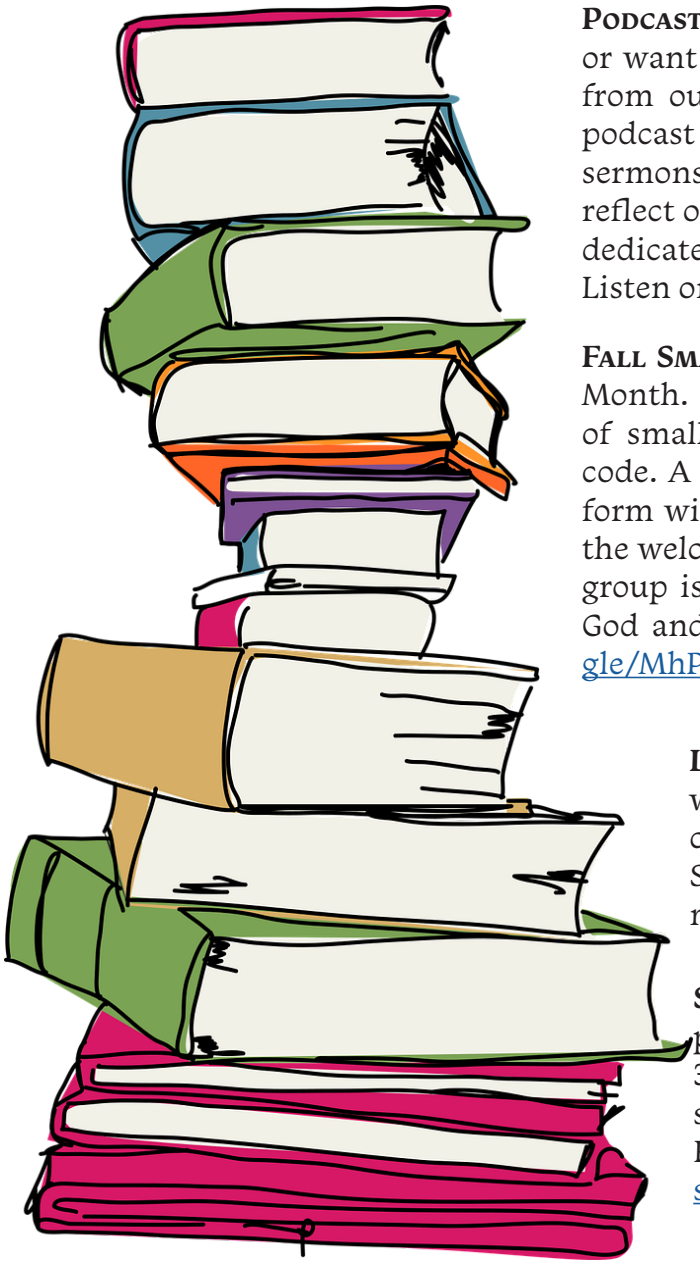
FLETCHER SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

September 17, 2026



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!

Fall Small Groups - Beginning This Month. To sign up and to see a list of small group options use the QR code. A paper version of the sign up form will be available on Sabbath at the welcome desk. Attending a small group is a great way to get to know God and connect with other people. https://forms.gle/MhPe2fpFryV3mPfN6

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.

SDA Community Singles - will be having a potluck for Single people on Sabbath **October 3** beginning at 12:30 PM. Please bring food to share. For more information, please contact Kathy Lynch at 828-693-9936 or email her at singles@fletchersda.org.

