



FLETCHER

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

July 16, 2026

THRIFT STORE - The Thrift Store has CGCS and Fletcher Academy uniforms. Please come by on Tuesdays between 10 am and 4 pm to see our selection and get ready for the upcoming school year.

WELCOME TO LESLIE LOUIS, OUR CAROLINA CONFERENCE PRESIDENT - This Sabbath, **July 18**, Elder Leslie Louis will be bringing the morning message based on John 15:4-11 and he plans to join us for potluck after the worship service. Please take the opportunity on Sabbath to get acquainted with Elder Louis and make him feel welcome. Elder Louis was born to missionary parents from India on the island of Ceylon (today known as Sri Lanka) where he spent most of his boyhood days. He was elected to serve as the 37th president of the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in 2011, was re-elected in 2016 for a second term and again in 2022 for his third term ending in August 2027. Leslie is married to Carole. They have two adult children and three grandchildren. The Carolina Conference headquarters is located in Charlotte.



SDA COMMUNITY SINGLES - will not meet Sabbath August 1 for potluck. They will resume in September.



WHAT DO OUR POTLUCKS AND FEEDING THOSE IN NEED HAVE IN COMMON? YOU - On the 3rd Sabbath Potluck we will be boxing up leftovers from the potlucks and taking them to Free Fridge Asheville. Ah, What's Free Fridge Asheville? It is a program that began in November 2024 following Hurricane Helene to meet the needs of residents who were struggling to have enough food. That need persists. There are several locations in Asheville that are open 24-7 where prepared meals may be dropped off and placed in refrigerators housed at each location enabling those who need food to have easy access. If you choose to contribute your leftovers there will be a table designated for you to leave the remainder of your potluck dish. It will be boxed up. And taken it to one of the Free Fridge locations. Not to worry, your dish will be ready for you to take home as always. Thank you for helping this ministry: It

won't happen without you. The next all-church potluck will be **July 18**.

Summer Youth Schedule

July 20 - Korzyniowski's

168 Anderson Oaks Rd. Fletcher, NC
Pool (bring towel & swimsuit if swimming)
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

July 29 - Bunches

275 Majestic View Ct. Hendersonville, NC
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

August 5 - Sliding Rock

Meet at the Fletcher Church at 6:00 pm,
permission slip required

SUMMER YOUTH SCHEDULE UPDATE - Please note that the July 22 event has been moved to **July 20**. It will still be at the Korzyniowski's.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR GREGORY WILLIAM PETERS, JR.

- A service to celebrate Gregory's life will be held on Sunday, **August 9**, 2026, at 4:00 PM at the Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church. Greg, known to many as "JR," passed peacefully to his rest on July 1, 2026 in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection. Born on January 12, 1976, in Pennsylvania, Greg was a dedicated family man and a cherished member of his community. A graduate of Blue Mountain Academy, class of 1994, Greg loved music and sang in choirs throughout the area and at church. He was also regularly at the AV controls during worship services, helping to broadcast the service to many people watching from home. Greg is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 31 years, Karin Lehman Peters; their children, Gregory Peters, III, Christopher Peters, and Gwynevere Peters; his parents, Gregory William Peters, Sr. and Connie Lou Widmer Peters; and his brother, Zac Peters and wife Judi. He also leaves behind his mother-in-law, Diana Lehman; sister-in-law, Tara Lehman; brother-in-law, Benjamin Lehman and wife Natalie; as well as numerous nieces and nephews: Charles, Josef, and Lisa Peters; Sebastian, Benjamin, and Katherine Beaty; and Sara and Anna Soulsby. Gregory's loyal canine companion, Rose Marie, will also miss him dearly.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL - As a new school year begins, let's keep our students, teachers, staff, and families in prayer. Captain Gilmer Christian School (grades K-8) and Fletcher Academy (grades 9-12) begin classes on Monday, August 17.

Please pray that God will bless these schools with wisdom, safety, strong friendships, joyful learning, and a deep knowledge of His love. Pray especially for new students and families as they begin the school year, and for teachers and staff as they shape young lives for Christ. May this be a year of spiritual growth, academic excellence, and faithful service to God.

THRIFT STORE MORTGAGE REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATES - An additional \$14,567.41 was received in April for the Mortgage. 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 June 30 we have been able to pay down \$113,794. 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

\$113,794

Raised

As of June 30

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

✧ OTHER NEWS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY ✧

JOIN OUR HOMESCHOOL COMMUNITY! -

A new school year is just around the corner and our SDA homeschool co-op is welcoming new families! Whether you're a seasoned homeschooler or just getting started, we'd love to connect with you. Enjoy friendships, hands-on learning opportunities, and support alongside other homeschooling families. For more information, contact Jessie Fultz by July 31st 828-551-1729 or jessiefultz914@gmail.com



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, July 17	7:30 am 8:44 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332# Sunset
Sabbath, July 18	9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 8:44 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Elder Leslie Louis Potluck, Fellowship Hall, Workman Team Sunset
Sunday, July 19	7:30 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332#
Monday, July 20	7:00 pm	Bible Study-Esther, Conference Room, Mary Alice White
Tuesday, July 21	10:00 am-4:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Thrift Store, Cheryl Grant, 2231 Howard Gap Rd Finance Committee, Conference Room Church Board Meeting, Conference Room
Wednesday, July 22	11:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Faith Lift Bible Study - Hebrews, Rm 311, Pastor Elvera Blake Mid-Week Prayer Service, Sanctuary Bible Study, Rm 212, Mitchell Nicholaides
Thursday, July 23	6:45 am 10:00 am	Men's Bible Study, Conference Room, Pastor Ivan Blake Arts, Crafts, Prayer & Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
Friday, July 24	7:30 am 8:40 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332# Sunset
Sabbath, July 25	9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 2:15 pm 8:40 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Potluck, Fellowship Hall, Kroitor Team Hiking Club Sunset

CHURCH BUDGET FOR JULY 2025 - JUNE 2026

Needed: 480,834.00

Received: 403, 215.03

JULY 2026 - JUNE 2027

YTD through July:

Needed: 38,697.00

Received: 3,030.44

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

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

