



FLETCHER

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

August 6, 2026

FLETCHER ACADEMY INC. WELCOMES DR. DALE E. TWOMLEY AS PRESIDENT AND CEO

The Fletcher Academy Inc. Board of Directors has appointed Dr. Dale E. Twomley as president and CEO of the corporation, effective August 3, 2026.

Dr. Twomley brings extensive experience in education and business, having served in roles ranging from fifth-grade teacher and graduate instructor at Andrews University to president of Worthington Foods, Inc. He has also served seven times as principal of Adventist boarding academies, including Mount Vernon Academy and Shenandoah Valley Academy.



Dale and his wife, Connie, first came to Fletcher in 2009. Dale served as president of Fletcher Academy Inc. for six years, while Connie taught music at Captain Gilmer Christian School for several years. Beginning in 2015, Dale also served for six years as chair of the FAI Board of Directors.

For the past 16 years, Dale and Connie have lived part-time in their villa at Fletcher Park Inn while maintaining their primary residence near Mount Vernon, Ohio. Dale holds a PhD from the University of Maryland and an MBA from the University of Tennessee. Connie holds a master's degree in piano pedagogy from Catholic University. They have two adult sons who live near their Ohio home.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Dale and Connie back to the Fletcher community!

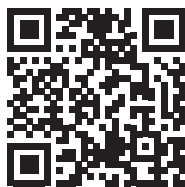
DEACONESS MEETING - The deaconesses will be meeting at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall on **August 16**. Please bring your favorite salad or sandwich to share.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP TEAMS MEETING - There will be a meeting of the Food & Fellowship team on **August 16** at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR GREGORY WILLIAM PETERS, JR. - A service to celebrate Gregory's life will be held on Sunday, **August 9, 2026**, at 4:00 PM at the Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church. Greg, known to many as "JR," passed peacefully to his rest on July 1, 2026 in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection. Born on January 12, 1976, in Pennsylvania, Greg was a dedicated family man and a cherished member of his community. A graduate of Blue Mountain Academy, class of 1994, Greg loved music and sang in choirs throughout the area and at church. He was also regularly at the AV controls during worship services, helping to broadcast the service to many people watching from home. Greg is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 31 years, Karin Lehman Peters; their children, Gregory Peters, III, Christopher Peters, and Gwynevere Peters; his parents, Gregory William Peters, Sr. and Connie Lou Widmer Peters; and his brother, Zac Peters and wife Judi. He also leaves behind his mother-in-law, Diana Lehman; sister-in-law, Tara Lehman; brother-in-law, Benjamin Lehman and wife Natalie; as well as numerous nieces and nephews: Charles, Josef, and Lisa Peters; Sebastian, Benjamin, and Katherine Beaty; and Sara and Anna Soulsby. Gregory's loyal canine companion, Rose Marie, will also miss him dearly.

2026 FPI HELP NEEDED - There are a few weekends in the school year where ALL the FA students participate in the activities and FPI needs help from communities to continue to care for residents at the Fletcher Park Inn Kitchen. The weekends that help is needed are **August 22** (12pm-3pm), **September 5** (12pm-3pm) and **September 6** (9am - 3pm), a meal will be provided during your shift. For more information or to volunteer please reach out to Lori Topham at 828-209-6710 or ltopham@fletcheracademy.org

MISSION SPOTLIGHT - Many more pictures of "THE SURPRISE SCHOOL" (this Sabbath's Mission Spotlight) can be seen at <https://www.casetubal.pt/instalacoes>



. For an aerial view of the school in its neighborhood, search on Google Maps for "38.544N 8.840W".

POTLUCK SCHEDULE - We normally have a vegetarian potluck on the third and last Sabbath of each month after the worship service. Starting in September the potluck schedule may be changing. More information will be provided soon. The next potluck will be **August 15**. Please bring food to share. Potluck is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends, to get to know your church family, and to welcome newcomers.

ARTS, CRAFTS, PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP - Starting Thursday, **August 13th**, we will begin meeting from 10am - 2pm. Thank you to those who have been coming. If you would like to come or have any questions, please text Karin Peters 828-490-2868.

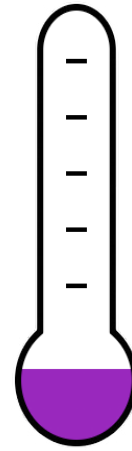
Adventure Club News - The starting date for Adventurers at the Fletcher Church is Sabbath, **September 12**. The club will meet monthly on Sabbath afternoons during the 2026-2027 school year. Look for more information to come. The Adventurer Club is designed to strengthen parent-child relationships for kids ages 4-9 by providing specialized activities tuned into the psychological needs of this age group while simultaneously giving parents opportunities for learning parenting skills and enjoying special activities with their children. <https://www.gcyouthministries.org/ministries/adventurers/>



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 July 31 we have been able to pay down \$118,213. 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

\$118,231

Raised

As of July 31

TEACHER DEDICATION - August 15 at the Fletcher Church. All teachers and staff members of Fletcher Academy, Captain Gilmer Christian School, and any other schools, including homeschools, are invited to participate in the teacher dedication which will happen during the Sabbath morning worship service on **August 15**. Captain Gilmer Christian School (grades K-8) and Fletcher Academy (grades 9-12) begin classes on Monday, August 17. We are praying for new students and families as they begin the school year, and for teachers and staff as they shape young lives for Christ. May this be a year of spiritual growth,

THRIFT STORE - The Thrift Store has CGCS and Fletcher Academy uniforms. Please come by on Tuesdays between 10 am and 4 pm to see our selection and get ready for the upcoming school year.



