FLETCHER SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

October 8, 2026

FPI Communion - On **October 10**, at 2:00 PM, The Lord's Supper will also be held in the Fletcher Park Inn upper Room, led by Pastors Elvera and Ivan Blake.



Communion Service - We celebrate communion with our Lord and with one another once each quarter through foot washing (John 13:1–17) and the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:17–30). Our next communion service will be Sabbath, **October 10**, 2026, during the 10:50 AM worship service. All followers of Jesus Christ are welcome to participate. We use gluten free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice for the communion service.

Volunteer Photographer Needed for Church Directory Updates - Help us keep our online church directory up to date! We're looking for a volunteer photographer who can be at church for several consecutive Sabbaths to take updated photos of individuals and families. If you're interested in helping, please contact the church office or speak with one of the pastors. You're also welcome to submit an updated photo of yourself and/or your family by emailing it to secretary@fletchersda.org. If you're a Fletcher Church member and don't currently have access to the online directory, please contact the church office for instructions.

Potluck Schedule - We regularly have vegetarian potlucks following the worship service on the second and last Sabbaths of the month. The next potluck will be **October 10**. Potluck is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends, to get to know your church family, and to welcome newcomers. Please bring food to share.

Gym/Game Nights for 2026-2027 - The first game night of the year will be **October 24** at 6:30 PM at the Lelia Patterson Center (LPC). Pizza and snacks will be provided. The church normally hosts six game nights at the LPC during each school year. The game night for November is scheduled for November 21. Look for a full schedule of game nights to be published in the newsletter in the near future. Each gym/game night begins with worship. Afterwards the gym will be open for various games - basketball, volleyball, table games, etc. Come and bring a friend!



JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER
IN ANTICIPATION OF TREY & VICKY
BROWN'S BABY GIRL!

Baby is growing her library! Feel free to bring new or used books!
If you bring a package of diapers you may enter the diaper raffle to win a prize.

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 11 | 2-4 PM
Fletcher SDA Church
1141 Howard Gap Rd.
Henderonsville, NC

REGISTERED AT: MY.BABYLIST.COM/TREYVICKY

What do our Potlucks and feeding those in need have in common? You - On the 2nd 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.

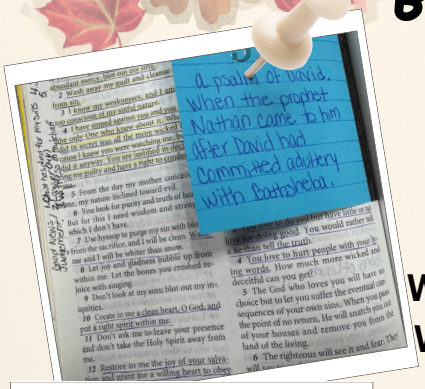
Fall Festival - Fletcher Academy and Captain Gilmer Christian School are having their annual Fall Festival on campus and the LPC! Food and Fun for the whole family. Sunday **October 11**, 2026 from 3-6 pm.

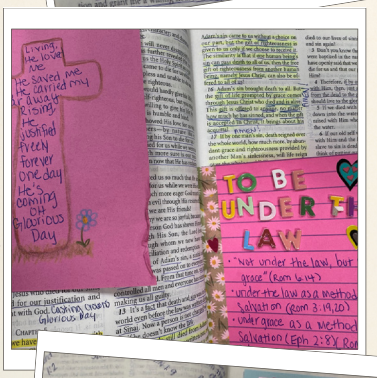
Annual Barn Party - **November 7** at the Moore's farm on Howard Gap Road. Gathering at 5:30 PM, all are invited! Please bring chairs, a salad or chili, and/or a dessert, along with a serving utensil. Thank you!

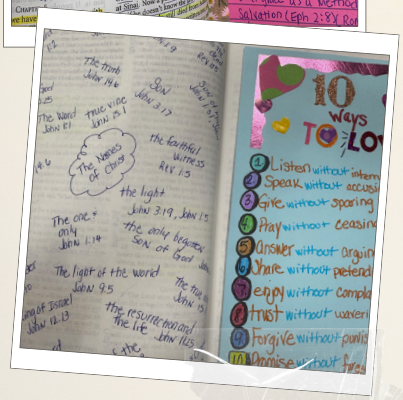
Card Making Class - Come and enjoy the creative and rewarding fun of making your own greeting cards! "Cute Cards" meets every 2nd Sunday of the month, 10 am, room 306. We have all the supplies and samples to inspire you. The holidays are coming!

Women's Ministry Team Invites you to

BIBLE JOURNALING CLASS







Who: Women of all ages
When: October 18th 6pm-8pm
Where: FSDA Fellowship Hall
1141 Howard Gap Rd.
Hendersonville, NC

WHAT TO BRING:

- A Bible to journal in,
- a favorite Bible text,
- a passage or even a song that was written from Bible texts
- a friend

Donations of colored pencils, markers, construction paper or colored card stock paper, stickers, scissors, Washi Tape are being accepted

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE REACH OUT TO KARIN PETERS AT 828-490-2868 OR WOMENMINISTRIES@FLETCHERSDA.ORG

DONATE AND/OR REGISTER

LIMITATIONS

How often do we set limitations on God? Does that mean we only want Him to answer our prayer according to what we asked for and nothing else? When we pray, are we thinking about what we know He can do?