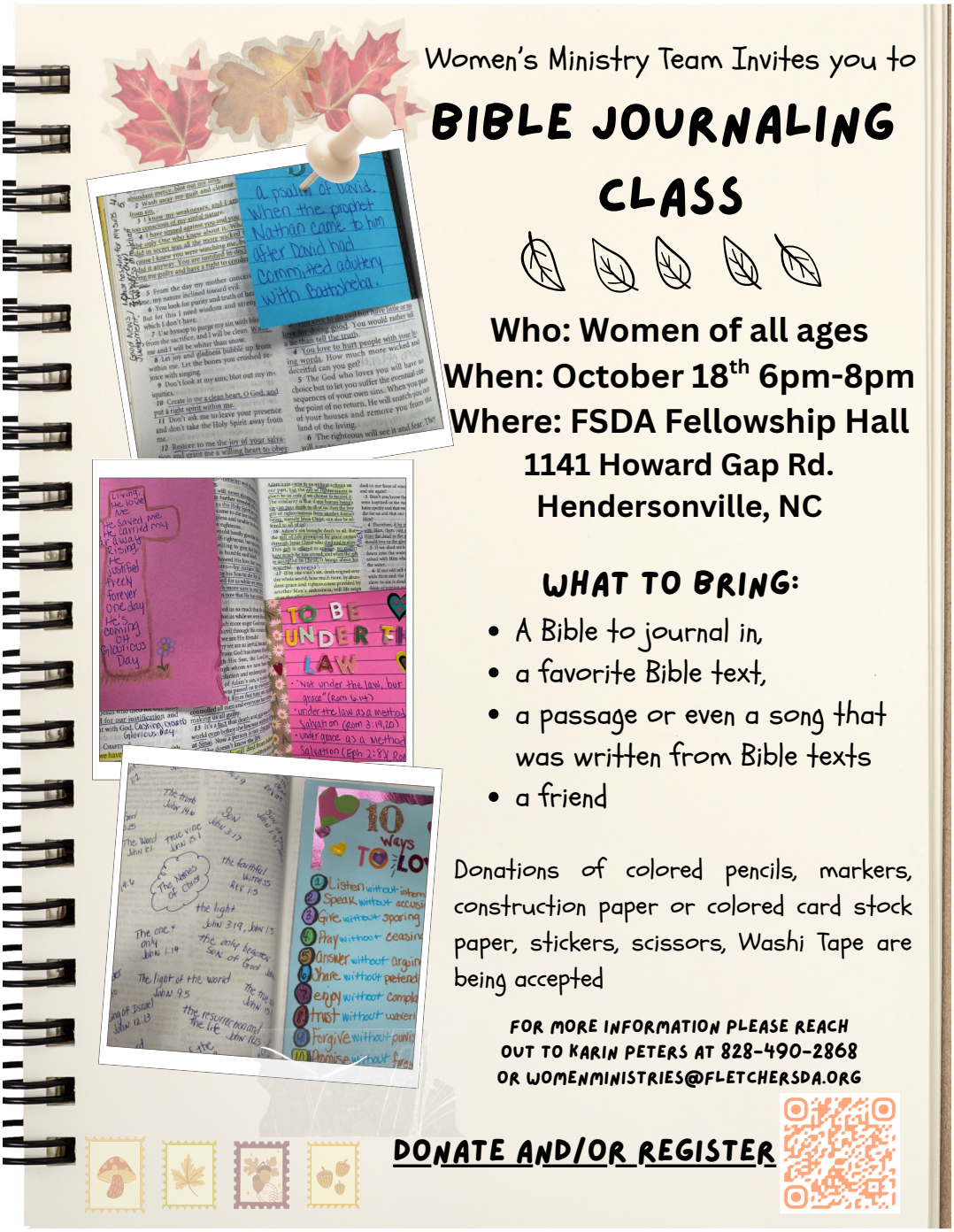


New Adult Sabbath School Class - On the first Sabbath of next month, **October 3**, Dr. Jacques Doukhan (assisted by Pastor Ivan Blake) will begin teaching from the Adult Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly in Room 301 (Upper Level, North wing). Dr Doukhan is a Senior Research Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University. He is also the General Editor for the new SDAIBC (Seventh-day Adventist International Bible Commentary) Project. His vast experience as a teacher of the Bible will be reflected in this new Sabbath School class. Anyone is welcome.

Forms on the Church Website - If you would like to submit a prayer request, transfer your church membership, add an announcement to the newsletter, or request the use of one of the rooms at the church facility, you may now do so online at fletchersda.org/forms. Filling out an online form is the easiest and quickest way for your request to be processed.

Upgrades to Church Entry Doors - We we are in the process of upgrading several of our exterior church doors with new hardware. As part of this project, all exterior doors will eventually be converted to a keyless entry system. The new system will make church access more convenient while also allowing us to better manage and secure access to the building. During the transition, existing keys will continue to work on exterior doors. Once the conversion is complete, however, those who need regular access to the church will need to obtain a keycard. We appreciate your patience during this transition. More information about the new system and how to obtain a keycard will be shared soon.

Help Keep the Building Clean - Please help us keep the building tidy by placing your trash in a trash can or taking it with you. We've had some issues lately with food items left in the sanctuary. Sometimes it is several days between an event and when the church custodian comes through to clean.



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.

Please Turn Off the Lights - If you use the church for an event, Bible study meeting, etc. please remember to turn off the lights when you are finished, not just in the room you were using, but in hallways and stairwells. Thank you!

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 **September 26**. 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.

Thank you or Praise?

First let's see what the world has to say about each.

Thank you

A polite phrase used to express gratitude or appreciation when someone gives you something, helps you, or does a kind act.

Praise

Expressing approval, admiration or commendation for someone or something, or honoring a deity through Worship.

Now let's see what the Bible has to say.

Thank you

ACTIVE expression of gratitude, worship and reverence primarily directed toward God

Praise

The ACTIVE DECLARATION of God's SUPREME WORTH, CHARACTER, & MARVELOUS DEEDS!

