

Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church

Sabbath, December 9, 2023

Our Purpose is to Lift Jesus Up and Love People In

We welcome all who want to know Jesus and His love for people.

Let's grow together, discovering Jesus and His plan for our lives.

Prelude Tim Browning

10:50 am Family Worship Service

Hymn of Praise Russell & Lauren Drapiza

#100 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Prayer Song *#482 Father, Lead Me Day by Day*

Prayer Michael Radacanu

Children's Feature Lynne Buske

Please mark your envelope for children's offering "Children's Fund"

Connecting Pastor Ryan Ashlock

Worship in Giving Mitchell Nicholaides

Tithes, & Offerings, Adventist Community Service

Mission Video A Big Church for a Big University

Adoration & Praise Russell & Lauren Drapiza

Cornerstone

King of Kings

Holy Forever

Meditation Music Terry Cho

We Three Kings

Scripture Spencer Arany

Luke 2:8-20

Sermon Pastor Ryan Ashlock

PEACE ON EARTH

Song of Response Russell & Lauren Drapiza

#122 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Benediction Pastor Ryan Ashlock

Postlude Tim Browning

WELCOME! We are happy to have you with us today at the Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church. Whether this is your first time or you are a regular attendee, we pray that you will experience the welcoming presence of Jesus as you worship in person or via our livestream. We would love to have you join us on the journey of faith. To become a member, please inquire at the information desk in the narthex.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: For information about church events please visit <https://www.fletchersda.org/whats-happening> or scan the QR code to the right. If you would like a printed copy of our newsletter, it is available on the welcome table in the narthex.



WOULD YOU LIKE SOMEONE TO PRAY WITH YOU? After the worship service today and every Sabbath, one of the church elders will be available to pray with you in Room #210 on the main level.

TODAY

9:30 am Sabbath Schools, various locations

10:50 am Family Worship Service (in person and livestream)

Video - Jason Gardner

Audio - Clark Larrabee

Platform Elder - Debbie Engelkemier

Deacons on Duty - Michael O'Connor, Pierre Geneve, Bob Southard,
Ron Redden

Hospitality - Lisa Albertson, Claudia Fleming, Pat Higgins, Jacqui Sutton

NEXT WEEK'S TEAM

Video - Jason Gardner

Audio - Ryan Higgins

Platform Elder - Jimm Bunch

Deacons on Duty - Michael O'Connor, Pierre Geneve, Bob Southard,
Ron Redden

Hospitality - Jane Diamond, Patricia Powell, Ellen O'Connor, Dolph Diamond

Potluck team - McDonald's and friends

Our Schools



CAPTAIN GILMER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

A Ministry of FAI

Grades K-8

www.captaingilmer.com

Phone: 828-684-8221



FLETCHER ACADEMY

A Ministry of FAI

Grades 9-12

www.fletcheracademy.org

Call 828-209-6800

Ministries & Growth Opportunities

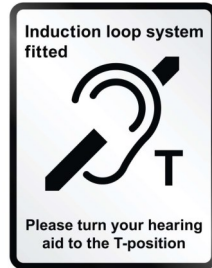
Thrift Store open on Tuesdays 9am-1pm. Located on Doelger Drive.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting at 7 pm each Sunday, Room 118, Lower Level.



FLETCHER CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CENTER

If you or someone you know is in need of mental health services go to our website at fletcherccc.com, email thefletcherccc@gmail.com or call (828) 263-6526. If you call, please leave a message.



Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church

Address: 1141 Howard Gap Road, Hendersonville NC 28792

Telephone: 828-684-0332

E-mail: secretary@fletchersda.org

Website: www.fletchersda.org

Live Streaming: Church website online live streaming tab

Church Secretary: Connie Peters **Office Hours:** Mon-Thu 8am – 1pm

Lead Pastor: Ryan Ashlock pastorryan@fletchersda.org (704) 534-6480

Youth Pastor: James Reynaert james@fletchersda.org (239) 671-5669

Associate Pastor: Ivan Blake pastorivan@fletchersda.org (828) 782-7777

Treasury: Darlene Nash treasury@fletchersda.org

AV Director: Jason Gardner, contact the church office

SABBATH SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Join us at 9:30 am each Sabbath for an age-appropriate Bible class.

