FLETCHER SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

October 15, 2026

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.



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!

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!



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.

Looking for Something Good to Read? - If you would like some free books and pamphlets, come to the library! The library is open on Sabbaths from 9:00–9:30 AM and for 30 minutes following the worship service.

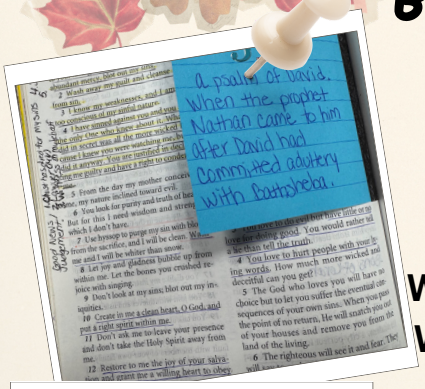
Annual Foster Children's Christmas Party - Sunday, **December 6**, at the Lelia Patterson Center. Each year, Fletcher Church partners with the Henderson County Department of Social Services to host a Christmas party for children in foster care and their foster families. Volunteers are needed for setup, 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!

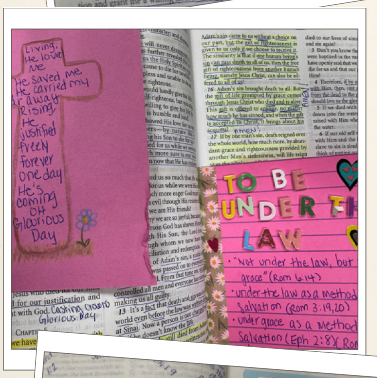
Annual Barn Party - **November 7** at the Moore's farm on Howard Gap Road. Gathering at 5:30 PM, all are invited! Please bring chairs, a salad or chili, and/or a dessert, along with a serving utensil. Thank you!

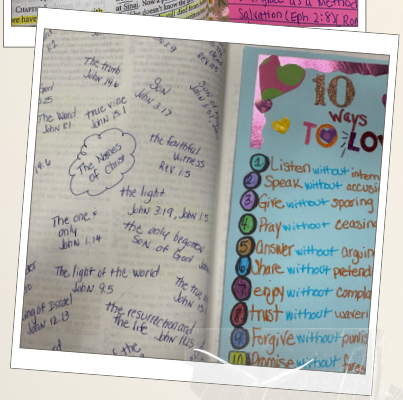


Women's Ministry Team Invites you to

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

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

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Raised

As of September 30

Other News Around Our Community

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

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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 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
Sunday, October 18	7:30 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 518-551-0106 access code 438 744 051#
Monday, October 19	7:00 pm	Bible Study - Acts, Conference Room, Mary Alice White
Tuesday, October 20	10:00 am-4:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Thrift Store, 2231 Howard Gap Rd, Cheryl Grant Finance Committee, Conference Room Church Board Meeting, Conference Room
Wednesday, October 21	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 22	6:45 am 10:00 am-2:00 pm	Men's Bible Study, Conference Room Arts, Crafts, Prayer & Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
Friday, October 23	7:30 am 6:46 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 929-220-3009 access code 532 601 306# Sunset
Sabbath, October 24	9:30 am 10:50 am 2:15 pm 6:30 pm 6:45 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream Hiking Club Gym Night, LPC Sunset

July 2026 - June 2027

YTD through September:

Needed: 116,093.00

Received: 71,993.07

October:

Needed: 38,698.00

Received: 6,276.64

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.