



# FLETCHER

## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

# Newsletter

November 20, 2025

**MORE ON EASTER ISLAND MISSION VIDEO** - On November 22 during the worship service there will be a video feature mission work on Easter Island. When a 35-year-old professional couple with a toddler went to [www.VividFaith.org](http://www.VividFaith.org) and chose to volunteer for a year on one of the most remote places on earth, did they sacrifice or were they amply rewarded? For more info on some of the challenges they faced and on God's abundant blessings, read their fuller story at <https://am.adventistmission.org/a25410>.

**GYM NIGHTS FOR 2025-2026** - There will be four more gym nights 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!

**November 22 at 7:00 PM**

January 17

February 7 Pool & Gym

March 28

**HIKING CLUB** - This Sabbath, **November 22**, is the scheduled day for our church hike and the weather should be "just right" to enjoy being out in nature and seeing the last of the fall colors. Since a few of our regular hikers have been less than full capacity due to recent illness, we will choose an easy walk, maybe a portion of the Mt. to Sea Trail or perhaps the Winter Green Falls Trail. Sunset comes so early now so we will try to depart with car pools at 2:30 pm from the church parking lot. Please join us.

**POTLUCK SCHEDULE** - We normally have a vegetarian potluck on the third and last Sabbath of each month after the worship service. The next potluck will be **November 29**. Please bring food to share.

**WYLER FAMILY UPDATE** - Since 2021 the Fletcher Church has provided financial support to the Wylers, a missionary family serving with Adventist Frontier Missions in a creative access country. Thank you to the many of you who gave generously to the Fletcher Mission Fund and the Wyler Fund these past several years. Our missionaries shared the light of Jesus with many people under difficult circumstances. A few months ago the Wylers came home to the USA on permanent return and their project has been closed down. Because of this the option to give to the Wyler project through AdventistGiving has been discontinued. If you contributed to the Wyler Fund in the past please consider reallocating your mission offering to the Fletcher Mission Fund going forward. The Mission Fund is used to support various mission projects at home and abroad. This year during the month of December (and continuing through January 2026) the offerings given to the Fletcher Mission Fund will be used to support and expand the work of our own Community Services and Thrift Store ministry.



**A NEW WAY OF THINKING** - This year your pastors and elders spent time reflecting on what God is calling us to be and do as leaders. We recognized the need for a new way of thinking about ourselves and our church. As your leaders, we are not simply the elders and pastors of this church, but of the cities of Hendersonville and Fletcher. Each member of the Fletcher Church is invited into this new way of thinking and living. We are not a church that exists to serve only ourselves, but to serve the communities in which we live. We want to think of the people around us as part of our community and part of our church family even if they aren't formal members of the Adventist Church. In alignment with this new way of thinking, the church board voted on November 18 to merge the Benevolent Fund and the Emergency Assistance Fund into one fund that will be called the Benevolent Fund. These two funds were set up years ago with good intentions - one fund to serve church members and the other fund to serve non-members. But we aren't going to make a distinction any longer based on church membership. The fund will exist to help anyone in need. The fund will continue to be administered as it has in the past. A small and confidential committee considers requests for financial assistance and provides help with a goal of sustainable empowerment. If you know of someone who is in need of financial assistance, please contact one of the pastors. You may give to the Benevolent Fund online or by marking an offering envelope accordingly. It is also our practice to collect an offering for the Benevolent Fund at the end of each communion service. Our next communion service will be January 10, 2026.



**END-OF-YEAR MISSION PROJECT** - Every December the Fletcher Church adopts a mission project or several projects both local and across the world. In the past we have supported local ministries like the Asheville Dream Center and Open Arms Pregnancy Center in Hendersonville as well as a Clean Water Project in Kenya and the Wyler Family, a missionary family sharing Jesus in a hard-to-reach context overseas. This year our mission project is our very own Community Services and Thrift Store. This ministry of the Fletcher Church had been operating for decades out of an old dormitory on the Fletcher Academy campus, but this summer we were able to purchase a new building at 2231 Howard Gap Rd. The center provides free food, low-cost clothing and home goods to hundreds of people each month. Dozens of people who walk through the doors of the center are able to pray with one of our volunteers. They consider the center to be their "church." We aim to expand the hours of operation, further improve the facility, and expand the ministry offerings. Your end-of-year gift to the Fletcher Mission Fund will bolster the effectiveness of the Community Services and Thrift Store. Give online <https://www.fletchersda.org/give> or mark your offering envelope for "Fletcher Mission Fund."

