain Gilmer Christian School
- Fletcher Academy Ministries Inc.
- Our home-bound members
- Radio Station WFHC

Also:

- Allen Wightman
- Ana Roberts, friend of Georgiana Hill
- Anne Krishingner
- Brad Hansen
- Brexton Fleming
- Brittany (Weis) Kinney
- Christie Vandiver, friend of Michael Hill
- Colton Summey
- Dawn Christianson, daughter of Shirley Polivka
- Debbie Shaw's friend
- Gene Wilkie
- Gerald Moretz
- Hayden Brown
- John Campbell, Patricia Higgins' brother
- John Carter
- Jon Smith
- JR Peters' Family
- Leroy Brown
- Marcia Allen's Great Great Grandson, Briggs
- Michael O'Connor
- Mike Summey
- Opie Winston
- Patrick and Sharon McGraw
- Paula Saunders
- Rosa Kirwan
- Shirley Polivka's friends Christine & Jad Davis
- Shari & Kyrie Ruiz
- Sharon Brinson
- Steven Jones, military service
- Theresa Southard

SDA Singles Ministry - SDA Community Singles Ministry is hosting a private potluck for single people on Sabbath **November 7** at 12:30 pm in the Fletcher Church Fellowship Hall.
Please contact Kathy Lynch for information. 828-693-9936
singles@fletchersda.org

Board Meeting Minutes - If you are a member of the Fletcher Church and would like to be able to review minutes of church board meetings, they are now available on a password-protected part of the church website - https://www.fletchersda.org/meetingminutes. Please email the church office for access instructions.



Community Services & Thrift Store

A Ministry of the Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church

Health Screening - The Community Services & Thrift Store is now partnering with Advent Health in providing a monthly Free Health Screening to the public. It is a great opportunity to consult a health professional on what your current health status may be. Their services will check BMI (know your target weight goals), Blood Pressure (learn your stress level), & Blood Glucose (are you at risk for diabetes?). Come visit the Thrift Store; conveniently stop by the Community Service wing between the time of 2pm-3:30pm. No appointment will be necessary. The next Free Health Screening is Tuesday **November 3**. Stop by and/or tell a friend!

Non-Perishable Food Donations Needed - The Community Services & Thrift Store on Howard Gap Road operates a food pantry each Tuesday. Your donations will help feed an average of 50 families per week. The items we are in most need of are:

- 1 lb bags of dry rice, dry black beans, pinto, lentils, pasta etc.
- retail size cans of fruit, marinara

Donations may be placed in the collection box in the church coat closet. If you would like to give a monetary donation for the food pantry you may give online or using an offering envelope at church and designating your gift for "Thrift Store Food."

Thrift Store Mortgage Reduction Campaign Updates - Thank you for giving to pay down the mortgage and free up additional funds for ministry to our community. The mortgage was originally $698,750. As of September 30 we have been able to pay down $131,537. If you would like to support this effort and speed it up, gifts may be made:

Online: www.fletchersda.org/give. In AdventistGiving, select Local Offerings → Thrift Store / Comm Serv Mortgage Fund.
By check: Please note "Thrift Store Mortgage" in the memo line