Ask at the information desk for directions to classrooms.

Children

Beginner (birth-2yrs)	Room# 103 Teacher: Darlene Nash
Pre-K (3-4yrs)	Room# 106 Teacher: Vangie Archer
Kindergarten (5-6yrs)	Room# 101 Teacher: Tami Summey
Primary (grades 1-3)	Room# 303 Teacher: Evelyn Nicholaides
Junior (grades 4-6)	Room# 310 Teacher: Jason Wightman
Earliteen (grades 7-8)	Room# 313 Teacher: Becki Wightman
Youth (grades 9-12)	Youth Room Teacher: Pastor James

Collegiate

Upper Level - Room #308 Teacher: John Krishingner

ADULT CLASSES

Lower Level - Room #105 Teacher: Nate Moretz
Lower Level - Room #118 Teacher: Ed Gang
Upper Level - Room #301 Teacher: Connie Peters
Upper Level - Room #306 Teacher: Debbie McDonald
Upper Level - Room #311 Teacher: Pat Moore
Main Level - Room #203 Teacher: Beres Powell
Main Level - Room #211 Teacher: Jerry Nash/Mitchell Nicholaides
Main Level - Room #212 Teacher: Beth Kendrick

Membership Transfer In - Second Printing

Janice DeSousa from Dothan SDA Church, Dothan AL

Peace on Earth 

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NEWSLETTER - December 7, 2023



CONDOLENCES - Charlene Anderson passed away at Elizabeth House on Monday, November 27, at the age of 95. She was married to Gordon Anderson. They lived together at Fletcher Park Inn all their married life of 20 years. We thank God for giving Charlene a long life of service as a dedicated follower of Jesus. We pray for God to comfort Gordon, Charlene's surviving sister, Doreen, Doreen's daughter, as well as Gordon's two children. We eagerly await the day of Christ's return, when He will raise His own to life eternal.

CAPTAIN GILMER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL INVITES YOU - to attend their annual holiday program, entitled "*Gods Gift at Christmas time. Joy, Love, Peace and Hope*". It will be held at the Lelia Patterson Center, on **December 8**, at 7:00pm. You may also watch it by broadcast at fletcheracademy.org (Campus Life/Livestream).

CARD CLASS - Sunday, **December 10**, at 10:00 am in Room #306. Please join us as we have fun making cards together. For more information, contact Jane Diamond at 828-702-5837.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY - Sunday, **December 10**, from 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Ladies your presence is requested and desired for fellowship, food, and fun. Enjoy tea, hot chocolate, and refreshments. Feel free to bring your favorite cookies or dessert to share if that is something you would like to do. We will be playing the white elephant game (gift exchange) so bring a gift of \$10-\$15. Contact Stacy Bell for more information @ womensministries@fletchersda.org.

FLETCHER ACADEMY CHRISTMAS VESPERS - Friday evening, **December 15**, 7:30pm in the church sanctuary. Everyone welcome!

DECEMBER 16 POTLUCK LUNCH - we are inviting the Fletcher Academy dorm students to join us for a top-a-potato lunch. Potatoes will be provided. Please bring your favorite toppings, salads, and desserts.

GYM/GAME NIGHT - at the Lelia Patterson Center on Saturday evening, **December 16**, at 7:00 pm with worship, games to follow. Everyone welcome to join games in the gymnasium, or board games in the rotunda. Join us as we fellowship!

CONDOLENCES - Kathy Rains Lynch's mother, Mary Hart Rains, passed away last Sabbath afternoon at the age of 84, in her winter home in Maryland. Her funeral service will be in Kentucky on Sabbath **December 16**. Please pray for traveling mercies for the Rains family and good weather, and for comfort for Kathy and her 3 siblings as well as her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Kathy would welcome cards of encouragement. Please ask Connie our church secretary for her address.

CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION - 6:30pm Sunday, **December 24**, in the church sanctuary. Plan now to attend with your family and friends. The program will be filled with music and scripture about the birth of Jesus.

NEXT GOSPEL SING-A-LONG - **January 20**. Starting at 1:30pm in the Youth room. Bring your instruments, and/or your voice as we praise the Lord together!

