



FLETCHER

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

March 05, 2026

GYM NIGHTS FOR 2026 - There will be one more gym night this school year. Each gym night begins on a Saturday with worship. Afterwards the gym will be open for various games - basketball, volleyball, table games, etc. Come and bring a friend!

Mark your calendar for the next gym night:
March 28 Gym Night

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS - Don't forget to set your clocks **forward one hour** before going to bed Saturday night so you'll be on time for your Sunday plans. Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, **March 8**. Moving the clocks ahead means an hour less sleep, but it also brings longer evenings of daylight as spring approaches.



AUDIO TECHNICIAN - If you have an interest in being trained to operate our church's audio/sound system and are willing to take a turn every six weeks to volunteer on Sabbaths, please contact Pastor Ivan Blake at pastorivan@fletchersda.org

ASSISTANT BOOKKEEPER NEEDED - If you have bookkeeping experience and would be willing to help the church treasury team on an as-needed basis, please contact Lynn Ortega, church treasurer, at treasury@fletchersda.org.

CHURCH JANITOR POSITION - We are seeking a new janitor to help maintain our facilities. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please reach out to the church office.

POTLUCK - The next potluck will be **March 21**. Please bring food to share. We regularly have all-church potlucks after the worship service on the third and last Sabbaths of the month.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY EMPHASIS CONTINUES - Offerings for religious liberty may be given through the end of March and counted for this year's campaign. Grab a Liberty Bond from the table in the narthex for more information. Please mark your envelope "Religious Liberty" or give online at adventistgiving.org and search for "Liberty" under "World Offerings" or give at <https://www.libertymagazine.org/donate>.



Spring 2026 Bookmobile Delivery

The ACBC will deliver prepaid orders at:

**Fletcher SDA Church
Wednesday, March 11
11:30 - 11:40 am**

Order deadline is
Noon - One Week Before Delivery Date

There is a \$5.00 delivery fee per order.

To order by phone call:
1-800-366-1844 or 704-599-0699

Food price lists and an
online order form
are available at:

www.CarolinaACBC.com

A listing of books we carry can be found at:
www.AdventistBookCenter.com

The religious liberty offering is used to send Liberty magazine subscriptions to government officials, federal, state, and provincial judges, and prominent social and religious leaders throughout North America. Your generous gift will also be used to support the North American Division litigation fund—resources needed to defend and preserve your religious liberty in court when necessary.

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.



CAPTAIN GILMER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR - This event will take place on Sunday, **March 29** at the Lelia Patterson Center from 3:00 pm-7:00 pm. You can enjoy food from all continents of the world, crafts, and games, all while supporting Captain Gilmer. Please plan on joining and invite your friends! If you would like to donate food, money, or volunteer to help please contact Melinda Schurr at mjb079@gmail.com or (828) 776-5875. You can also contact the school office at (828) 684-8221. CGCS representatives will not be making individual phone calls to church members this year so if you are willing to participate/donate please reach out to the contacts above! Types of food needed include Greek, Latin, Eastern European, French, Asian, African, and Italian food.

THRIFT STORE MORTGAGE REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATES -

We plan to provide monthly updates on the progress of the mortgage reduction campaign, so don't be discouraged if the thermometer doesn't move from week to week. It will usually be updated in the second week of each month. Our Community Services & Thrift Store ministry provides affordable goods, free food, meaningful volunteer opportunities, and emotional and spiritual support to many people. In the summer of 2025, God opened open the door for us to purchase a new building, a former Baptist church located at 2231 Howard Gap Road. This space has already allowed the ministry to grow in visibility, accessibility, and effectiveness within our community. Paying down the mortgage will allow more resources to be directed toward serving our community. The mortgage was \$698,750. As of February 28 we have been able to pay down \$57,426. If you would like to support this effort and speed it up, gifts may be made:



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Goal

\$57,426

Raised

As of Feb. 28

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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

Thank you for partnering with us as we strengthen this ministry and invest in our community's future.

Salvation Weekend

April 2-5, 2026

The Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 2 - 7:00 pm

Our Savior's Death

Friday, April 3 - 7:00 pm

The Gift of Salvation

Sabbath, April 4 - 10:50 am

Christ's Resurrection

Sunday, April 5 - 7:00 am



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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](https://www.spotify.com)!



KENYA MISSION TRIP - Want to participate in the Kenya Mission Trip without leaving home? Sponsor a clean water filtration bucket for \$30. It will provide clean water for a family for up to 10 years. The filtration systems are purchased through RipplAffect and are geo tagged, so once we've handed them out in June 2026, you'll be able to see a photo of the family who received it, and track their location on the website's map. We are 72% of the way to our goal (\$5,720.16 of \$7,900).

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:*
- Ana Roberts, friend of Georgiana Hill
- Anne Krishingner
- April Watkins & Family
- 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
- Michael O'Connor
- Mike Summey
- Opie Winston
- Paula Saunders
- Rosa Kirwan
- Shirley Polivka's friends Christine & Jad Davis
- Shari & Kyrie Ruiz
- Sharon Brinson
- Steven Jones, military service
- Theresa Southard
- The Larrabee & Bradley Family

FLETCHER ACADEMY BELIZE MISSION TRIP - Bill Bass and Kim Henski will be taking a group of students next week on a school mission trip to Concepcion, Belize. They will be working on a church and school Fletcher Academy has been supporting for several years. As many of you know from participating in your own mission trips, this is a life changing experience for many of our students. They have the energy to do the work but, as students, they do not have the financial resources to do so. They have several projects they would like to work on but are limited by lack of funds. Would you be willing to partner with them? Your prayers are the first and greatest need. Our world is experiencing a tremendous amount of turmoil at the moment. If you feel impressed to help financially you may do so at: Fletcheracademy.org/give/ and select Belize Mission trip.

