

Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church

Sabbath, December 16, 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		Connie Twomley
	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i> arr. Engel	
	<i>Now Sing We, Now Rejoice</i> arr. Manz	
	10:50 am Family Worship Service	
Hymn of Praise		Don Wetmore, Tim Browning
	#136 <i>Good Christians, Now Rejoice</i>	
Prayer Song	#482 <i>Father, Lead Me Day by Day</i>	
Prayer		Christian Day
Children's Feature		Megan de Fluiter
	Please mark your envelope for children's offering "Children's Fund"	
Connecting		Pastor James Reynaert
Worship in Giving		Robin Pratt
	Tithes, & Offerings, Church Budget	
Adoration & Praise		Luigi Sanabria
	#142 <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	
	#152 <i>Tell Me the Story of Jesus</i>	
	#135 <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	
Scripture		Yan Raulino, Narden Jean-Jacque
	Luke 1:26-45	
Sermon	BORN	Pastor James Reynaert
Benediction		Pastor James Reynaert
Postlude		Connie Twomley
	<i>Shepherds, Rejoice</i> arr. Powell	

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 - Greg Peters Jr.

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 - McDonalds and friends

NEXT WEEK'S TEAM

Video - Jason Gardner

Audio - Ken Arany

Platform Elder - Beres Powell

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

Hospitality - Stephen Learned, Allen & Trisha Wightman, Gerald Moretz

Our Schools



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Grades K-8

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Phone: 828-684-8221



FLETCHER ACADEMY

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Grades 9-12

www.fletcheracademy.org

Call 828-209-6800

Ministries & Growth Opportunities

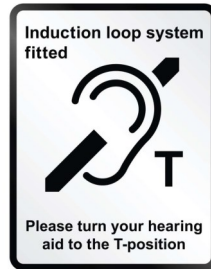
Thrift Store open on Tuesdays 9am-1pm. Located on Doelger Drive.

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.



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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: Mike Cabana
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

*O come
let us
adore Him
Christ the Lord*

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NEWSLETTER - December 14, 2023



CONDOLENCES - Barbara Bryant passed away peacefully at The Laurels, Hendersonville, on Monday, **December 11**, at the age of 91. We lift up in prayer her two children, David Bryant from Sound Hope, FL, and Barbara Redden who lives locally, and their families. We are thankful for those of our church family who visited Barbara. She sleeps, awaiting the day when her Savior calls her to life eternal.

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 on the stage in the gym. Join us as we fellowship!

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.

A VISION FOR THE NEW YEAR - "A Compelling Church" - **January 5-6, 2024**. Guest speaker Ted Huskins will inspire us to be more effective in sharing the gospel with others.
Friday, Jan 5, 7:00pm - Seminar
Sabbath, Jan 6, 10:50am - Worship Service - Sermon
12:30pm - Special Potluck
1:30pm - Seminar

Ted Huskins Ted is a gifted speaker and consultant with churches. He has a passion for stewardship, evangelism (including youth evangelism), and church planting. Ted is Executive Secretary of the Atlantic Union Conference and has previously served as a pastor in the Carolina Conference and as president of Coleman Stewardship Services, an organization that helps churches improve their stewardship practices.

SMALL GROUPS - Starting **mid-January** and running for 6 weeks - You will have an opportunity to participate in a small group that will help you develop a closer relationship with God, build community and friendships, and become more missional. Look for more information coming soon.

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. 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.

THRIFT STORE HOLIDAY HOURS - The Thrift Store will be open Tuesday, December 19, and will be closed on Tuesday December 26, and Tuesday, January 2. Merry Christmas!

ROOM TO RENT - on Howard Gap Rd., not far from Advent Health. Please call Lisa Albertson at 770-965-4601 for more details if you are interested.

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: 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

"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 26 - 28, 2024**. 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>.

FREE EVENT - SABBATH SCHOOL TRAINING SEMINAR - for Sabbath School leaders and teachers of Beginner-Youth to share ideas and encouragement. **February 3, 2024** from 2:30-5:30pm. Presenters: Greg & Kim Taylor from the Southern Union Children/Youth/Young Adult Ministries, Kathy Russell, Children's Min. Dir., and Children's Ministry Leaders; Elvera Blake, Patty Dmytriyev, & Desiree Magnant.

Free light supper provided from 5:30-6:30pm for those interested. (After supper, the church is having a family night roller skating session, providing roller skates and you are invited to join.)

To register: Please RSVP at <https://d.io/childrensministryssworkshop>.

ROMANCE AT THE RANCH - February 9-11, 2024 at Nosoca Pines Ranch with Roger and Latonia Schmidt. You may register at d.io/romanceattheranch. See flyers on the table in the narthex under the TV screen.

SINGLES MINISTRY RETREAT - March 8-10, 2024 at Nosoca Pines Ranch with speaker Pastor Eli Rojas. Register at carolinasda.org. For more information contact lmoyer@carolinasda.org.

<i>This week at a glance</i>	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, Jason Wightman
	Sunday December 17	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Room #118, Kris Wetmore Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code# 6840332
	Monday December 18		
	Tuesday December 19	9:00am - 1:00pm	Thrift Store, Open - Doelger Drive, Chris Kirwan
	Wednesday December 20	6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm After prayer service	Adventurer Club Christmas Party, Lower Level, Pastor James Reynaert Pathfinder Club Meeting, Lower Level, Pastor James Reynaert Mid-week Prayer Service, Sanctuary, Pastor Ryan Bible Study, Room 212, Mitchell Nicholaides
	Thursday December 21	6:45 <u>am</u>	Men's Bible Study, Conference Room, Pastor Ryan Ashlock
	Friday December 22	7:30 <u>am</u> 5:21 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code# 6840332 Sunset
Sabbath December 23	9:30 am 10:50 am 2:15 pm 5:21 pm	Sabbath Schools, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor James Reynaert Hiking Club, meet in church parking lot, Terry & Pat Higgins Sunset	

Church Budget July 2023 - June 2024

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

December: Needed: 33,518.00
 Received: 4,444.55

*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

DONATIONS - A REMINDER

Only those donations *received in the Church Treasury by
Sabbath, December 30* will be included in your 2023
contributions receipt.

Donations received on or after Sunday, December 31,
2023, will be receipted in the New Year – 2024.

**Please support our Church Budget which funds our local
ministries.**





*You are invited to our annual
Christmas Eve Service*



24 December 2023 at 6:30pm



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