

## Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church ter April 4, 2024

## Newsletter



**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. Thank you to all those who have donated. If

you would still like to contribute, donations can be made through a tithe envelope or <u>online</u>. 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!



#### MISSION TRIP REPORT VESPERS -

On **April 5** at 7:00 pm in the church sanctuary begin the Sabbath with the Fletcher Academy Students. They will be sharing about their mission trips to Belize and Thailand. On **April 6** at 7:00 pm in the church sanctuary come close out the Sabbath hearing from several people who participated in the recent church mission trip to



Kenya. Learn more about the cataract surgery, dental and medical clinics, water filtration, and other projects conducted by our team.

**THE FIRST** - The Family Life Sabbath School will be hosting "The First" on **April 5** starting at 6:00 pm. Pasta dinner will be provided and there will be a gluten free option. All are invited!

Please RSVP to secretary@fletchersda.org

**SDA COMMUNITY SINGLES MINISTRY** - The Fletcher Church Singles Ministry will be having a lunch social on Sunday **April 7** at 12:30 pm. Please contact Kathy Lynch for information about attending. 828-693-9936 (call or text).

**CONDOLENCES** - Shirley Dean, passed away in hospital on Thursday, March 28, 2024. She was 71 years of age. For several years she lived in a care home. She loved attending church when able. She was known for her outgoing cheerfulness, her smile, her love for music, and her enthusiastic "Amen" expressions during worship services. Shirley was baptized on January 1, 1967. Trudy Workman and Carl Swafford were her co-guardians. Sharon was her caregiver. Shirley's mother and sister passed away a couple of years ago. We miss Shirley and look forward to the day when Jesus comes to raise back to life those who trusted in His salvation.

POTLUCK - Join us for fresh air, good food, and SUMMER CAMP fellowship! Fletcher Academy Farm will be having a potluck picnic (at the Pavilion) to give thanks and celebrate our volunteers on Sabbath, April 13th at 1-ish. Please bring your favorite dish(es) to share. We will be having a sing-along, nature activities, and animals to visit. Extend this invite to neighbors, friends, and family for a day filled with fellowship, gratitude, and the joy of community.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE for Dean Flint will take place on May 4, at 3:00 pm, in the Upper Room, third floor, of Fletcher Park Inn. Dean passed away on February 29, 2024. We continue to pray for God to comfort his family, Deanna, Doug and Donna.

CGCS 8TH GRADE PLAY - Hello, This year the 8th grade class of Captain Gilmer will be performing a play at the Fletcher Church on April the 11th at 7:00 p.m. This play will be about the story of Ruth. Donations at the door will be appreciated. These funds will go towards our class trip to Washington DC. After the play there will be danishes and light refreshments for everyone. Thank you for taking the time to read this, we would love to see you there! Sincerely - Sofia, Nick, and Leah

**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!

**CHURCH OFFICE** - The church office will be closed April 16-18, 2024. Contact Pastor Ryan or Pastor James by phone. Pastor Ivan is on vacation.

**PLAYGROUND** - The church business meeting voted to approve a plan to build a playground and covered seating area behind the church. Some of the funding for this project has already been arranged, but we still need to raise approximately \$300k. If you would like to contribute to the project please designate your offering for "Playground." Look for more information to come about this exciting project.

**POTLUCK SCHEDULE** - Our regular church potlucks happen every 3rd and last Sabbath of the month (the last is sometimes the 4th and sometimes the 5th Sabbath). Please bring food to share with our guests and enjoy the fellowship.



# Health Emphasis Weekend

with David Heinz, MS, RDN, FAND, CSP

Saturday, May 4

- Worship: The Temple of the Holy Spirit
- Afternoon Program: The Heart of An Adventist

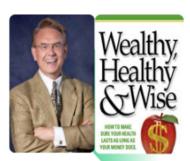
#### Sunday, May 5

- Morning Program: Vitamania
- Afternoon Program: Battle of the Bulge

8TH GRADE FERN FUNDRAISER AT CGCS - Our 8th grade fundraiser has started! We are selling 10" Boston Fern Hanging Baskets. \$15 per fern. You can use the link or QR code to order and pay. Please select number of ferns you're paying . for and in the Student Name slot, you can either put a certain 8th grader you're supporting OR put CGCS. Pick up (no delivery) is April 25th from 3:30-5:30 and April 26th from 9:30-11 am and 2:30-3:30 pm at Captain Gilmer. Thank you for your support! 8th grade class https://bngn.blackbaud.school/?id=q3qio1tysyz#/home/



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



- Wendy Danner\*

#### Please leave items for Interfaith in the box in the coat closet near the narthex. FOOD ITEMS PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

INTERFAITH Assistance ministry

- Fresh Produce
- 1 lb. bags of rice
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Tuna and Chicken
  - Canned Corn
  - Canned Mixed Vegetables
    - Canned Beans
    - Canned Soup
- Canned Diced Tomatoes
  - Dry Pasta
  - Pasta Sauce
  - Low-Sugar Cereal
    - Oatmeal

- Diapers Sizes 2,4,5,6 (no pull-ups)
  - Stick Deodorant
    - Shampoo
    - Bar Soap
    - Toothpaste
    - Toothbrushes
    - Razors
    - Baby wipes
  - Gallon Ziploc Bags
  - Brown Paper Bags
- **CLOTHING ITEMS**
- Towels
- Men's Sneakers

