

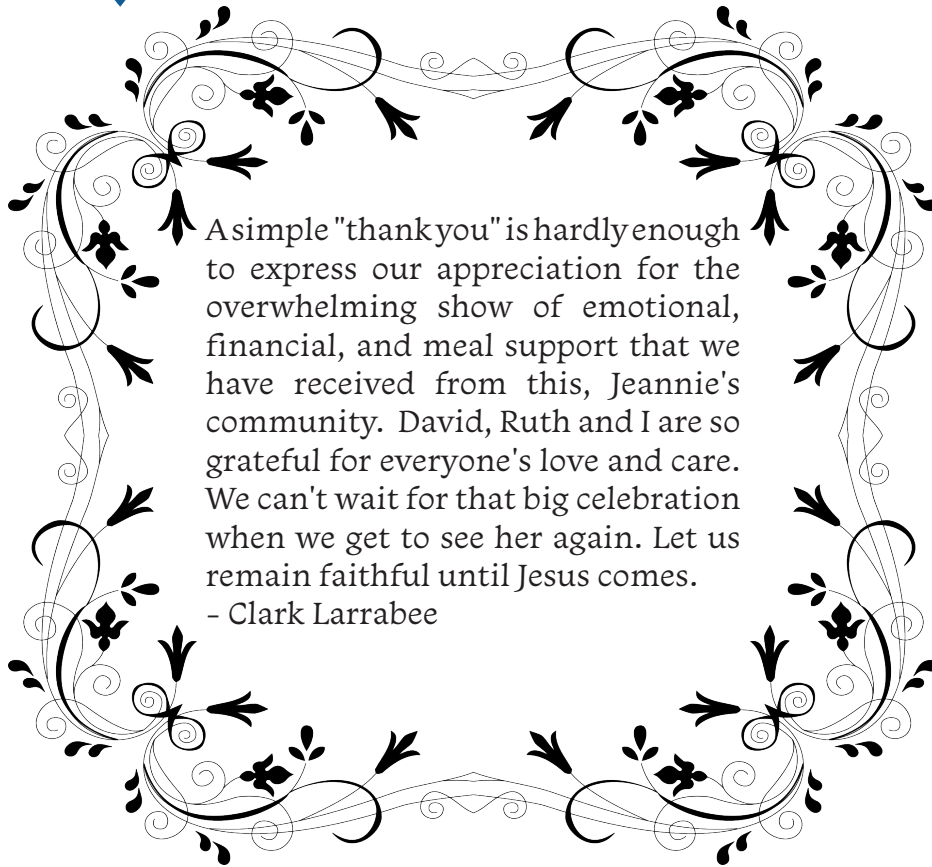


FLETCHER

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

May 14, 2026



A simple "thank you" is hardly enough to express our appreciation for the overwhelming show of emotional, financial, and meal support that we have received from this, Jeannie's community. David, Ruth and I are so grateful for everyone's love and care. We can't wait for that big celebration when we get to see her again. Let us remain faithful until Jesus comes.

- Clark Larrabee

CHURCH GROUNDS WORK BEE - May 17 at 9:00 AM. Help get the church ready for FA graduation weekend by spreading mulch. Mulch and some tools will be provided. If you have gloves, a wheelbarrow, shovel, rake, or pitchfork, please bring what you have to help speed the process.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADUATES! - Southern Adventist University had its graduation last weekend, Captain Gilmer Christian School graduation is one week away on May 21 and Fletcher Academy graduation weekend begins on May 22. We have members of our church family involved in all of these graduations. Some in our church family are graduating from other area schools and from home school. We celebrate with our graduates. May God guide you into the future.

POTLUCK - May 16 - We are expecting a large crowd at church this Sabbath because it is the last Sabbath of the Fletcher Academy school year and the academy spring concert will happen Sabbath evening. Please bring extra food to potluck to make it a great experience for all, including our out-of-town guests. We normally have potlucks on the third and last Sabbath of each month. During the month of May we will only have one potluck, May 16, because the last Sabbath of the month is camp meeting Sabbath and many of our church members will be away at Lake Junaluska for camp meeting.

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.



