



FLETCHER

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

July 30, 2026

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.

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.

CHURCH JANITOR POSITION - We are seeking a new janitor to help maintain our facilities. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please reach out to the church office.

COLD DURING CHURCH? - Starting **August 1** there will be lap blankets available for those who get cold easily in the sanctuary. They will be available to pick up by the bags for children. Please return them as you leave the sanctuary.

SDA COMMUNITY SINGLES - will not meet Sabbath **August 1** for potluck. They will resume in September.

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

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





CONDOLENCES - Dr. Steve Hildebrand, former Fletcher SDA Church member, passed away peacefully at home on July 18, from brain cancer. A celebration of his life is planned for **August 30**, at 4pm at the Loma Linda University Church. The live stream will be at www.lluc.org/live. Cards may be sent to his wife Merle, & their daughter Merrie at: 1022 Calle De Acacia, Redlands, CA 92373.

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.

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, academic excellence, and faithful service to God.

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 June 30 we have been able to pay down \$113,794. 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

\$113,794

Raised

As of June 30

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

Women's Ministries



Attention all ladies ages 13 and older!

My name is Karin Peters, and I am honored to serve as the Women's Ministries Leader for the next two years.

I am looking for women of all ages to serve on our Women's Ministries Planning Committee. Together, we'll help plan outings, seminars, Bible studies, and other opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth.

If you are willing to be part of this exciting ministry, please text me at 828-490-2868. In your message, include your name and your age group:

- 13-18
- 19-25
- 26-40
- 41-60
- 61-85
- 86+

I look forward to working with you as we encourage one another and grow closer to Christ over the next two years!

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.

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.

Remember to start saving for the Carolina Conference Women's Retreat in October 2-4, 2026. More details will be shared as we get closer to the event!

❖ OTHER NEWS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY ❖

MEMORIAL SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT - A memorial service celebrating the life of Edwin Sampayan, a former member of the Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church, will be held on Friday, **July 31**, at 6:00 PM at the Foster Seventh-day Adventist Church in Asheville. Edwin was the husband of Marcella Ayers Sampayan who graduated from Fletcher Academy.

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.

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.

WEDDING SHOWER - You are invited to a wedding shower luncheon for Leilani Darnell and Tyler Hillebert on **August 2** from 1:30–3:30 in the Arden Community Life Center at 35 Airport Road, Arden. Please use this to view their registry: <https://www.zola.com/registry/leilaniandtyler2026> If you have questions, please call or text Heather Darnell at (828) 779-6786.

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, July 31	7:30 am 8:40 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332# Sunset
Sabbath, August 1	9:30 am 10:50 am 8:34 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ivan Blake Sunset
Sunday, August 2	7:30 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332#
Monday, August 3	7:00 pm	Bible Study, Conference Room, Mary Alice White
Tuesday, August 4	10:00 am-4:00 pm	Thrift Store, 2231 Howard Gap Rd, Cheryl Grant
Wednesday, August 5	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 6	6:45 am 10:00 am	Men's Bible Study, Conference Room, Pastor Ivan Blake Arts, Crafts, Prayer & Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
Friday, August 7	7:30 am 8:35 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332# Sunset
Sabbath, August 8	9:30 am 10:50 am 8:34 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Sunset

JULY 2026 - JUNE 2027

YTD through July:

Needed: 38,697.00

Received: 11,231.64

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

