

Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church

NEWSLETTER - February 22, 2024



THE MEMORIAL SERVICE - for Tom Mitchell will be held at Trinity View Retirement Community, 2533 Hendersonville Road, Arden, on Sabbath, **March 2**, at 3:00 pm, in the Gathering Room on the First Floor. Tom was baptized at the Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church on September 16, 2017. The peace of God flooded his life when he received Jesus as His Savior and Lord. After his wife, Jean, passed away, he married Pauline Duchesne, who was baptized on August 1, 2020. Pauline continues to live at Trinity View. Tom's children are Jim, Mark, Cindy and Patti. From them 8 grandchildren were born and 20 great grandchildren. Tom passed away at the age of 89 on February 13, 2024. Thank you for praying for Pauline and Tom's family. It will be very meaningful if you are able to attend Tom's memorial service.

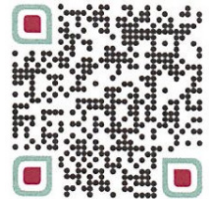
PATHFINDER BIBLE EXPERIENCE - A team of our Pathfinders will be in Charlotte on **February 24**, 2024 to be tested on their Bible knowledge. These Pathfinders have worked hard to memorize the books of Joshua and Judges. Congratulations to our team for successfully passing the Area level of testing last month. Please pray for them as they proceed to the Conference level. There are four levels of competition - Area, Conference, Union, and Division. At each level, the teams scoring 90% or higher of the highest score at their testing site make 1st place and are invited to go on to the next level. More information about the Pathfinder Bible Experience here: <https://nadpbe.org/>

CHURCH HIKING CLUB - Our monthly church hike/walk is scheduled, as usual, for the **4th Sabbath**, meeting at 2:15-2:30 pm in north side church parking area. At that time we will check the weather and decide on a nice location. Perhaps we could hike at Dupont Forest area along Holly Road to Hooker Falls and back, an easy, approximately 3 mile total distance. All suggestions are considered. All are welcome!!

BOOK SALE - Sunday, **February 25** from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at 173 Tulip Trail. There will be lots of Bibles, religious and historical books, picture books, cookbooks and music books for sale. Prices will range from \$0.50-\$5.00. All proceeds will be donated to the Pathfinder club of your choice for their upcoming trip to the camporee in Gillette, WY. Questions, please reach out to Ginger Turner at 540-874-5461

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY - There is still time to contribute to the 2024 Religious Liberty Offering. On the table in the narthex, there are Liberty Bonds to explain how to contribute.

BLOOD DRIVE - The Blood Connection will be having a blood drive in the Rotunda of the Leila Patterson Center on **February 26** from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. To make an [appointment](#), scan the QR code and enter the sponsor code: 23EG



CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING - **March 4**, 6:30 pm, in the Youth Room. Your input and your vote matter. All church members are invited to attend. The main item on the agenda is a proposal to build a playground behind the church. The goal with the playground is not just to serve our own needs, but to make the playground open to the public, providing a place of connection for children and their families.

LIGHT THE NIGHT - We will be hosting a screening on **March 5** at 6:30 pm in the church sanctuary of the Light The Night documentary film to spread hope and fight suicide. The film focuses on a faith movement to end teen suicide, support mental health, and shine the light on the story that is just beginning.

NORTH CAROLINA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP - For the 2024-2025 school year all North Carolina K-12 students are eligible for the scholarship regardless of income. Prior public school enrollment is no longer a requirement for eligibility. The Opportunity Scholarship helps parents pay tuition and fees at eligible nonpublic schools. Both of our schools, Captain Gilmer and Fletcher Academy, are currently eligible. Scholarship applications open on February 1, 2024 for new applicants. Families should apply by March 1st (there is no advantage to applying February 1st). Scholarships range from approximately \$3,000 to \$7,000 and are based on a family's household income. For more information and to apply visit <https://www.ncseaa.edu/k12/opportunity/>

THANK YOU - to all who donated suitcase for the upcoming Church mission trip to Kenya. We have enough suitcases to carry all the extra supplies. Trip participants depart on March 6. Please pray for the success of this trip and for the Fletcher Academy mission trips to Belize and Thailand departing around the same time.

FLETCHER FALCONS - are headed to the International Pathfinder Camporee! This August, the Fletcher Falcons are thrilled to join Pathfinders from around the globe at the International Pathfinder Camporee in Gillette, Wyoming. It's a unique opportunity for growth, learning, and fellowship on an international stage. We're reaching out to our community for support to make this incredible journey possible. If you would like to contribute, please mark your donation for "Pathfinder Camporee." Donations can be made through a tithe envelope or [online](#). Our goal is to raise \$30,000 which will cover travel, accommodations, and other expenses, ensuring every Falcon has the chance to soar at this global event. Your support can make a world of difference. Thank you for considering a donation to help our Pathfinders shine on the international stage!

