



Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church

Newsletter

March 7, 2024



**Carolina Adventist
Christian Book Center**

Spring 2024 Bookmobile Delivery

The ACBC will deliver prepaid orders at:

**Fletcher SDA Church
Sunday, March 17
Noon - 12:15 pm**

**Order deadline is
Noon Sunday, March 10**

There is a \$5.00 delivery fee per order.

To order by phone call:
1-800-366-1844 or 704-599-0699

Please be on time

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

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



FLETCHER FALCONS - are headed to the International Pathfinder Camporee! This August, the Fletcher Falcons are thrilled to join Pathfinders from around the globe at the International Pathfinder Camporee in Gillette, Wyoming. Thank you to all those who have donated. If you would still

like to contribute, donations can be made through a tithe envelope or online. Our goal is to raise \$30,000 which will cover travel, accommodations, and other expenses, ensuring every Falcon has the chance to soar at this global event. Your support can make a world of difference. Thank you for considering a donation to help our Pathfinders shine on the international stage!

Children's Fund - Prior to the Covid pandemic children collected an offering on their way to the front each Sabbath for the children's story. Since the pandemic we have simply encouraged people to contribute to the "Children's Fund" online or in an offering envelope. More money comes in now than it did when the children were collecting the money by hand. Thank you to the many generous donors of the children's fund!

The Children's Fund is known officially as "CGCS Student Aid Fund" and monies given have been used to provide tuition assistance to families from our church whose children are attending Captain Gilmer Christian School. When your generosity exceeds the need for tuition assistance, we would like to be able to use the extra money for special projects to enhance the educational experience at Captain Gilmer. The primary use of the fund will continue to be tuition assistance. To reflect this change, the church board has approved a change to the official name of the children's fund. It will now be known as "CGCS Student Aid and Enrichment."

Pathfinder Camporee Fundraising Goal

■ Received: ■ Needed:



CONDOLENCES - Dean E. Flint, 91, born August 18, 1932 in Whitefish, Montana, died February 29, 2024 in Charlotte, NC at the home of his daughter, after a short illness. He was the second of four children born to Roy and Sadie Flint.

In 1953, Dean graduated from Mt. Ellis Academy in Bozeman, MT, where he gave his life to Christ. After graduation, he served 2 years in the US Army as a Medical Records Specialist, stationed in Panama. Upon completion of his military service, he attended college, graduating from Andrews University.

Dean taught in Seventh-day Adventist elementary schools in Jackson, Michigan, Calgary, Alberta, Raleigh/Durham area of North Carolina and Nashville, Tennessee. After retirement as a teacher, he continued his life of service to others and enjoyed his work as a volunteer director of the Adventist Community Services Center at the 403 Center located in Madison, TN for several years. His last years were spent at Fletcher Park Inn in Hendersonville, NC.

He is survived by his son Douglas, of Garner, NC, and his daughter and son-in-law, Deanna and Stephen Berrier of Charlotte, NC, his former wife, Donna, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Dale, and all of his siblings, Luella, Raleigh and Robert.

In saying goodbye, Dean would often say, "If I don't see you before, I'll see you in the Kingdom." Let's make sure that we do.

A memorial service to honor Dean will take place at Fletcher Park Inn at a date to be determined.

GYM NIGHT - There will NOT be a church gym night in March as originally announced. The next gym night will be April 20. Plan now to come to the Lelia Patterson Center on the evening of April 20 for worship and games for the whole family.

CONGRATULATIONS - to our PBE (Pathfinder Bible Experience) Team for a second place finish in Charlotte on February 24. We are proud of the work these Pathfinders put in to learn and memorize the books of Joshua and Judges.

CAPTAIN GILMER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR! - This event will take place on Sunday, **March 24**, at the Lelia Patterson Center from 3pm-7pm. You can enjoy food from all continents of the world, crafts, and games, all while supporting Captain Gilmer. Please plan on joining us and invite your friends! If you would like to donate food, money, or volunteer to help please email:

Shannon Johnson at

cgcshsa@fletcheracademy.org or contact the school office at (828) 684-8221



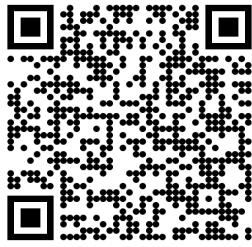
SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

- is now open at Nosoca Pines Ranch!

We believe that camp is the perfect opportunity for children to make new friends, gain independence, develop new skills, and most importantly, learn more about Jesus! To secure a spot for an unforgettable summer please reach out to [Pastor James!](#)

PLAYGROUND - The church business meeting voted to approve a plan to build a playground and covered seating area behind the church. Some of the funding for this project has already been arranged, but we still need to raise approximately \$300k. If you would like to contribute to the project please designate your offering for "Building Fund" or "Playground." Look for more information to come about this exciting project.