WE ARE LOOKING - for a new Fletcher church secretary. The position involves about 20 hours of work each week. For more information contact Pastor Ryan at pastorryan@fletchersda.org, or 704-534-6480.

JOB OPENING - Community Services Director - The Fletcher Church Thrift Store is a growing ministry. We are grateful to Chris Kirwan for the excellent work he did as director. Now that Chris has decided to step down we are looking for a new director. 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.

2024 REFORMATION TOUR - Journey with Pastor Ryan and Laura Ashlock in the footsteps of the Waldenses, John Huss, Martin Luther, John Calvin, and other Protestant Reformers September 24-October 8, 2024. Cost is \$3,500 plus airfare. For more information contact Laura Ashlock laura.ashlock@gmail.com 704-534-6999.

RECHARGE - A Public Evangelism and Church Growth Retreat hosted by It Is Written **January 7-10, 2024** in Fort Worth, TX. Come aside to a quiet place and gain practical tools and biblical soul-winning methods from experienced pastors and evangelists. God will equip you to tackle the Great Commission in the territory He has called you to win for Him. \$119. **Register by December 18, 2023.** This event is for church members, leaders, pastors, and administrators. <https://iiw.us/recharge/>



GOD GAVE ALL SO WE CAN GIVE FREELY - Annually our church has funded mission projects as one way to respond to God's abundant generosity toward us. This year we have chosen a goal of \$25,000 to support three mission projects: 1. 2024 Kenya Mission Trip - water purification systems and medical outreach (52%); 2. The Wyler Family - missionaries with Adventist Frontier Missions (28%); 3. Interfaith Assistance Ministry - serving our local community in Hendersonville and a wonderful partner with our Thrift Store Ministry (20%). Please mark your donation, "Fletcher Mission Fund."



Dear Church family,

December 2023

Again, this Christmas season we have opportunity to express appreciation and love to our Pastors for their ministry to our Church family and community.

In addition to individual expressions of gratitude such as cards and gifts, there will be a Christmas box marked "Pastor Appreciation" located at the Welcome Center in the Church foyer the Sabbaths of December 2, 9, and 16. This will be presented to the Pastors on December 23. Place cash only in the box. No checks. This is a personal gift and therefore is not tax deductible.

Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas season!

Merle Peterson
Head Elder



PRAYER POWER

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: Rosa Kirwan - recently three brothers passed away; Chris Kirwan - His brother passed away. Opie Winston, Annette Heller, friend of Greg & Connie Peters, cancer diagnosis; Dolly Sills, pancreatic cancer, (sister of Don Wetmore); Abby, 8yr old with breathing issues, (niece of Bill & Teresa Bass); Rodney Johnson, (brother of Sarah Huston); Darlene Nash; Tim Browning; Janis Moore's cousin Debi, brain tumor; Mike Summey; Julie C. with kidney failure, and her family, for strength & comfort; Hayden Brown; Jim Archer; Nancy Merz; Rolene Hanson; Noreen Harrison (in hospice care) and her children, Lori & Michael; Cheri Matthews recovery from surgery, her step-father (cancer) & mother; Elizabeth Culver; Elaine Myers; Brittany (Weis) Kinney; Ellen Herman, Maria Nudd's mother; Gene and Anne Krishinger; Paula Saunders; Shari & Kyrie Ruiz; Susan Chun's niece, Janice Chun, leukemia; Debbie Shaw's friend; Tara Rains; Steven Jones, military service; Sharon Brinson; Gerald Moretz; Brad Hansen; Bob & Joyce Osborne; Jack LaPrade; John Campbell; Brexton Fleming, developmental challenges; Shirley Polivka's friends Christine & Jade Davis; Kathy Sterner's sister-in-law, heart; Dave Pendleton's friends; Our home-bound members; Fletcher Academy Ministries Inc.; Captain Gilmer Christian School; Fletcher Park Inn; Radio Station WFHC; AdventHealth.



OTHER NEWS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE - of Karen Syfert (mother of Erin Teague) will be held at the Upward SDA Church, 961 Upward Rd, Flat Rock, NC 28731, on Saturday, **December 9**, at 2:30 pm. Join us as we honor Karen and her impact on her family, church and community.