I was at the women's retreat at Nosoca Pines Ranch last weekend and it started to sprinkle. I said a quick prayer asking that the rain stop and that the clouds cover the sun so that 99.9% of the women wouldn't be so hot. I also asked that the rain stay away until we were all in our cabins after the evening of fun. That's all I wanted. Did I not have enough faith in my request to ask for more? Did I put a limit on what He can do?

Did he answer my prayer? He did, it was cloudy and he added a cool breeze in the afternoon as well. It continued to look like the clouds were going to open up on us after supper, but he held back the rain until about 9pm, just when we were done with our activities.

Psalms 147:5 says "Great is our God and great is His power. His mind has no limits." (Clear Word Bible)

Karin Peters
Women's Ministry Leader

A "Celebration of Life"
for
Sylvia Donahue,
former FPI resident

will be held on
Tuesday, October 13, 2026
7:00pm

In the Upper Room, 3rd Floor
at Fletcher Park Inn

Annual Foster Children's Christmas Party - Sunday, **December 6**, at the Lelia Patterson Center. Each year, Fletcher Church partners with the Henderson County Department of Social Services to host a Christmas party for children in foster care and their foster families. Volunteers are needed for setup, activities during the party, and cleanup afterward. Our greatest need right now is for sponsors for one or more children. When you sign up, you'll receive information about a child and their wish list. Please plan to spend approximately $75 per child and bring your wrapped gifts to the church by November 28. Sign up at the church welcome desk or contact Beth Brinson at (828) 674-3530 or Kalen Harbin at (828) 702-3201. You may also sign up or ask questions by emailing dssfosterparty@gmail.com. Thank you for helping make Christmas special for these children and their families!







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



Community Services & Thrift Store

A Ministry of the Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church

Non-Perishable Food Donations Needed - The Community Services & Thrift Store on Howard Gap Road operates a food pantry each Tuesday. Your donations will help feed an average of 50 families per week. The items we are in most need of are:

- 1 lb bags of dry rice, dry black beans, pinto, lentils, pasta etc.
- retail size cans of fruit, marinara

Donations may be placed in the collection box in the church coat closet. If you would like to give a monetary donation for the food pantry you may give online or using an offering envelope at church and designating your gift for "Thrift Store Food."

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 September 30 we have been able to pay down $131,537. 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

$131,537
Raised

As of September 30

From Thrift Store Linens to First-Place Ribbons - A little creativity can turn a thrift store find into something extraordinary! Virginia, one of our thrift store customers, transformed linens she purchased at our store into these beautiful outfits and took home first-place ribbons at the North Carolina Mountain State Fair! Congratulations, Virginia, and thank you for sharing this fun story with our church family.



Other News Around Our Community

PLAN NOW! to join us for the Carolina Conference Youth Rally on the campus of Mount Pisgah Academy!

iMPAct

Carolina Conference Youth Rally

November 6-7, 2026
Mount Pisgah Academy



sermon series brought to you by: Joe Frescino

praise music brought to you by: Summit Worship

registration is already open!
www.pisgah.us/impact



This Week at a Glance

Friday, October 9	7:30 am 7:04 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 929-220-3009 access code 532 601 306# Sunset
Sabbath, October 10	9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 1:30 pm 7:02 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor James Reynaert Potluck, Witt Team Adventurers, Fellowship Hall Sunset
Sunday, October 11	10:00 am 2:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	Card Making, Room 306 Brown Baby Shower, Fellowship Hall Women's Ministry Team Meeting, Fellowship Hall Praying Together on the Phone, call 518-551-0106 access code 438 744 051#
Monday, October 12	7:00 pm	Bible Study - Acts, Conference Room, Mary Alice White
Tuesday, October 13	10:00 am-4:00 pm	Thrift Store, 2231 Howard Gap Rd, Cheryl Grant
Wednesday, October 14	11:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Faith Lift Bible Study - Esther, Rm 311, Pastor Elvera Blake Mid-Week Prayer Service, Sanctuary, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Bible Study, Rm 212, Mitchell Nicholaides
Thursday, October 15	6:45 am 10:00 am-2:00 pm	Men's Bible Study, Conference Room, Pastor Ivan Blake Arts, Crafts, Prayer & Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
Friday, October 16	7:30 am 6:54 pm 7:30 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 929-220-3009 access code 532 601 306# Sunset Fletcher Adademy Vespers, Sanctuary
Sabbath, October 17	9:30 am 10:50 am 6:53 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Sunset

July 2026 - June 2027

YTD through September:

Needed: 116,093.00

Received: 71,993.07

October:

Needed: 38,698.00

Received: 1,225.00

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 **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.