**RIGHTNOW MEDIA** - An extensive video library of Christian content for Marrieds, Parents, Young Adults, Singles, Kids, is available, free of charge to you through our church's Family Life Ministries. Contact the church office for access instructions.

**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.

## 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 Georgina Hill
- Anne Krishinger
- Annette Heller, friend of Greg & Connie Peters
- Bob Hansen
- Brad Hansen
- Brexton Fleming
- Brittany (Weis) Kinney
- Cheri Matthews, her step-father & mother
- Colton Summey
- Dawn Christianson, daughter of Shirley Polivka
- Dave Pendleton's friends
- Debbie Shaw's friend
- Gene Wilkie
- Gerald Moretz
- Hayden Brown
- Jeannie Larrabee
- Jill Barnett & Julio Chavez
- John Campbell
- John Carter
- Jon Smith
- Julie C. and her family
- Kathy Sterner's sister-in-law
- Larissa Moon's teacher & teacher's daughter
- Leroy Brown
- Linda & Gary Thiry
- Lorraine Gang
- Mike Summey
- Opie Winston
- Paula Saunders
- Rodney Johnson, brother of Sarah Huston
- Rosa Kirwan
- Shirley Polivka's friends Christine & Jad Davis
- Shari & Kyrie Ruiz
- Sharon Brinson
- Sharon McGraw and her Aunt Mary, Betty and cousin Gary Wayne Sanders
- Steven Jones, military service
- Sylvia Donahue
- Tara Rains and Emilee, family of Kathy Lynch
- Theresa Southard
- Tisha Kirwan
- Velda Capps

**MAINTENANCE TASKS** - You can help us keep our facility and grounds in good working order by filling out an online form at [www.fletchersda.org/forms](http://www.fletchersda.org/forms) when you notice something that needs attention.

**JEANNIE'S CARINGBRIDGE** - Updates about Jeannie Larrabee's battle with cancer are available at the CaringBridge website. Use the link or QR code to sign up for access - <https://tinyurl.com/7kv275b3>.



**INTERESTED IN SINGING?** - The Church Choir, directed by Tim Browning, is looking for all voice parts. Email: [music@fletchersda.org](mailto:music@fletchersda.org) with questions.

**CGCS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** - We invite you to support our Captain Gilmer Christian School students by attending our annual holiday program, entitled "The King is Coming". It will be held at the Lelia Patterson Center, on **December 12** at 7:00 PM. You may also watch it by broadcast at [fletcheracademy.org](http://fletcheracademy.org) (Campus Life/Livestream).





CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG

## *Silent Night, Holy Night*



KELLY  
MOWRER  
CONCERT PIANIST

December 6, 2025  
4:00 PM

Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church  
1141 Howard Gap Rd, Hendersonville NC 28792

**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](#)!



**CRAVING FRESH?** - Come check out the Fletcher Academy Farm. The self-serve farm stand is open Monday 8 AM - Friday 4 PM, and is stocked with fresh, seasonal produce grown using organic methods right on campus. 15 Academy Farm Tr. Fletcher, NC 28732. Contact the farm by phone at (828) 209-6747 and follow on Instagram @fletcheracademyfarm.

**FLETCHER CHURCH SINGLES MINISTRY** - will be having a Christmas party celebrating the birth of our Savior on **December 6**. Please contact Kathy Lynch for information. Call or text 828-693-9936 or email [singles@fletchersda.org](mailto:singles@fletchersda.org).