SCHOOL EVENTS OF INTEREST TO THE CHURCH FAMILY - Less than one month remains in the school year and it is a busy time for our students. Please pray for them as they finish up the school year. Here are some upcoming events that you may want to attend:

- May 15, 6:00 pm CGCS Spring Concert, LPC
- May 16, 7:30 pm FA Spring Concert, LPC
- May 21, 7:00 pm CGCS 8th Grade Graduation, Arden Church
- May 22-24 FA Graduation Weekend, LPC

CAMP MEETING SABBATH AT FLETCHER - May 30, Fletcher Church is one of the few Adventist churches in our area that remains open on Camp Meeting Sabbath. We will stick to our normal service times, but will have a simplified program. In spite of it being the last Sabbath of the month, we will not have a potluck. Many of our regular Sabbath School classes will not be meeting. There will be a combined general adult Sabbath School class in the sanctuary. Pastor Scott Griswold will be our guest speaker for the 10:50 am worship service. Scott and his wife Julie operate a ministry called Home for All Nations, focused on humanitarian and church-planting work among the least-reached in the Houston, Texas area. They have previously served as missionaries in Southeast Asia and as project leaders with ASAP Ministries.



WHAT DO OUR POTLUCKS AND FEEDING THOSE IN NEED HAVE IN COMMON? You - Whenever we have 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 **May 16**. We normally have potlucks on the third and last Sabbath of each month.

PODCAST - Have you missed a sermon or want to revisit a powerful message from our church? Now you can! Our podcast features recordings of past sermons, allowing you to listen and reflect on inspiring messages from our dedicated pastors anytime, anywhere. Listen on [Spotify!](#)



MAINTENANCE TASKS - You can help us keep our facility and grounds in good working order by filling out an online form at www.fletchersda.org/forms when you notice something that needs attention.

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.

HELP KEEP THE BUILDING CLEAN - Please help us keep the building tidy by placing your trash in a trash can or taking it with you. We've had some issues lately with food items left in the sanctuary. Sometimes it is several days between an event and when the church custodian comes through to clean.

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 Krishinger
- 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
- 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
- The family of Doris Vaughn as they mourn the loss of Doris' great granddaughter Bella

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 March 31 we have been able to pay down \$87,358. 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

\$87,358

Raised

As of April 30

NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - at the thrift store. We are planning soon to be open to the public on Thursdays from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM. We need additional volunteers to staff the store during those hours and also prep the store before opening (starting at about 1:30 PM). We are also looking for a volunteer janitor at the thrift store. For more information and to volunteer please contact the church office or Merle Peterson merle693@yahoo.com 828-845-5988. The church Community Services & Thrift Store is located at 2231 Howard Gap Rd and is currently open to the public on Tuesdays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

CAMP MEETING - May 24-30, Lake Junaluska Assembly near Waynesville, NC. If you've never attended a camp meeting before, you won't want to miss this spiritual feast. There will be inspirational programs and fellowship opportunities all week for all ages. We are blessed to live close enough that commuting is possible. Many of our church members rent rooms or houses around the lake and stay all week. Speakers include Jill Morikone and Dan Serns. Special musical guest Steve Darmody. For more information visit <https://www.carolinasda.org/camp-meeting>.



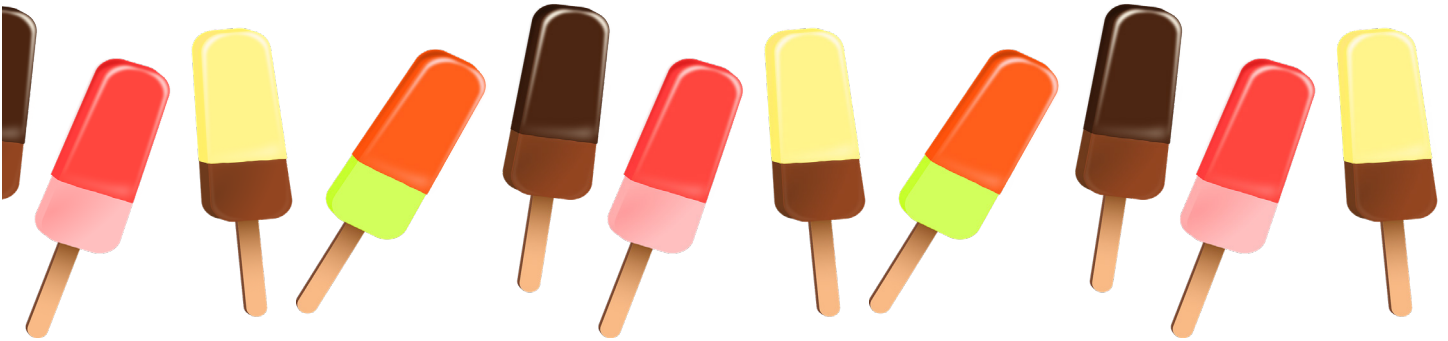
ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS THIS SUMMER - Listed below are some of the options available for children and teens this summer. Vacation Bible School is free. If you register for summer camp at Nosoca through the Fletcher Church it is free as well. Contact Pastor James for more information. There are fees for some other activities listed below.