How often do you praise God instead of thanking Him? As a kid growing up I only remember my prayers to be thank you for my family, thank you for my friends, thank you for the nice day, and the list goes on.

This past spring when we had the small groups I went to Pastor Ryan's house. I remember him challenging us to Praise God more than to thank Him. I tried and it just felt weird, so I gave up. One of the seminars at Campmeeting that I went to the speaker said the same thing (maybe a sign to give it a try again). She showed us the P.A.C.T. method. PRAISE.ASK.CONFESS.THANK YOU. So, I gave it another try. It still felt a little weird, but I kept at it and it has become much easier. The more I sit and talk with Him and the closer I get to Him the easier it is to Praise Him instead of just saying thank you. Now I Praise Him for the answered prayer request I forgot I asked until I got the answer, and in the mornings or evenings when I'm outside spending time with Him, I Praise Him for the beautiful sounds of the birds and the night creatures. I Praise Him for answering the smallest requests. God deserves Honor and Praise everyday!

This next week I challenge you to ACTIVELY DECLARE GOD'S SUPREME WORTH, HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS AND HIS CHARACTER.

Hymn #694 Psalms 148:1-2

Karin Peters
Women's Ministry Leader



Men's Basketball Fellowship - This ministry of the Fletcher Church meets most Sundays at 9:00 AM at the Lelia Patterson Center next door to the church (no LPC membership required to participate). Men from the church and community are welcome. Contact Jacob Stout for more information.

Board Meeting Minutes - If you are a member of the Fletcher Church and would like to be able to review minutes of church board meetings, they are now available on a password-protected part of the church website - https://www.fletchersda.org/meetingminutes. Please email the church office for access instructions.

Community Services & Thrift Store

A Ministry of the Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church

Looking for a Way to Serve Our Community? - The Fletcher Church Community Services & Thrift Store is looking for volunteers! If you have some availability on Wednesdays or Thursdays between 9:30 am and 5:30 pm, we would love to have your help. Whether you can give two hours or spend most of the day with us, your time and assistance are valuable. Join our wonderful team of volunteers who have a heart for connecting with others and serving those in need. Come be part of this important ministry to our community! Contact Cheryl Grant for more information: 828-335-4576 cgrant@fletchersda.org or stop by the store during open hours on Tuesdays between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. The Community Services & Thrift Store is located at 2231 Howard Gap Road in Hendersonville.

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 August 31 we have been able to pay down $129,038. 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

$129,038
Raised

As of August 31

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

Other News Around Our Community

MPAC Pathfinders - Sunday, **September 27** Pathfinder Fundraiser at the Mount Pisgah Church Community Center from 8:30-2pm Rummage Sale & Carwash. Pray, Sell, Donate, Shop, Volunteer, or Stop By. For more information please contact: Heather Amann (828) 329-3051

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

Carolina Adventist Christian Book Center

Fall Delivery 2026

The ACBC will deliver prepaid orders at:

Fletcher SDA Church
Wednesday, October 7
11:30 - 11:40 am

Order deadline is Noon
One Week Before Delivery Date
To order by phone call:
1-800-366-1844 or 704-599-0699

There is a $5.00 delivery fee for each order.

Please be on time
If you cannot be there please arrange ahead of time for someone to pick up your order.

*Dates, times, and locations are subject to change. Visit our website for current information.

Food price lists and an online order form are available at:
www.CarolinaACBC.com
Click on ACBC Events/Sales
A listing of books we carry can be found at:
www.AdventistBookCenter.com

This Week at a Glance

Friday, September 18	7:30 am 7:34 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 929-220-3009 access code 532 601 306# Sunset
Sabbath, September 19	9:30 am 10:50 am 7:32 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Sunset
Sunday, September 20	7:30 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 518-551-0106 access code 438 744 051#
Monday, September 21	7:00 pm	Bible Study - Jonah, Conference Room, Mary Alice White
Tuesday, September 22	10:00 am-4:00 pm	Thrift Store, 2231 Howard Gap Rd, Cheryl Grant
Wednesday, September 23	~~11:00 am~~ 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	~~Faith Lift Bible Study - Hebrews, Rm 311, Pastor Elvera Blake~~ Mid-Week Prayer Service, Sanctuary, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Bible Study, Rm 212, Mitchell Nicholaides
Thursday, September 24	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, September 25	7:30 am 7:24 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 929-220-3009 access code 532 601 306# Sunset
Sabbath, September 26	9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 1:30 pm 2:15 pm 7:22 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Potluck, Fellowship Hall, Ashlock Team Adventurers, Fellowship Hall Hiking Club Sunset

July 2026 - June 2027

YTD through August:

Needed: 77,395.00

Received: 48,656.86

September:

Needed: 38,698.00

Received: 4,162.21

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.