❁ OTHER NEWS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY ❁

Join us for a Baby Shower

Honoring Ashleigh & David Zalabak

March 22nd, 1 – 4 PM

Drop in @ Hendersonville SDA church

2301 Asheville Hwy

Hendersonville NC



Registered at Target and

<https://my.babylist.com/ashleighdavid>

Please bring a book instead of a card. They'll cherish the book, well loved or brand new. Please sign the inside with a message just from you!

WEDDING SHOWER - Moses and Sara McCord invite you to a wedding shower for their daughter Audrey and her fiancé, Sam King, on **March 8** at 10:00 am in the Arden SDA church CLC. The couple is registered at Amazon.com (put "wedding registry" in the search bar, then on the next page enter "Audrey McCord") and Crate and Barrel (go to crateandbarrel.com, hover over "wedding registry" and click "find a registry", then enter Audrey McCord. Audrey requests that you bring a favorite recipe to share. Please contact Sara McCord at 828-702-0529 to get a recipe card or if you have any questions.

Welcome to the Family
2026
A Place for Everyone
Friday - Sunday, April 24-26, 2026

Nosoca Pines Ranch
2990 Singleton Creek Road, Liberty Hill, SC 29074

Welcome to the Family is a free, special retreat created to warmly welcome and celebrate the newest members of the Carolina Conference Seventh-day Adventist Church.

— SPEAKERS —

Ryan Ashlock
Pastor,
Fletcher SDA Church

Leslie Louis
President, Carolina
Conference

Brad Cauley
VP for Administration

Rick Russell
VP for Finance

Jeffrey Horn
Undertreasurer

A Better Covenant
Musical Concert

This retreat offers:

- A warm welcome for individuals and families who were baptized or joined the church by Profession of Faith in 2024 or 2025
- Introduction to the Carolina Conference leadership team
- Insight into the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church
- Engaging worship & uplifting music
- Fun camp activities: Horseback riding, Boating, Swimming & More!
- Children's & Youth Programs during adult sessions
- Connect with other new members!

Space is Limited! Early Registration Encouraged!

For More Info & To Register: www.carolinasda.org

WNC REGIONAL WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT 2026

April 10-12, 2026
Black Mountain YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly
Black Mountain NC



He restoreth my soul

Speaker: Cindy Mercer

Women's Ministry leader Oklahoma conference, Pastor's wife, Co-author of "PRAY BIG" book on prayer and Restoration.

DATES AND LOCATION

April 10-12, 2026
Black Mountain YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC

COST

Weekend Rate
Starts at \$180 per person
Includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, facility fees, materials, meeting sessions, and afternoon activities, and more

TIME

On-site check-in begins 3:00 pm Friday. Check-out is 10:00 am Sunday, after breakfast and morning session.

Commuter Rate

\$85 per person
Includes meetings, materials, facility fees, Saturday lunch and dinner

REGISTRATION

Registration deadline: March 20
Space is limited. Register early.

SCAN FOR REGISTRATION AND DETAILS



Registration and additional information can be found online at ardenadventist.com/womens-retreat-2026 or by contacting Elle Fritz at 803-493-8170.

SINGLES MINISTRIES RETREAT - April 3-5, 2026, Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC. Join Adventist singles from across North and South Carolina for a relaxing and uplifting weekend at the annual Singles Ministries Retreat, sponsored by the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Enjoy fellowship, spiritual encouragement, and a variety of planned activities in the beautiful setting of Nosoca Pines Ranch. **Registration closes March 20.** Scan the QR code to register.



Gathering to Grow

March 27-29
Nosoca Pines Ranch

Community Services and Sabbath School Workshop

Keynote Speaker
Anthony WagenerSmith
Adventist Mission Director

Sabbath School Speakers

John Hudgins
Elder & Sabbath School Teacher, Upward Church

Cesar Perozo
Sabbath School Director, Carolina Conference

Denise Barriwell
Community Service Director, Upward Church

Mike Ortel
Chaplain, Paradise Valley, AZ Police Department

Cedric Parker
Executive Director, Adventist Community Restoration Center

Register Today!

Community Services Speakers

Join us for a transformative weekend of inspiration, leadership, and mission at Gathering to Grow.

www.carolinasda.org



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, March 6	7:30 am 6:29 pm 7:30 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332# Sunset Fletcher Academy Vespers, Sanctuary
Sabbath, March 7	8:15 am 9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 6:30 pm	Elder Meeting, Conference Room Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, CGCS 8th Grade Class Singles Potluck, Fellowship Hall, Kathy Lynch Sunset
Sunday, March 8	7:30 pm	Daylight Savings Time Begins Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332#
Monday, March 9	7:00 pm	Bible Study-Hebrews, Conference Room, Mary Alice White
Tuesday, March 10	10:00 am-4:00 pm	Thrift Store, Merle Peterson, 2231 Howard Gap Rd
Wednesday, March 11	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Mid-Week Prayer Service, Sanctuary, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Bible Study, Room 212, Mitchell Nicholaides
Thursday, March 12	6:45 am 10:00 am	Men's Bible Study, Conference Room, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Painting Class, Fellowship Hall
Friday, March 13	7:30 am 7:35 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332# Sunset
Sabbath, March 14	9:30 am 10:50 am 7:36 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Sunset



CHURCH BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR

JULY 2025 - JUNE 2026

YTD through January:

Needed: 280,486.50

Received: 263,519.72

February:

Needed: 40,069.50

Received: 23,380.79

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.

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 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.