



FLETCHER

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

August 13, 2026

DEACONESS MEETING - The deaconesses will be meeting at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall on **August 16**. Please bring your favorite salad or sandwich to share.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP TEAMS MEETING - There will be a meeting of the Food & Fellowship team on **August 16** at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

WELCOME, STUDENTS! - Yesterday afternoon marked the beginning of registration for Fletcher Academy students, and several members of the Fletcher Church family were there to welcome students and their families back to school. Trisha Wightman provided delicious snacks for the students, Randy Croak constructed a special welcome banner, and several others, including Pastor James Reyneart and Ric Boehmer, were on hand to pray with students and their families. This initiative was organized by our Prayer Ministry leader, Kurt Schneider, as part of our desire to surround Fletcher Academy's students, families, faculty, and staff with prayer throughout the school year. Please join us in praying for God's blessing, guidance, and presence in the Fletcher Academy community this year!



POTLUCK SCHEDULE - For the past several years we have had a vegetarian potluck on the third and last Sabbath of each month after the worship service. Starting in September the potluck schedule will be changing to better coordinate with Adventurer Club plans. From September onward, potlucks will occur on the second and last Sabbath of the month. The next potluck will be **August 15**. Please bring food to share. Potluck is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends, to get to know your church family, and to welcome newcomers.

Adventure Club News - The starting date for Adventurers at the Fletcher Church is Sabbath, **September 12**. The club will meet monthly on Sabbath afternoons during the 2026-2027 school year. Look for more information to come. The Adventurer Club is designed to strengthen parent-child relationships for kids ages 4-9 by providing specialized activities tuned into the psychological needs of this age group while simultaneously giving parents opportunities for learning parenting skills and enjoying special activities with their children. <https://www.gcyyouthministries.org/ministries/adventurers/>



2026 FPI HELP NEEDED - There are a few weekends in the school year where ALL the FA students participate in the activities and FPI needs help from communities to continue to care for residents at the Fletcher Park Inn Kitchen. The weekends that help is needed are **August 22** (12pm-3pm), **September 5** (12pm-3pm) and **September 6** (9am - 3pm), a meal will be provided during your shift. For more information or to volunteer please reach out to Lori Topham at 828-209-6710 or ltopham@fletcheracademy.org

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.



TEACHER DEDICATION - August 15 at the Fletcher Church. All teachers and staff members of Fletcher Academy, Captain Gilmer Christian School, and any other schools, including homeschools, are invited to participate in the teacher dedication which will happen during the Sabbath morning worship service on **August 15**. Captain Gilmer Christian School (grades K-8) and Fletcher Academy (grades 9-12) begin classes on Monday, August 17. We are praying 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.

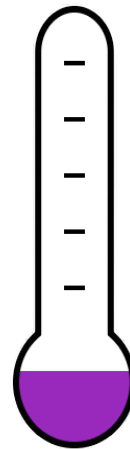
THRIFT STORE - The Thrift Store has CGCS and Fletcher Academy uniforms. Please come by on Tuesdays between 10 am and 4 pm to see our selection and get ready for the upcoming school year.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED - The Fletcher Church Community Services & Thrift Store operates a free food pantry each Tuesday, and we need your help keeping its shelves stocked for our neighbors in need. Please bring donations of non-perishable food to the Church and place them in the collection box in the coat closet. Donations may be dropped off on Sabbath or during regular church office hours. In the past, our food donations have gone to IAM (Interfaith Assistance Ministry). We continue to value our partnership with IAM and support their important work in a variety of ways. For now, however, we are directing food donations to the Thrift Store's food pantry so we can help meet the needs of those who walk through our doors each week. Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors!

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 July 31 we have been able to pay down \$118,213. 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

\$118,231

Raised

As of July 31

NEW ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS - On the first Sabbath of **October** 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.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY? - The Fletcher Church Community Services & Thrift Store is looking for volunteers! If you have some availability on Wednesdays or Thursdays between 9:30 am and 5:30 pm, we would love to have your help. Whether you can give two hours or spend most of the day with us, your time and assistance are valuable. Join our wonderful team of volunteers who have a heart for connecting with others and serving those in need. Come be part of this important ministry to our community! Contact Cheryl Grant for more information: 828-335-4576 cgrant@fletchersda.org or stop by the store during open hours on Tuesdays between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. The Community Services & Thrift Store is located at 2231 Howard Gap Road in Hendersonville.