Vacation Bible School at the Fletcher Church
More info coming soon!
July 13-16

Summer Camp at Nosoca Pines Ranch
www.nosoca.org
June 14-21 Adventure Camp
June 21-28 Junior Camp
June 28-July 5 Teen Camp
July 6-10 Family Camp


FLAG Camp at the Arden Church
<https://ardenadventist.com/flag-camp>
June 15-July 31

Sports Camps at the Lelia Patterson Center
www.lpcenter.org
June 8-12 Soccer
June 15-19 Basketball



A SAFE PLACE FOR CHILDREN - Parents, please help us keep your children safe. Children should not be allowed to play unsupervised in the church building. During potluck and at other times when supervision is not provided for children, please do not let your children roam through the halls of the church without you. As much as we want to trust that nothing dangerous or inappropriate would happen, we all have a duty to prevent harm to children. All of our volunteers who work with children must complete training in child safety and pass a background check. The playground behind the church is a great place for children to play. Please encourage your children to utilize the playground rather than playing in the hallways of the church.

❄️ OTHER NEWS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY ❄️



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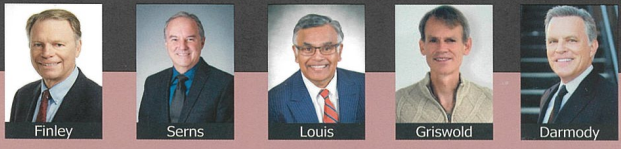
SPEAKERS:
 Sunday-Wednesday Evening — Mark Finley
 Thursday-Friday Evening & Sabbath Morning — Dan Serns
 Saturday Evening — Leslie Louis
 8:30am Monday-Friday — Various Speakers
 11:00am Monday-Friday — Scott Griswold
 Young Adult speaker: Bryan Arvelo
 Junior Speaker: Milton "Chico" Cummers
 Earliteen Speaker: Joe Frescino
 Youth Speaker: Dylan McWilliams

MUSICAL GUEST:
 Steve Darmody

FOR RESERVATIONS AT LAKE JUNALUSKA
 CALL: 1-800-222-4930

LAKE JUNALUSKA CAMP MEETING
 MAY 24-30, 2026

SEMINARS:
 Health — Randy Tryon & Jeremy Beckworth
 Family — Shane Hochstetler
 Singles — Jeffrey Brown
 Outreach — David Klinedinst
 Women — DeeAnn Bragaw
 Education — Sandra Doran
 Generous Living — Ben Maxson
 Discipleship — Steve Vail
 Mission Focused Communications — Tim Baumgarten
 Wellness — Teenie Finley