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION - is now open at Nosoca Pines Ranch! We believe that camp is the perfect opportunity for children to make new friends, gain independence, develop new skills, and most importantly, learn more about Jesus! To secure a spot for an unforgettable summer please reach out to [Pastor James!](#)

JOB OPENING - Community Services Director - The Fletcher Church Thrift Store is a growing ministry. This is a paid position. 10 hrs/week. Contact Pastor Ryan Ashlock. Please keep our thrift store and the team of volunteers who serve there in your prayers. We need a better location for the thrift store sooner rather than later.

NO REFORMATION TOUR THIS YEAR - The Church's Fall 2024 Reformation Tour has been cancelled.

GIFT CARDS NOW AVAILABLE - The Thrift Shop is now offering gift cards! These cards can be purchased at the Thrift Shop on 34 Doelger Drive on Tuesdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

PRAYER POWER

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. Also: Opie Winston; Colton Summey; Annette Heller, friend of Greg & Connie Peters, cancer diagnosis; Dolly Sills, pancreatic cancer, (sister of Don Wetmore); Rodney Johnson, (brother of Sarah Huston); Darlene Nash; Tim Browning; Janis Moore's cousin Debi, brain tumor; Mike Summey; Julie C. with kidney failure, and her family, for strength & comfort; Hayden Brown; Jim Archer; Nancy Merz; Rolene Hanson; Noreen Harrison (in hospice care) and her children, Lori & Michael; Cheri Matthews recovery from surgery, her step-father (cancer) & mother; Elizabeth Culver; Elaine Myers; Brittany (Weis) Kinney; Ellen Herman, Maria Nudd's mother; Gene and Anne Krushingner; Paula Saunders; Shari & Kyrie Ruiz; Susan Chun's niece, Janice Chun, leukemia; Debbie Shaw's friend; Tara Rains; Steven Jones, military service; Sharon Brinson; Gerald Moretz; Brad Hansen; Bob & Joyce Osborne; Jack LaPrade; John Campbell; Brexton Fleming, developmental challenges; Shirley Polivka's friends Christine & Jade Davis; Kathy Sterner's sister-in-law, heart; Dave Pendleton's friends; Our home-bound members; Fletcher Academy Ministries Inc.; Captain Gilmer Christian School; Fletcher Park Inn; Radio Station WFHC; AdventHealth.

INTERFAITH ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES

Please leave items for Interfaith in the box in the coat closet near the narthex.



IAM PANTRY NEEDS FEBRUARY 2024

Your generosity will have a direct and immediate impact on the lives of Henderson County residents dealing with issues of health, safety, and food insecurity.

Food Items

- Peanut Butter
- Canned fruit
- Canned tuna and chicken
- Canned corn
- Canned mixed vegetables
- Canned beans
- Canned soup
- Canned diced tomatoes
- Dry pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Cereal

Personal Care Items

- Diapers sizes 4,5,6 (no pull-ups)
- Stick deodorant
- Shampoo
- Bar Soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Razors
- Baby wipes
- Gallon ziplock bags



IAM CLOTHING NEEDS FEBRUARY 2024

New Items Appreciated. Gently Used Always Welcomed.



- Men's Jeans Sizes 28-32
- Towels
- Blankets/Comforters
- Boys' and Girls' Shoes - New and Gently Used
- Boys' and Girls' Teen Clothing
- New Underwear in All Sizes
- Gently Used or New Hooded Winter Coats
- Plastic Totes



OTHER NEWS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

CONDOLENCES - Mary Smith is now resting in Jesus. There will be a Memorial Service at the Hendersonville Adventist Church on Sabbath, **February 24**, at 3:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be sent in her memory to the Hendersonville SDA Church for the Evangelism Fund. Please keep her family and all who knew and loved her in your prayers.

RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION IN THE WORKPLACE - The Southern Union PARL Department is hosting a Zoom session on **February 24** at 5:00 pm. This live webinar reviews the EEOC Guidelines and will help to clarify some common misconceptions about the employment law that covers religious accommodation. Learn the basic “dos and don’ts” before you head into a crisis. Presented by Kevin James, passcode is: freedom



Zoom Link
passcode: freedom

HYVE CREATORS 2024 - Adventist Young Professionals is a proud sponsor of Hyve Creators 2024 - the largest gathering of Adventist entrepreneurs happening **February 29 - March 3, 2024** at Southern Adventist University. You can read all about it and register at [AYP.me/Hyve](https://ayp.me/hyve).

AWAKEN - March 1-3, 2024. A 3-day conference at Nosoca Pines Ranch in South Carolina, designed to equip young adults for the next step in their journey to spiritual revival. Keynote speaker Sam Leonor, Music by Warehouse and Pursuit. The theme this year is “The Power of Love” Register at awakennc.com

SINGLES MINISTRY RETREAT - March 8-10, 2024 at Nosoca Pines Ranch with speaker Pastor Eli Rojas. Register at carolinasda.org. For more information contact lmoyer@carolinasda.org.

ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO - Imagine learning about God and the Adventist Church through a message in a bottle! This is exactly what happened to a man in the Middle East...Don't miss this and many other incredible stories during Adventist World Radio's annual offering on **March 9**. Visit arw.org/videos to watch inspiring videos of stories like this. To give, visit awr.org/give.