**A SAFE PLACE FOR CHILDREN** - Parents, please help us keep your children safe. Children should not be allowed to play unsupervised in the church building. During potluck and at other times when supervision is not provided for children, please do not let your children roam through the halls of the church without you. As much as we want to trust that nothing dangerous or inappropriate would happen, we all have a duty to prevent harm to children. All of our volunteers who work with children must complete training in child safety and pass a background check. The playground behind the church is a great place for children to play.

Please encourage your children to utilize the playground rather than playing in the hallways of the church.



## ✧ OTHER NEWS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY ✧

**DONATE TO JAMAICAN RELIEF EFFORTS** - On October 28 one of the most intense Atlantic hurricanes to ever make landfall hit the island nation of Jamaica, causing widespread devastation. Adventist Community Services (ACS) is providing relief to communities affected by the storm. If you would like to donate to the efforts through our local church please designate your offering for ACS Disaster Response. In online giving, you will find ACS Disaster Response listed under World Offerings.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEEDED** - A single mom needs help with after school care. She has two children who need to be picked up from Captain Gilmer at the end of the school day on Wednesdays, Thursdays and every other Friday. Children to be kept until about 5:30 PM when their mother can take them home once she gets off work. For more information please call Jana at 828-545-1044.



**EMERGENCY RELIEF NEEDED NOW**

Hurricane Melissa has torn through communities, leaving families without homes, power, or essentials.

**THEY NEED OUR HELP; AND THEY NEED IT NOW.**

Your gift can bring hope, food, and shelter to those in crisis.

**ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES**

North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists

**EVERY DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE.**

**EVANGELISM IMPACT 2026** - Grow Carolina: Together in Mission **January 1-3, 2026**. Start the new year with Evangelism Impact 2026, a weekend of inspiration and training hosted by the Carolina Conference. Beginning Thursday evening at 7:00 PM and continuing through Sabbath night, the event features plenary sessions and breakout workshops from multiple ministries. Make your own hotel reservations. Sabbath lunch is included; all other meals are on your own. <https://register.adventsourceevents.org/EvangelismImpact>



# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>Friday, November 21</b>	7:30 am 5:19 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332# Sunset
<b>Sabbath, November 22</b>	9:30 am 10:50 am 2:15 pm 5:19 pm 7:00 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Hiking Club Sunset Gym Night, LPC
<b>Sunday, November 23</b>	7:30 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332#
<b>Monday, November 24</b>	6:15 pm	Bible Study-Hebrews, Conference Room, Mary Alice White
<b>Tuesday, November 25</b>	10:00am-4:00 pm	Thrift Store, Merle Peterson, 2231 Howard Gap Rd
<b>Wednesday, November 26</b>	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Mid-Week Prayer Service, Youth Room, Ryan Ashlock HOPE Bible Study, Fellowship Hall, Mike Cabana & Don Wetmore
<b>Thursday, November 27</b>	6:45 am	Happy Thanksgiving Men's Bible Study, Conference Room, Pastor Ivan Blake
<b>Friday, November 28</b>	7:30 am 5:17 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332# Sunset
<b>Sabbath, November 29</b>	9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 5:17 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Potluck, Fellowship Hall, Ashlock Team Sunset

## CHURCH BUDGET JULY 2025 - JUNE 2026

YTD through October:

Needed: 160,278.00

Received: 133,117.07

November:

Needed: 40,069.50

Received: 13,566.89

You can make contributions online by going to [fletchersda.org/give](https://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.



# It's that Time Again!

Annual Foster Children's Christmas Party!  
December 7th from 2:00pm- 4:00pm, Lelia Patterson Center

As always, if you would like to help, We are in need of people to sponsor a child(ren), the wrapped gifts should equal around \$75 and be brought to the church before Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.  
(I will email and text you all the information needed as soon as I can)



Beth Brinson (828)674-3530 Kalen Brinson (828)702-3201  
Email: dssfosterparty@gmail.com  
(Any questions call, text, or email any time)

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of child(ren) you wish to sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Would like to help:

*Setting up Sunday Morning*

*During the Party*

*Cleaning Up Sunday at 4:00*

Extra Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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