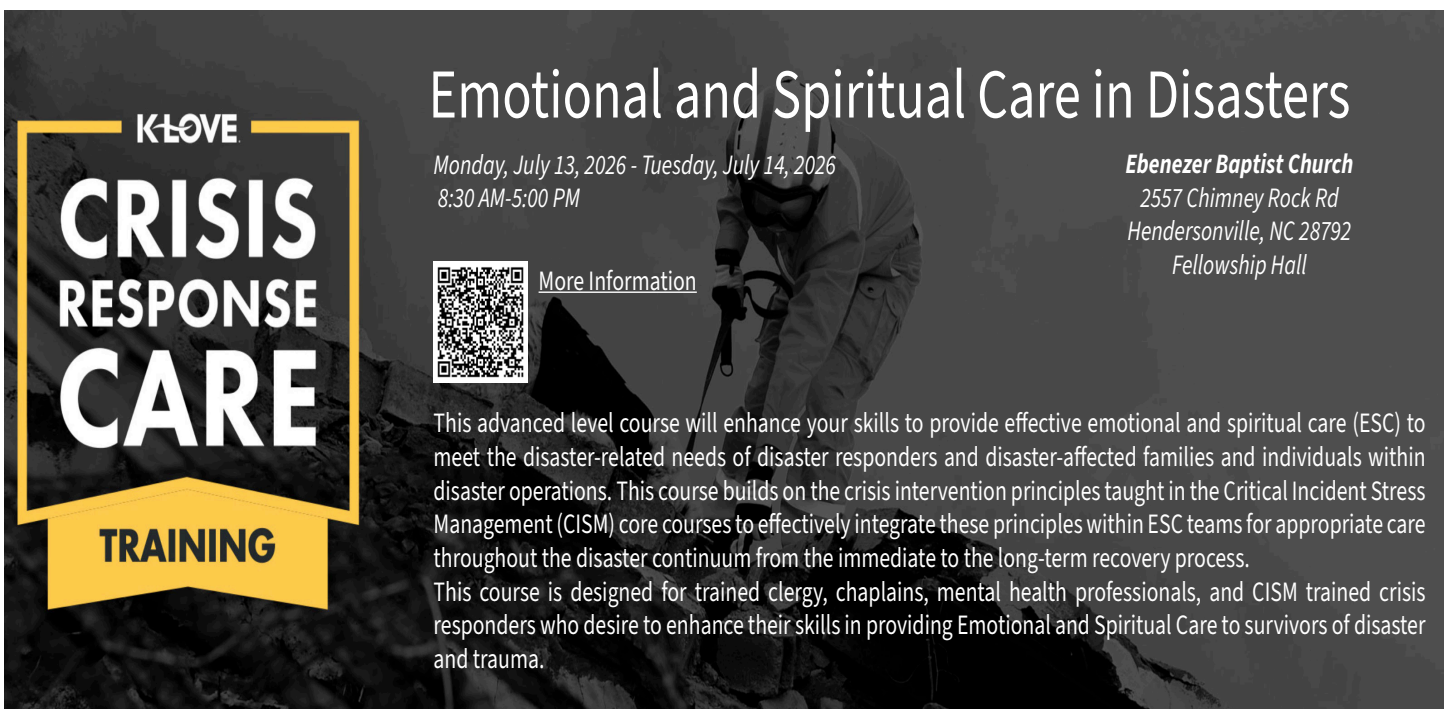


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AUGUST 20-23, 2026
AUSTIN, TEXAS

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CRISIS RESPONSE CARE

TRAINING

Emotional and Spiritual Care in Disasters

Monday, July 13, 2026 - Tuesday, July 14, 2026
 8:30 AM-5:00 PM

Ebenezer Baptist Church
 2557 Chimney Rock Rd
 Hendersonville, NC 28792
 Fellowship Hall



[More Information](#)

This advanced level course will enhance your skills to provide effective emotional and spiritual care (ESC) to meet the disaster-related needs of disaster responders and disaster-affected families and individuals within disaster operations. This course builds on the crisis intervention principles taught in the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) core courses to effectively integrate these principles within ESC teams for appropriate care throughout the disaster continuum from the immediate to the long-term recovery process. This course is designed for trained clergy, chaplains, mental health professionals, and CISM trained crisis responders who desire to enhance their skills in providing Emotional and Spiritual Care to survivors of disaster and trauma.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, May 15	7:30 am 8:27 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332# Sunset
Sabbath, May 16	9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 8:27 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor James Reynaert Potluck, Fellowship Hall Sunset
Sunday, May 17	9:00 am 7:30 pm	Church Workbee Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332#
Monday, May 18	7:00 pm	Bible Study-Esther, Conference Room, Mary Alice White
Tuesday, May 19	10:00 am-4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Thrift Store, Merle Peterson, 2231 Howard Gap Rd Board Meeting, Conference Room
Wednesday, May 20	11:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Faith Lift Bible Study, Rm 311, Pastor Elvera Blake Mid-Week Prayer Service, Sanctuary, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Bible Study, Rm 212, Mitchell Nicholaides
Thursday, May 21	6:45 am 10:00 am	Men's Bible Study, Conference Room, Pastor Ivan Blake Painting Class, Fellowship Hall
Friday, May 22	7:30 am 7:30 pm 8:32 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332# Fletcher Academy Consecration, Sanctuary Sunset
Sabbath, May 23	9:30 am 10:50 am 2:15 pm 8:33 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Hiking Club Sunset

CHURCH BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR

JULY 2025 - JUNE 2026

YTD through April:

Needed: 400,695.00

Received: 348,982.54

May:

Needed: 40,069.50

Received: 1,655.64

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.