FLETCHER SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

October 1, 2026

SDA Community Singles - will be having a potluck for Single people on Sabbath **October 3** beginning at 12:30 PM. Please bring food to share. For more information, please contact Kathy Lynch at 828-693-9936 or email her at singles@fletchersda.org.



Fletcher Academy Homecoming Weekend - October 2–4. Fletcher Academy invites alumni and friends to Homecoming Weekend, **October 2–4**. Friday vespers and the Sabbath morning alumni worship service will be held in the Lelia Patterson Center. Regular Sabbath worship services will also take place as usual at Fletcher Church.

New Adult Sabbath School Class - On **October 3**, Dr. Jacques Doukhan (assisted by Pastor Ivan Blake) will begin teaching from the Adult Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly in Room 301 (Upper Level, North wing). Dr Doukhan is a Senior Research Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University. He is also the General Editor for the new SDAIBC (Seventh-day Adventist International Bible Commentary) Project. His vast experience as a teacher of the Bible will be reflected in this new Sabbath School class. Anyone is welcome. Please keep in mind that there are only 17 chairs available in Room 301.

FPI Communion - On **October 10**, at 2:00 PM, The Lord's Supper will also be held in the Fletcher Park Inn upper Room, led by Pastors Elvera and Ivan Blake.

Communion Service - We celebrate communion with our Lord and with one another once each quarter through foot washing (John 13:1–17) and the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:17–30). Our next communion service will be Sabbath, **October 10**, 2026, during the 10:50 AM worship service. All followers of Jesus Christ are welcome to participate. We use gluten free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice for the communion service.



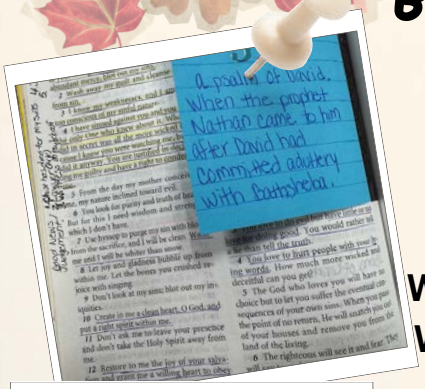
Volunteer Photographer Needed for Church Directory Updates - Help us keep our online church directory up to date! We're looking for a volunteer photographer who can be at church for several consecutive Sabbaths to take updated photos of individuals and families. If you're interested in helping, please 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.

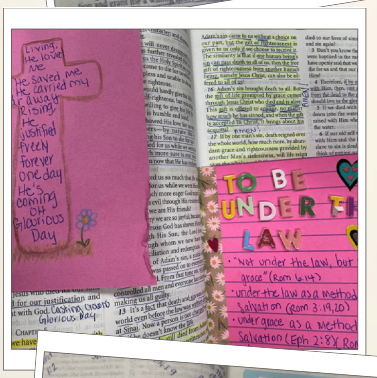
Men's Basketball Fellowship - This ministry of the Fletcher Church meets most Sundays at 9:00 AM at the Lelia Patterson Center next door to the church (no LPC membership required to participate). Men from the church and community are welcome. Contact Jacob Stout for more information.

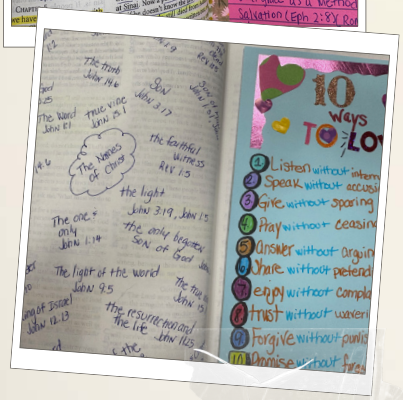
Global Prayer Day: Praying for Our South Asian Neighbors - Join Adventists around the world on Sunday, **November 1**, at 8:00 AM EST for a special online prayer gathering focused on our South Asian neighbors. Millions of people from South Asian backgrounds now call North America home. They are our coworkers, classmates, physicians, business owners, friends, and neighbors. Together, we will pray that they may experience God's love, encounter Jesus, and discover hope and salvation in Him. The program is sponsored by the GC Global Mission Center for South Asian Religions and will feature Richard E. McEdward, General Conference Secretary. Join by Zoom: https://adventist.zoom.us/j/97619396537. Please note: Daylight Saving Time ends November 1. The program begins at 8:00 AM Eastern Standard Time.