8TH GRADE FERN FUNDRAISER AT CGCS - Our 8th grade fundraiser has started! We are selling 10" Boston Fern Hanging Baskets. \$15 per fern. You can use the link or QR code to order and pay. Please select number of ferns you're paying for and in the Student Name slot, you can either put a certain 8th grader you're supporting OR put CGCS. Pick up (no delivery) is April 25th from 3:30-5:30 and April 26th from 9:30-11 am and 2:30-3:30 pm at Captain Gilmer. Thank you for your support! 8th grade class



<https://bngn.blackbaud.school/?id=q3qio1tysyz#/home/>



ACADEMY DAYS - Fletcher Academy is holding Academy Days on **April 7-8**. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what life is like at Fletcher Academy. For more information and to register, visit: fletcheracademy.org

Job Opening - Community Services Director - The Fletcher Church Thrift Store is a growing ministry. This is a paid position. 10 hrs/week. Contact Pastor Ryan Ashlock. Please keep our thrift store and the team of volunteers who serve there in your prayers. We need a better location for the thrift store sooner rather than later.

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.
- *Also:*
- AdventHealth
- Annette Heller, friend of Greg & Connie Peters, cancer diagnosis;
- Bob & Joyce Osborne;
- Brad Hansen;
- Brexton Fleming, developmental challenges;
- Brittany (Weis) Kinney;
- Captain Gilmer Christian School;
- Charlene Jenks Russ, cancer & chemotherapy;
- Cheri Matthews recovery from surgery, her step-father (cancer) & mother;
- Colton Summey;
- Darlene Nash;
- Dave Pendleton's friends;
- Debbie Shaw's friend;
- Dean Flint, on hospice care;
- Dolly Sills, pancreatic cancer, (sister of Don Wetmore);
- Elaine Myers;
- Elizabeth Culver;
- Ellen Herman, Maria Nudd's mother;
- Fletcher Academy Ministries Inc.;
- Fletcher Park Inn;
- Gerald Moretz;
- Gene Wilkie;
- Gene and Anne Krashingner;
- Hayden Brown;
- Jack LaPrade;
- Jake and Velda Capps;
- Janis Moore's cousin Debi, brain tumor;
- Jim Archer;
- John Campbell;
- Julie C. with kidney failure, and her family for strength & comfort;
- Kathy Sterner's sister-in-law, heart;
- Mike Summey;
- Nancy Merz; Rolene Hanson;
- Noreen Harrison (in hospice care) and her children, Lori & Michael;
- Opie Winston;
- Our home-bound members;
- Paula Saunders;
- Radio Station WFHC;
- Rodney Johnson, (brother of Sarah Huston);
- Shirley Polivka's friends Christine & Jad Davis;
- Shari & Kyrie Ruiz;
- Sharon Brinson;
- Susan Chun's niece, Janice Chun, leukemia;
- Steven Jones, military service;
- Tara Rains;
- Tim Browning


OTHER NEWS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

CONDOLENCES - Dave Herzig, a long-time member and head elder of the Fairview SDA Church passed away peacefully on February 24, Saturday 9am. His memorial service will be held on Sunday, **March 24, 2024** at 3pm at Fairview Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 57 Cane Creek Circle in Fairview. It will be broadcast via YouTube Live. The web link will be posted a few days before the Memorial service at the Church's home page, www.fairviewnc.adventistchurch.org.

BLUE RIDGE SYMPHONIC BRASS - will be having a free concert on **March 10** at 7:00 pm. The concert will be held at the Basilica of St. Lawrence Church on 97 Haywood Street in Asheville. The program will include favorites such as Gilbert and Sullivan's *Overture to the Mikado*, a brass arrangement of Eric Whitacre's beautiful choral piece *October*, J.S. Bach's *Sleepers Awake*, and *A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square*. For more information: brsbrass@gmail.com

3R DANIEL FAST - The Hendersonville SDA Church is hosting a 21 Day Physical and Spiritual reboot. The Daniel Fast will focus on reviving your spirit, reforming your lifestyle and restoring your whole person. The program will be held from **March 31- April 27**. For more information please reach out to Judith Thomas at 828.692.2255.

ADVENTIST YOUNG PROFESSIONALS MISSION TRIP - **May 22-27, 2024** During the 5 days together, you'll participate in a restoration project, outreach projects, and impactful worship. Beyond making a missionary impact in Miami, you'll have the opportunity to experience the sights of SoFlo alongside new friends from across North America and beyond! Pre-registration is now open! Visit AYP.me/MissionTrip to learn more and pre-register.



From Europe to Rwanda to Papua New Guinea, you can't miss the thrilling updates of what God is doing around the world through Adventist World Radio!

ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO ANNUAL OFFERING
MARCH 9, 2024

finding HOPE when life hurts

Light ^{THE} Night

March 18, 2024
5:30pm - 7:30pm

BRCC Conference Hall
49 E. Campus Dr. Flat Rock

FREE Chick-Fil-A, Candy, Merch & More!