THRIFT STORE POTATO BLESSINGS - One of the regular customers at the thrift store overheard a conversation at the grocery store about some potatoes that couldn't be sold. The store was going to throw out the potatoes. Acting fast, the man asked if he could have the potatoes. He said he knew

a place that would put them to good use. So this week on Tuesday morning he pulled up to our thrift store with about 30 huge bags of potatoes. What a blessing. Here he is with the potatoes loaded in the back of his truck along with Cheryl Grant, the newly hired Community Services & Thrift Store Director. Many people in our community were blessed with free potatoes. We operate a food pantry out of the thrift store which opens every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.



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

HOW LOVED YOU ARE

What would Jesus do

If He heard me talking to me like I do?

What is wrong with you?

You can NEVER do anything right! No one likes you!

Why even bother!

**Looking in the mirror,
hating who I see**

You are SO ugly! Look at those pimples and blemishes.

No one will EVER like me, I'm not pretty enough.

I'm FAT...my hair looks terrible and my outfits make me look fat!

No one has been harder on myself than me.

What would Jesus say?

You're someone that I died for, someone that I cry for

Someone that I hold together

when you fall apart

You're someone that I'll fight for, leave it all behind for

So look me in the eyes till you know with all your heart

How loved you are.



Lyrics from How Loved you are by Josh Wilson

COMMENTARY BY KARIN PETERS

How often we forget that our Heavenly Father shaped us, put our bones together while we were still in our mother's womb. Psalms 139:13 That makes each one of us unique. He didn't mess up, He made us perfect just like Him. Society tells us all those negative things, and we believe them. I challenge you this week to look in the mirror and see yourself as your Heavenly Father sees you, PERFECT!

Women's Ministry Leader

Karin Peters

August 4, 2026

❖ OTHER NEWS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY ❖

MEMORIAL SERVICE - A memorial service for Glenn Payne will be held at the Mills River SDA Church, Sunday, **August 9**, at 1:00 pm.

CHEMO CAPS & LAP QUILT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY - The North Carolina Mountain State Fair is inviting individuals, families, and church groups to help make a difference in the lives of cancer patients across Western North Carolina. Volunteers are needed to create chemo caps and lap quilts/afghans, which may be sewn, knitted, or crocheted. These handmade items may be entered in the State Fair for competition or simply donated. Since 2024, nearly 3,000 chemo caps and more than 260 lap quilts and afghans have been collected and distributed to cancer patients through the Messino Cancer Center. If you enjoy sewing, knitting, or crocheting and would like to participate in this meaningful outreach, please contact Emily Darnell emily.darnell@ncagr.gov.

VOLUNTEER AT THE WNC MOUNTAIN STATE FAIR SDA BOOTH - Volunteers are needed to serve at the Seventh-day Adventist outreach booth during the WNC Mountain State Fair, September 11–20, in the Davis Building at the WNC Agricultural Center. The booth provides an opportunity to share the love of Jesus through friendly conversation, free Bibles, Christian literature, and information about local Seventh-day Adventist churches. Volunteer shifts are 3–4 hours, with two to three volunteers serving together. Those interested in participating are encouraged to contact Linda Duncan at 828–606–3088 or lindaduncan1@hotmail.com for available shifts and additional information.

JOIN OUR HOMESCHOOL COMMUNITY! - A new school year is just around the corner and our SDA homeschool co-op is welcoming new families! Whether you're a seasoned homeschooler or just getting started, we'd love to connect with you. Enjoy friendships, hands-on learning opportunities, and support alongside other homeschooling families. For more information, contact Jessie Fultz by July 31st 828-551-1729 or jessiefultz914@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SHARE THY BREAD (Tryon, NC) - Share Thy Bread is a food pantry serving our neighbors in Polk, Henderson, and Rutherford Counties, and we're seeking Adventist volunteers willing to give just one 2.5-hour shift on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. Your service helps fulfill Christ's call to care for "the least of these." Contact Melissa Zjaci at 559-786-1458 for details.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, August 7	7:30 am 8:28 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332# Sunset
Sabbath, August 8	9:30 am 10:50 am 8:27 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Sunset
Sunday, August 9	10:00 am 4:00 pm 7:30 pm	Card Making, Room 306 Greg 'JR' Peters Memorial Service, Sanctuary Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332#
Monday, August 10	7:00 pm	Bible Study, Conference Room, Mary Alice White
Tuesday, August 11	10:00 am-4:00 pm	Thrift Store, 2231 Howard Gap Rd, Cheryl Grant
Wednesday, August 12	11:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Faith Lift Bible Study - Hebrews, Rm 311, Pastor Elver a Blake Mid-Week Prayer Service, Sanctuary, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Bible Study, Rm 212, Mitchell Nicholaides
Thursday, August 13	6:45 am 10:00 am	Men's Bible Study, Conference Room, Pastor Ivan Blake Arts, Crafts, Prayer & Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
Friday, August 14	7:30 am 8:21 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332# Sunset
Sabbath, August 15	9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 8:20 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor James Reynaert Potluck, Boehmer/Peters Team, Fellowship Hall Sunset

JULY 2026 - JUNE 2027

YTD through July:

Needed: 38,697.00

Received: 16,095.45

August

Needed: 38,698.00

Received: 3,827.00

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.

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