UPGRADES TO CHURCH ENTRY DOORS - Beginning today, we are upgrading several of our exterior church doors with new hardware. As part of this project, all exterior doors will eventually be converted to a keyless entry system. The new system will make church access more convenient while also allowing us to better manage and secure access to the building. During the transition, existing keys will continue to work on exterior doors. Once the conversion is complete, however, those who need regular access to the church will need to obtain a keycard. We appreciate your patience during this transition. More information about the new system and how to obtain a keycard will be shared soon.



Dusty Bibles by Josiah Queen Part 1

*We got dust on our Bibles, brand-new iPhones
No wonder why we feel this way*

Are you tired? Easily angered with your spouse or kids? Are they getting in your way of your time on your iPhone?

*Hey, how you been?
It's been awhile, I'm just checking in
I miss the way things used to be back in 2017
And I just miss my friend*

Do you miss your time with Jesus, your Best Friend that you can tell everything to? Have things gotten in your way of spending with Him? Can you never really find the time? Are you making the time to spend with Him?

*Hey, I've been fine
I've been struggling to find some peace of mind
It's the problem of our nation & our generation
We're too busy & can't find the time.*

Are you replacing Jesus with other things in this world that Satan has put in your life? Are you spending hours on your phone doom scrolling? Binge watching TV programs or YouTube videos? Time that you are denying your friend? Are you using the excuse that you need to unwind from the day? I challenge you this week to unwind with your friend Jesus. He will give you peace and quiet and rest that your soul searched for. If we would just spend more time with Him. Give Jesus, your best friend some quality time like you do with the things you “think” you need.

Matthew 11:28-30 and Psalms 46:10

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

❖ OTHER NEWS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY ❖

CHEMO CAPS & LAP QUILT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY -

The North Carolina Mountain State Fair is inviting individuals, families, and church groups to help make a difference in the lives of cancer patients across Western North Carolina. Volunteers are needed to create chemo caps and lap quilts/afghans, which may be sewn, knitted, or crocheted. These handmade items may be entered in the State Fair for competition or simply donated. Since 2024, nearly 3,000 chemo caps and more than 260 lap quilts and afghans have been collected and distributed to cancer patients through the Messino Cancer Center. If you enjoy sewing, knitting, or crocheting and would like to participate in this meaningful outreach, please contact Emily Darnell emily.darnell@ncagr.gov.

VOLUNTEER AT THE WNC MOUNTAIN STATE FAIR SDA

BOOTH - Volunteers are needed to serve at the Seventh-day Adventist outreach booth during the WNC Mountain State Fair, September 11–20, in the Davis Building at the WNC Agricultural Center. The booth provides an opportunity to share the love of Jesus through friendly conversation, free Bibles, Christian literature, and information about local Seventh-day Adventist churches. Volunteer shifts are 3–4 hours, with two to three volunteers serving together. Those interested in participating are encouraged to contact Linda Duncan at 828-606-3088 or lindaduncan1@hotmail.com for available shifts and additional information.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, August 14	7:30 am 8:21 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332# Sunset
Sabbath, August 15	9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 8:20 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor James Reynaert Potluck, Boehmer/Peters Team, Fellowship Hall Sunset
Sunday, August 16	2:00 pm 4:30 pm 7:30 pm	Food & Fellowship Meeting, Fellowship Hall Deaconess Meeting, Fellowship Hall Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332#
Monday, August 17	7:00 pm	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL Bible Study, Conference Room, Mary Alice White
Tuesday, August 18	10:00 am-4:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Thrift Store, 2231 Howard Gap Rd, Cheryl Grant Finance Committee, Conference Room Board Meeting, Conference Room
Wednesday, August 19	11:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Faith Lift Bible Study - Hebrews, Rm 311, Pastor Elver a Blake Mid-Week Prayer Service, Sanctuary, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Bible Study, Rm 212, Mitchell Nicholaides
Thursday, August 20	6:45 am 10:00 am	Men's Bible Study, Conference Room, Pastor Ivan Blake Arts, Crafts, Prayer & Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
Friday, August 21	7:30 am 8:13 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332# Sunset
Sabbath, August 22	9:30 am 10:50 am 2:15 pm 8:11 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Hiking Club Sunset

JULY 2026 - JUNE 2027

YTD through July:

Needed: 38,697.00

Received: 16,095.45

August

Needed: 38,698.00

Received: 7,703.78

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 **Thrifty 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.