A FAITH Movement to END Teen Suicide, SUPPORT Mental Health, and shine LIGHT on the story that is just beginning!
#NeverAlone

My Ascension

Guest Speaker - Emma Benoit



a Documentary Film to Spread Hope and Fight Suicide

www.lightthenight828.com Sponsored by **AdventHealth** | **FaithConnect**

IAM INTERFAITH ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

Please leave items for Interfaith in the box in the coat closet near the narthex.

FOOD ITEMS

- Peanut Butter
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Tuna and Chicken
 - Canned Corn
- Canned Mixed Vegetables
 - Canned Beans
 - Canned Soup
- Canned Diced Tomatoes
 - Dry Pasta
 - Pasta Sauce
- Low-Sugar Cereal
 - Oatmeal
- Throw Blankets
- Blankets (Double, Queen, King)
- Children's Shoes: Sizes 13 & Up
- Women's Shoes: Sizes 8-9.5
- Men's Shoes: Sizes 8 - 10.5
- Men's Jeans - Sizes 28-34
- Boy's XL Underwear 14/16

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Diapers - Sizes 2, 4,5,6 (no pull-ups)
 - Stick Deodorant
 - Shampoo
 - Bar Soap
 - Toothpaste
 - Toothbrushes
 - Razors
 - Baby wipes
- Gallon Ziploc Bags

CLOTHING ITEMS

- Girl's Clothing: Size 2T
- Girl's Socks: Size Medium
- Girl's Underwear: Size 6
 - Women's Socks
- Women's Underwear: Sizes 4/5
- Men's Underwear: Sizes 28-34
 - Tents



“Follow Me”
Sabbath School & Community Service Workshop

March 22-24, 2024
Nosoca Pines Ranch
Register:
carolinasda.org

General Sessions:

- Disciple-making Strategies
- Jesus the Deacon
- Hard Questions and Earnest Appeals
- Global Total Member Involvement in Your Church

SABBATH SCHOOL WORKSHOP SESSIONS:

- Sabbath School Alive!
- Revitalizing Mission and Outreach
- Teaching the Word with Power
- The Super Superintendent

If a church has at least one representative from two of the following departments, you all go for half price!

1. Adult Sabbath School superintendent or teacher
2. Personal Ministries leader or team member
3. Community Services leader or team member
4. Church Elder

Half price offer also applies to those commuting or attending Sabbath only, as well as \$25 off lodge rooms if the above conditions are met.

So it pays to sign up as a group!

YOU COULD ATTEND FOR HALF PRICE!

Speakers:



COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Colette Newer is the Associate Director for Adventist Community Services at the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.



W. Derrick Lea serves as the Director of North American Division Adventist Community Services.



SABBATH SCHOOL:

Joe Reeves is the Assistant Director of the General Conference Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department.

REGISTER TODAY!
WWW.CAROLINASDA.ORG



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, March 8	7:30 am 6:33 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332# Sunset
Sabbath, March 9	9:30 am 10:50 am 6:33 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ivan Blake Sunset
Sunday, March 10	10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Card Making, Room 306, Jane Diamond AA Meeting, Room #118, Kris Wetmore Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332#
Monday, March 11	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Handbell practice, Fellowship Hall, Debbie & Kevin Engelkemier Bible Study, God's Double Vocative in Scripture, Conference Room, Mary Alice White
Tuesday, March 12	9:00am-1:00pm	Thrift Store, Doelger Drive, Gerald Moretz
Wednesday, March 13	11:00 am 6:30 pm After Prayer Service	Faithlift Women's Bible Study, Matthew's Take on Jesus, Room #311, Elvera Blake Mid-week Prayer Service, Sanctuary, Pastor Ivan Blake CANCELED - Bible Study, Room #212, Mitchell Nicholaides
Thursday, March 14	6:45 am	Men's Bible Study, Conference Room, Pastor Ivan Blake
Friday, March 15	7:30 am 7:39 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332# Sunset
Sabbath, March 16	9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 7:39 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor James Reynaert Potluck, Fellowship Hall Sunset

CHURCH BUDGET JULY 2023 - JUNE 2024

YTD through February:

Needed: 234,624.00

Received: 270,796.45

March:

Needed: 33,518.00

Received: 2,097.00

*A copy of the Church Budget is available at
the desk in the narthex.*

You can make contributions online

by going to fletchersda.org and

clicking on "online giving" or you

can mail your tithe and offerings to:

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 donation 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 three 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 Basketball Ministry** starting at 9am. Please contact Mark Murrill at 918-361-6794 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.
13. Our church sponsors a family who has devoted years of their lives to serve in a country where Jesus is not known, to share Christ through international ministry in **Overseas Missions**.