A Thanksgiving-themed fellowship meal from 12:30-2pm will precede the service, and refreshments will follow. In lieu of flowers, gifts can be made to support the 'Apples for the Teacher: A Fund for Educational Innovation' at the Upward Adventist School, where Karen volunteered, serving as a teacher's aide, treasurer and school board member. Donations can be made via GoFundMe or checks may be mailed to Upward Adventist School, 957 Upward Rd, Flat Rock, NC 28731. The service will be streamed on the church's Facebook page: Upward Seventh-day Adventist Church.

“GROWING TOGETHER” - This event is designed for all church leaders, regardless of their department, and young adults as well. If you have a passion for learning how to foster unity within our church and effectively engage our young people, this event is tailor-made for you. Held at the beautiful Nosoca Pines Ranch from **January 26th to 28th**. To register go to www.carolinasda.org.

EVANGELISM IMPACT “ALIVE AND REVITALIZED” - February 1-4, 2024 at the Landmark Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC. Presentations will be in both English and Spanish. Speakers include Debleaire Snell, Richie Halversen, José Cortes, Jr., José Chazarreta, Roger Hernandez, and David Kleindinst. For more information and to register visit <https://d.io/evangelismimpact2024/c20548>.

<i>This week at a glance</i>	Friday December 8	7:30 <u>am</u> 5:17 pm 7:00 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code# 6840332 Sunset Captain Gilmer Christian School, Christmas Program, Lelia Patterson Center
	Sabbath December 9	9:30 am 10:50 am 5:17 pm 7:00 pm	Sabbath Schools, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Sunset Fletcher Academy, Music Department, Christmas Program, Lelia Patterson Center
	Sunday December 10	10:00am 4:00-6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Card Making Class, Room #306, Jane Diamond Women's Ministry Christmas Tea Party, Fellowship Hall, Stacy Bell AA Meeting, Room #118, Kris Wetmore Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code# 6840332
	Monday December 11	7:00 pm	Bible Study, Conference Room, Genesis 32, Mary-Alice White
	Tuesday December 12	9:00am - 1:00pm	Thrift Store, Open - Doelger Drive, Chris Kirwan
	Wednesday December 13	6:30 pm After prayer service	Mid-week Prayer Service, Sanctuary, Pastor Ryan Bible Study, Room 212, Mitchell Nicholaides
	Thursday December 14	6:45 <u>am</u>	Men's Bible Study, Conference Room, Pastor Ivan Blake
	Friday December 15	7:30 <u>am</u> 5:18 pm 7:30 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code# 6840332 Sunset Fletcher Academy Christmas Vespers, Sanctuary, Zach Henski
Sabbath December 16	9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 5:18 pm 7:00 pm	Sabbath Schools, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor James Reynaert Top-A-Potato Lunch, Fellowship Hall Sunset Gym/Game Night, Lelia Patterson Center	

Church Budget July 2023 - June 2024

YTD through November: Needed: 167,588.00
Received: 142,357.22

December: Needed: 33,518.00
Received: 2,438.33

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 donations for WFHC Radio to
PO Box 153, Naples, NC 28760

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

DECEMBER 2023 INTERFAITH ASSISTANCE MINISTRY NEEDS

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

HOLIDAY FOOD ITEMS - Stuffing Mix, Canned Items: Yams, Fruit, Corn, Green Beans, Hominy, Mushroom Soup, Fried Onions, Gravy (pkg. or jar), Corn Husk Packages, Cake Mixes, Icing, Evaporated Milk, Canned Pumpkin, Boxed Pie Crust.

CLOTHING/LINENS - King & Queen Blankets & Sheets, Pillows, Towels, Men's Jeans sizes 28-34, Children's Sneakers - all sizes, Children's Clothing, NEW Men's Underwear sizes small - 2XL, NEW Women's Underwear sizes 5-9, Men's and Women's NEW socks, Winter hats, Scarves & Gloves

HOMELESS EQUIPMENT - Emergency Blankets, Tents/Tarps, Adult Sleeping Bags, Adult Backpacks



*You are invited to our annual
Christmas Eve Service*



24 December 2023 at 6:30pm



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