FLETCHER SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

October 22, 2026

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!

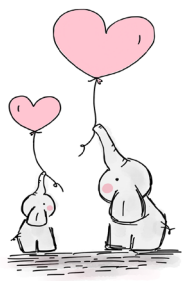
SDA Singles Ministry - is hosting a private potluck for single people on Sabbath **November 7** at 12:30 pm. If you are single please join us. For information contact Kathy Lynch 828-693-9936 or Singles@fletchersda.org

Church Hike - This Sabbath, **October 24**, is our scheduled day for our church hike, to enjoy God's nature this beautiful time of year and warm fellowship. We will meet at 2:15 pm in church parking lot and gather together to choose a hike that is appropriate for those participating. There are several options available in the national forest areas and the weather is expected to be great. We will car pool and depart at 2:30 pm, keeping in mind that sunset is only 4 hours later. Questions? Call Pat 828- 674-4493 or Terry 828-674-4493.



Gym/Game Nights for 2026-2027 - The first game night of the year will be **October 24** at 6:30 PM at the Lelia Patterson Center (LPC). Pizza and snacks will be provided. The church normally hosts six game nights at the LPC during each school year. The game night for November is scheduled for November 21. Look for a full schedule of game nights to be published in the newsletter in the near future. Each gym/game night begins with worship. Afterwards the gym will be open for various games - basketball, volleyball, table games, etc. Come and bring a friend!

Thank you church family for showering us and our little one in love and blessings! We are so grateful for you all! Love, Trey and Vicky Brown



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.



Church Directory - An online and secure church directory which provides contact information for the church family is available to all church members. If you would like to be included in the directory and/or have access to it, please contact the church office.

Looking for Something Good to Read? - If you would like some free books and pamphlets, come to the library! The library is open on Sabbaths from 9:00–9:30 AM and for 30 minutes following the worship service.

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!



Mission Video - God draws 3 wandering youth back to His family in these stories related to this Sabbath's Mission Spotlight video. Read them and be encouraged. Christ's unrelenting love is still changing lives!

Change My Life
Every Step a Battle
Finding Family on the Streets of Helsinki

Childlike Faith

We are reminded in Proverbs 22:6 that we should train our children in the way they should go and they will remember it when they are old.

We have great Sabbath School teachers, leaders and helpers here at Fletcher SDA Church and they are here as support to help train up our children to follow Jesus, and sometimes we make this more difficult when we don't support them. There are many hours that go into preparing the classes each week so that our children will feel safe learning about Jesus. There are children who come each week because someone has brought them to learn about Jesus because they aren't getting that learning at home. And I know sometimes it is easier to criticize than to support them, however Jesus clearly says in Mark 10:13-15 that He was very displeased with His disciples when they turned the children away.

(13) Soon a group of mothers were crowding around, trying to bring their children to Jesus for a blessing. His disciples told them to go away.

(14) When Jesus saw what they were doing, He was very displeased and said, "Don't stop these mothers. Let the little ones come to me, for God's kingdom is made up of those with childlike faith.

(15) In fact, unless people are as trusting as these little children, they cannot possibly have part in God's Kingdom,"

So this week let's please remember to pray for our children's department teachers and their helpers.

Adventurers-Liz & Giancarlo Banuchi

Cradle Roll-Darlene Nash

Pre-K-Vangie Archer

Kindergarten-Tami Summey

Primary-Evelyn Nicholaides

Junior-Jason Wightman

Earliteen-Katie Schnell

Youth-Pastor James



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 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



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 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

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Raised

As of September 30

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 23	7:30 am 6:46 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 929-220-3009 access code 532 601 306# Sunset
Sabbath, October 24	9:30 am 10:50 am 2:15 pm 6:30 pm 6:45 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ivan Blake Hiking Club Gym Night, LPC Sunset
Sunday, October 25	7:30 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 518-551-0106 access code 438 744 051#
Monday, October 26	7:00 pm	Bible Study - Acts, Conference Room, Mary Alice White
Tuesday, October 27	10:00 am-4:00 pm	Thrift Store, 2231 Howard Gap Rd, Cheryl Grant
Wednesday, October 28	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 29	6:45 am 10:00 am-2:00 pm	Men's Bible Study, Conference Room Arts, Crafts, Prayer & Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
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 6:37 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Trey Brown Potluck, Fellowship Hall, Kroiter Team Sunset

July 2026 - June 2027

YTD through September:

Needed: 116,093.00

Received: 71,993.07

October:

Needed: 38,698.00

Received: 8,116.94

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.