LIGHT THE NIGHT - March 18, 2024 at BRCC Conference Hall, 49 E. Campus Dr. Flat Rock from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. A documentary film to spread hope and fight suicide with guest speaker Emma Benoit. This event is designed for teens. Free Chick-Fil-A, candy, merch and more! Learn more: <https://www.lighthenight828.com>

3R DANIEL FAST - The Hendersonville SDA Church is hosting a 21 Day Physical and Spiritual reboot. The Daniel Fast will focus on reviving your spirit, reforming your lifestyle and restoring your whole person. The program will be held from **March 31- April 27**. For more information please reach out to Judith Thomas at 828.692.2255.

ADVENTIST YOUNG PROFESSIONALS MISSION TRIP - May 22-27, 2024 During the 5 days together, you'll participate in a restoration project, outreach projects, and impactful worship. Beyond making a missional impact in Miami, you'll have the opportunity to experience the sights of SoFlo alongside new friends from across North America and beyond! Pre-registration is now open! Visit [AYP.me/MissionTrip](https://ayp.me/MissionTrip) to learn more and pre-register.

ASAP MINISTRIES - Partner with Asap Ministries in serving the marginalized and reaching the unreached in Southeast Asia with the wholistic gospel. What you do today can change a life for eternity! To learn more visit asapministries.org. Subscribe to their weekly Mission Matters videos. Follow them on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/asapministries), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/asapministries), and YouTube: [asapministries](https://www.youtube.com/asapministries)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23	7:30 am 6:20 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code #6840332 Sunset
SABBATH, FEBRUARY 24	9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 2:15 pm 6:20 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Potluck, Fellowship Hall Hiking Club, Terry & Pat Higgins Sunset
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Room #118, Kris Wetmore Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code #6840332
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Handbell practice, Fellowship Hall, Debbie & Kevin Engelkemier Bible Study, Holy Spirit, Conference Room, Mary Alice White
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27	9:00am-1:00pm	Thrift Store, Doelger Drive, Gerald Moretz
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28	11:00 am 6:30 pm After Prayer Service	Faithlift Women's Bible Study, Matthew's Take on Jesus, Room #311, Elvera Blake Mid-week Prayer Service, Sanctuary, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Bible Study, Room #212, Mitchell Nicholaides
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29	6:45 am	Men's Bible Study, Conference Room, Pastor Ivan Blake
FRIDAY, MARCH 1	7:30 am 6:00 pm 6:26 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code #6840332 'The First', Fellowship Hall, Family Life Sabbath School Sunset
SABBATH, MARCH 2	8:15 am 9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 6:26 pm	Elders Meeting, Conference Room, Merle Peterson Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ryan Ashlock SDA Community Singles Potluck, Fellowship Hall, Kathy Lynch Sunset

CHURCH BUDGET JULY 2023 - JUNE 2024

YTD through January:

Needed: 234,624.00

Received: 249,219.24

February:

Needed: 33,518.00

Received: 14,620.79

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

You can make contributions online by

going to fletchersda.org and clicking

on "online giving" or you can mail

your tithe and offerings to:

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 donation for

WFHC Radio to:

PO Box 153, Naples, NC 28760





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Vice Principal

February 12, 2024

Constitute Church Families:

The teaching staff at Captain Gilmer Christian School have felt called by God to do a mission trip this coming summer in hopes of enhancing the primary school at Riverside Institute in Zambia. Riverside is a mission outpost about 1 ½ hours south of the capital city of Lusaka. It is supported by many Seventh-day Adventist-based organizations that work to fulfill the mission of the SDA Church. The location consists of a farm, a primary school, a secondary school, a medical clinic, and a dental clinic among other services. CGCS would like to spend a week helping the primary school with its vast and numerous needs. The children that attend there come from the local villages. These children come from homes where the only meal they may get is at Riverside. Child prostitution and child marriages are also a big problem in Zambia. Riverside School has partnerships with other charitable organizations such as Child Impact, which provides a safe place for many children. The teachers at the primary school have their hands full with many children with various physical and emotional needs. Most of the teachers don't have nearly enough supplies for their students. They don't have enough books or teaching materials. Students don't have enough paper or pencils let alone coloring and art supplies. Each classroom is equipped with a very small chalkboard, and that is about it. The teaching staff at CGCS have been in contact with the administration to partner with their educators and offer professional development and partner teaching to build classroom strategies and help facilitate opportunities to connect CGCS and Riverside. We also have the desire to help with providing needed supplies and resources to better meet students' needs by bringing an extra suitcase full of supplies for each grade level's different needs. We are praying about this and would like to ask the church members, community members, and FAI staff if they would pray about this opportunity and help donate funds for our teachers to do this trip. You could even sponsor a teacher completely with enough funds to go. The cost for EVERYTHING would be around \$4,000 per teacher. So far, we have 10 CGCS members who would like to go and are praying for God's provision.