Queen and King Blankets
Tents

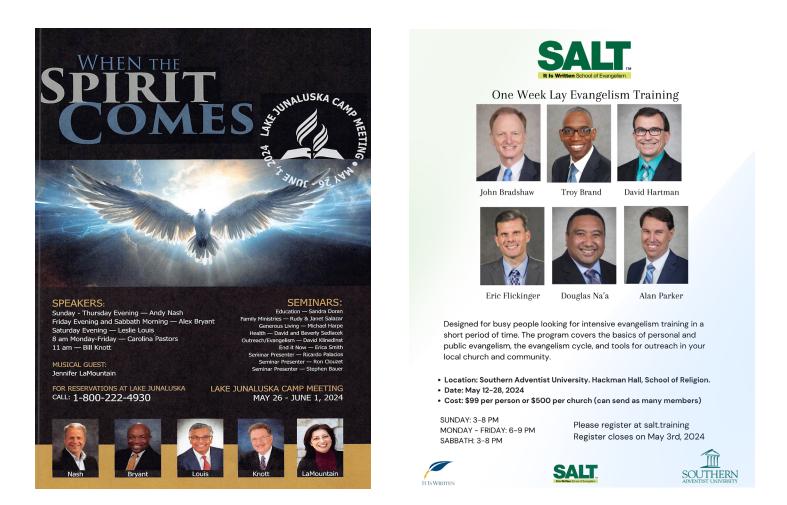
Other News Around Our Community

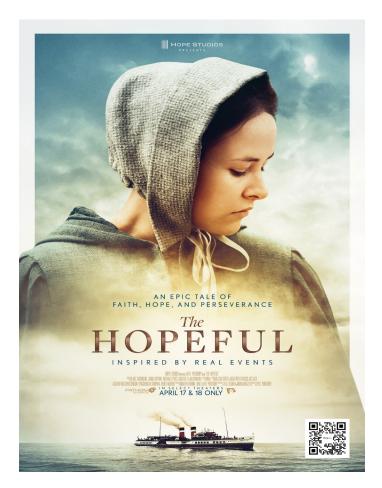
**A MEMORIAL SERVICE** - for Albert Ellis will be held on **April 27** at 2:00pm at the Mount Pisgah Academy Church. If you cannot attend, but would like to be part of the day, it can be viewed on their livestream at <u>mpasda.org</u> or their YouTube channel at Mount Pisgah Academy Seventh-day Adventist Church.

**BABY SHOWER** - A baby shower is being held for Blake and Stacey Beerbower. The shower will be held at the Mills River SDA Church Fellowship Hall on **April 7** at 2:00pm. They are registered at <u>www.</u> <u>babylist.com/list/stacey-beerbower</u>.

**2024 CAROLINA CONFERENCE CAMPMEETING** - Camp Meeting is coming up very soon. Now is the time to make your arrangements for Lodging and Meal tickets, the due date for Meal Ticket reservations is **May 3, 2024**. Lake Junaluska offers Meals at Terrace Hotel Cafeteria - 3rd Floor, but if enough people stay in lodging with meals over 300 + (Terrace and Lambuth Inn) they will offer Sabbath Lunch in the Cafeterias of both Terrace and Lambuth Inn. For more information, please visit <u>https://www.carolinasda.org/camp-meeting</u>

**FREE CLASS** - On **April 21st** at 3:00pm The Upward church will be hosting a class to learn more about pre-biotics, pro-biotics, fiber and more. The address is 961 Upward Road, Flat Rock, NC. The class will be held in their fellowship hall. If you have any questions please call: 8781-454-6985





**THE HOPEFUL** - is the story of William Miller. The film will be playing April 17 & 18 at a theater near your church. This full-feature film by Hope Channel is based on the story of William Miller's legacy and his efforts to help pioneer the Adventist Christian church. You can watch the preview <u>here</u>.

To learn more, see where the movie is playing, and get tickets, visit <u>thehopefulmovie.com</u>.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE		
Friday, April 5	7:30 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:56 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332# The First, Fellowship Hall, Family Life Sabbath School Belize and Thailand Mission Trip Report Vespers, Sanctuary, Zach Henski Sunset
Sabbath, April 6	9:30 am 10:50 am 7:00 pm 7:56 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor James Reynaert Kenya Mission Trip Report Vespers, Sanctuary, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Sunset
Sunday, April 7	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Room #118, Kris Wetmore Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332#
Monday, April 8	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Handbell practice, Fellowship Hall, Debbie & Kevin Engelkemier Bible Study, God's Double Vocatives in Scripture, Conference Room, Mary Alice White
Tuesday, April 9	9:00am-1:00pm	Thrift Store, Doelger Drive, Gerald Moretz
Wednesday, April 10	6:30 pm After Prayer Service	Mid-week Prayer Service, Sanctuary, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Bible Study, Room #212, Mitchell Nicholaides
Thursday, April 11	6:45 am	Men's Bible Study, Conference Room, Pastor Ryan Ashlock
Friday, April 12	7:30 am 8:02 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332# Sunset
Sabbath, April 13	9:30 am 10:50 am 8:02 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Sunset

### Church Budget July 2023 - June 2024

YTD through February:

Needed: 234,624.00

Received: 270,796.45

March:

Needed: 33,518.00 Received: 32,276.52 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

desk in the narthex.

A copy of the Church Budget is available at the

#### **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 three 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 Basketball Ministry** starting at 9am. Please contact Mark Murrill at 918-361-6794 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.

13. Our church sponsors a family who has devoted years of their lives to serve in a country where Jesus is not known, to share Christ through international ministry in **Overseas Missions**.