



FLETCHER

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

February 26, 2026



Carolina Adventist
Christian Book Center

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

BENEVOLENT FUND - The Fletcher Church has a single combined fund for providing assistance to church members and community members in need. 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. The next communion service will be Thursday evening, April 2.

CHURCH HIKING CLUB - Well if the weatherman is correct, this Sabbath, **February 28**, should be a nice day for a hike/walk to enjoy fresh air, sunshine and fellowship. Please join us in the church parking lot at 2:15 pm to decide on a reasonable site for hiking, perhaps Holy Road in Dupont Forest (approx. 3 mile total), and car pool to depart at 2:30 pm.

POTLUCK - The next potluck will be **February 28**. Please bring food to share. We regularly have all-church potlucks after the worship service on the third and last Sabbaths of the month.

THE FELLOWSHIP HALL IS A POLLING LOCATION - Tuesday, **March 3** is Primary Election Day and once again the Fletcher Church Fellowship Hall is a voting location. Please be aware that the fellowship hall will be unavailable for other activities from Monday, March 2 through midday on Wednesday, March 4.

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.

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>. 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.

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

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>.



SDA community Singles
Are hosting a private potluck on sabbath
March 7 for single people.

12:30 PM
Fletcher Church Fellowship Hall
*We will have a devotional and celebrate
March birthdays!*
Please bring food to share and bring a friend.

For questions contact Kathy Lynch
Fletcher Church Singles Ministry Leader
828-693-9936
Singles@fletchersda.org



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 January 31 we have been able to pay down \$36,294.00. 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

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



\$698,750

Goal

\$36,294

Raised



DINNER WITH THE DOCTOR REPORT -

Church members and guests from our community gathered on February 15 for a warm afternoon of fellowship and a delicious soup and salad meal. We were blessed to hear from Dr. Jeff Coston, a member of our church family and physician at AdventHealth Hendersonville. His presentation, "Aches and Pains and Other Things: Managing Pain Appropriately," offered practical, up-to-date guidance on pain management, especially for older adults. Dr. Coston highlighted the importance of reviewing medications carefully and introduced attendees to the Beers Criteria for Potentially Inappropriate Medication Use in Older Adults, often called "The

Beers List." He explained how prolonged use of certain medications commonly prescribed for pain relief and sleep can increase the risk of dementia and other adverse effects in older adults. The program was both informative and encouraging, equipping attendees with valuable tools for making wise health decisions. Plans are already underway to offer similar "Dinner with the Doctor" events in the 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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1141 Howard Gap Rd. Hendersonville, NC

INDOOR YARD SALE - At Fletcher Park Inn, on Friday, **February 27**, and Sunday, March 1, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Browse a wonderful selection of dishes, household items, furniture, pictures, and more; there's something for everyone!

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).

WHAT DO OUR POTLUCKS AND FEEDING THOSE IN NEED HAVE IN COMMON? YOU - Whenever we have 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. The next all-church potluck will be **February 28**. We normally have potlucks on the third and last Sabbath of each month.

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 Krashingner
- 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
- Jeannie Larrabee
- 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



Photos from last Saturday night's concert with Hayden Wiseman. Tim Browning assembled a small string ensemble to accompany Hayden on several songs, adding depth and richness to an already beautiful and inspiring evening of music.



✧ OTHER NEWS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY ✧

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

BLOOD DRIVE
SAVE LIVES. EARN REWARDS. DONATE TODAY.
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\$30
IN REWARDS*
\$500 grant for each drive collecting 30+ units

Fletcher Academy in the Rotunda of the Leila Patterson Center
1111 Howard Gap Rd
Hendersonville, NC 28792

03/03/2026
09:00 AM–04:00 PM

Sponsor Code 23EG

THE BLOOD CONNECTION
Your Community Blood Center

The Blood Connection is a non-profit organization. Blood can be donated every 16 days. Donors must be 16 years or older and over 110 lbs. To donate, please provide a valid driver's license or ID, 10-year valid SC, VA, or NC ID, and 100% of your own blood. Before you donate blood, make sure that you drink plenty of water and eat a healthy meal. Please do not drink alcohol, use recreational drugs, or use tobacco and/or cigarettes after 30 days. ©2025 THE BLOOD CONNECTION All Rights Reserved.

WEDDING SHOWER - Moses and Sara McCord invite you to a wedding shower for their daughter Audrey and her fiance, 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.

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.	

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

SCAN FOR REGISTRATION AND DETAILS

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, February 27	7:30 am 6:23 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332# Sunset
Sabbath, February 28	9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 6:24 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ivan Blake Potluck, Fellowship Hall, Ashlock Team Sunset
Sunday, March 1	7:30 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332#
Monday, March 2	7:00 pm	Bible Study-Hebrews, Conference Room, Mary Alice White
Tuesday, March 3	10:00 am-4:00 pm	Thrift Store, Merle Peterson, 2231 Howard Gap Rd
Wednesday, March 4	5:20 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Pathfinders & Adventurers, Lower Level, Pastor James Reyanert Mid-Week Prayer Service, Sanctuary, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Bible Study, Room 212, Mitchell Nicholaides
Thursday, March 5	6:45 am	Men's Bible Study, Conference Room, Pastor Ryan Ashlock
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	9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 6:30 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, CGCS 8th Grade Class Singles Potluck, Fellowship Hall, Kathy Lynch 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: 14,042.07

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.