Women's Ministry Team Invites you to

BIBLE JOURNALING CLASS







Who: Women of all ages
When: October 18th 6pm-8pm
Where: FSDA Fellowship Hall
1141 Howard Gap Rd.
Hendersonville, NC

WHAT TO BRING:

- A Bible to journal in,
- a favorite Bible text,
- a passage or even a song that was written from Bible texts
- a friend

Donations of colored pencils, markers, construction paper or colored card stock paper, stickers, scissors, Washi Tape are being accepted

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE REACH OUT TO KARIN PETERS AT 828-490-2868 OR WOMENMINISTRIES@FLETCHERSDA.ORG

DONATE AND/OR REGISTER

Somebody Prayed

Song by Crowder

Every night there by your bed

You fold your hands & bow your head

Throwing out another prayer in faith

When you're wondering if He's hearing you

Look at me, I'm living proof

I'm only right where I am today

Because somebody prayed

When I heard this song I thought about all the people who were praying for me to come back to church. They prayed for me for over 10 years, they never gave up hope that God would answer their prayers.

Through their prayers I returned to church around a year ago. It's been really exciting to see what God has done for me and my growth in faith. Don't get me wrong, there have been ups and downs, but I praise Him and thank Him for all of them because it will help me grow even closer to Him.

Please continue to pray for your children, family members and friends who have left the church. I am living proof that somebody prayed.

Karin Peters
Women's Ministry Leader

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 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



Community Services & Thrift Store

A Ministry of the Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church

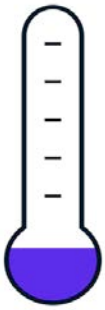
Non-Perishable Food Donations Needed – The Community Services & Thrift Store on Howard Gap Road operates a food pantry each Tuesday. Your donations will help feed an average of 50 families per week. The items we are in most need of are:

- 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 August 31 we have been able to pay down $129,038. 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

$129,038
Raised

As of August 31

From Thrift Store Linens to First-Place Ribbons – A little creativity can turn a thrift store find into something extraordinary! Virginia, one of our thrift store customers, transformed linens she purchased at our store into these beautiful outfits and took home first-place ribbons at the North Carolina Mountain State Fair! Congratulations, Virginia, and thank you for sharing this fun story with our church family.



Other News Around Our Community

PLAN NOW! to join us for the Carolina Conference Youth Rally on the campus of Mount Pisgah Academy!

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Carolina Conference Youth Rally

November 6-7, 2026
Mount Pisgah Academy



sermon series brought to you by: Joe Frescino

praise music brought to you by: Summit Worship

registration is already open!
www.pisgah.us/impact



This Week at a Glance

Friday, October 2	7:30 am 7:14 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 929-220-3009 access code 532 601 306# Sunset
Sabbath, October 3	8:15 am 9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 7:12 pm	Elders Meeting Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Community Singles Potluck, Fellowship Hall Sunset
Sunday, October 4	7:30 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 518-551-0106 access code 438 744 051#
Monday, October 5	7:00 pm	Bible Study - Acts, Conference Room, Mary Alice White
Tuesday, October 6	10:00 am-4:00 pm	Thrift Store, 2231 Howard Gap Rd, Cheryl Grant
Wednesday, October 7	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, October 8	6:45 am 10:00 am-2:00 pm	Men's Bible Study, Conference Room, Pastor Ivan Blake Arts, Crafts, Prayer & Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
Friday, October 9	7:30 am 7:04 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 929-220-3009 access code 532 601 306# Sunset
Sabbath, October 10	9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 1:30 pm 7:02 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor James Reynaert Singles Potluck, Witt Team Adventurers, Fellowship Hall Sunset

July 2026 - June 2027

YTD through August:

Needed: 77,395.00

Received: 48,656.86

September:

Needed: 38,698.00

Received: 16,568.09

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.