$698,750
Goal

$131,537
Raised

As of September 30

This Week at a Glance

Friday, October 30	7:30 am 6:38 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 929-220-3009 access code 532 601 306# Sunset
Sabbath, October 31	9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 1:30 pm 6:37 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Trey Brown Potluck, Fellowship Hall, Kroiter Team Adventurer Induction, Rm 105 Sunset
Sunday, November 1	 2:00 pm 7:30 pm	Daylight Savings Time Ends Wilkie Baby Shower, Fellowship Hall Praying Together on the Phone, call 518-551-0106 access code 438 744 051#
Monday, November 2	7:00 pm	Bible Study - Acts, Conference Room, Mary Alice White
Tuesday, November 3	10:00 am-4:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Thrift Store, 2231 Howard Gap Rd, Cheryl Grant Finance Committee, Conference Room Board Meeting, Conference Room
Wednesday, November 4	11:00 am 6:30 pm ~~7:00 pm~~	Faith Lift Bible Study - Esther, Rm 311, Pastor Elvera Blake Mid-Week Prayer Service, Sanctuary, Pastor Ryan Ashlock ~~Bible Study, Rm 212, Mitchell Nicholaides~~
Thursday, November 5	6:45 am 10:00 am-2:00 pm	Men's Bible Study, Conference Room Arts, Crafts, Prayer & Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
Friday, November 6	7:30 am 5:31 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 929-220-3009 access code 532 601 306# Sunset
Sabbath, November 7	9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Singles Potluck, Fellowship Hall Barn Party, Moore Farm Sunset

July 2026 - June 2027

Giving to Church Budget YTD through

September:

Needed: 116,093.00

Received: 71,993.07

October:

Needed: 38,698.00

Received: 9,571.94

A copy of the Church Budget is available at the desk in the narthex.

You can make contributions online by going to fletchersda.org/give or you can mail your tithe and offering for Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church: 1141 Howard Gap Road, Hendersonville, NC 28792

Note: All appeals for funds are to be approved by the Finance Committee.

Send tax deductible donations for WFHC Radio to: PO Box 153, Naples, NC 28760

Community Outreach by the Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church

Many church members are actively involved in serving their community. They do it freely, generously, without making known what they do. But we hear about some of what is done in the name of Christ, and we give thanks to God for this effective ministry.

Below is a list of some of the organized and known activities that serve the needs of people in our community and beyond. If you would like to get involved in helping with one or more of these ministries, please contact a pastor or one of the ministry leaders.

1. The **Thrift Store**, a ministry of Fletcher Church, is staffed by volunteers from our church community and beyond. It provides clothing, furniture, and household items to the public. Often the store assists people who face hard times by donating materials.

2. The **Fletcher Christian Counseling Center** is a ministry of the Fletcher Church and provides Christ-centered mental health services. We currently employ five therapists who meet with clients throughout the week.

3. We partner with other Seventh-day Adventist Churches to support our schools **Fletcher Academy** and **Captain Gilmer Christian School**. Members of our congregation work and volunteer at the schools and provide scholarship funds for children from the community as well as for members of our church family.

4. Programs on **Mental and Physical Health, Divorce Recovery, and Depression Management** attract people from the community. The programs run for several weeks at a time and occur throughout the year.

5. **Bible Presentations** are held each year to serve those who respond to our invitations with opportunities to know God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ and life in the Spirit.

6. Our church facility is a venue for weekly meetings held by **Alcoholics Anonymous** and **Narcotics Anonymous**. Such organizations often have difficulty being accommodated by churches. We are happy to open our doors to these recovery support groups.

7. Each year up to 70 children attend the **Foster Children's Christmas Party** which is put on by our church. Henderson County Social Services partners with us to select the families. Our church members purchase gifts for the children and provide food and funds to shower the kids with love.

8. Children and youth from the community are sponsored each summer to attend age-appropriate **Summer Camp** at NOSOCA Pines Ranch in South Carolina.

9. We partner with the Lelia Patterson Center on Sunday mornings for an **Adult Men's Basketball Ministry** starting at 9am. Please contact Jacob Stout at 573-303-1969 for more information.

10. A faithful team of volunteers from our church serves lunch every Sunday to the homeless at the **Hendersonville Rescue Mission.**

11. Our congregation supports the **Interfaith Assistance Ministry** organization with funds and volunteer help. This organization has skilled personnel who assist needy people in Henderson County with food, clothing, rent assistance, and utility payments.

12. Agencies such as **Safelight, Free Clinics**, and **Open Arms Pregnancy Center** in Hendersonville are supported by members of our church who provide volunteer help.