

Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church

Sabbath, January 27, 2024

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 Kevin Engelkemier

10:50 am Family Worship Service

Hymn of Praise Bob & Theresa Southard

#262 Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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

Prayer Camren Seicks

Children's Feature Cyd Kratzer

Connecting Pastor Ryan Ashlock

Worship in Giving Lynn Ortega

Tithes, & Offerings, Carolina Youth

Adoration & Praise Bob & Theresa Southard

#579 'Tis Love That Makes Us Happy

#348 The Church Has One Foundation

#311 I Would Be Like Jesus

Scripture Ilona Johnson & Zion Fuentes

John 14:15-21

Sermon **THE DIVINE CALL FOR CONNECTION** Beth Grissom

Song of Response Bob & Theresa Southard

#12 Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee

Benediction Beth Grissom

Postlude Kevin Engelkemier

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 - Mike Hodges, Greg Peters, Tim Novak, Allen Wightman,
Danny Balan, Anthony Baker

Hospitality - Stephen Learned, John Pineda, Kelly Pineda, Gerald Moretz

Potluck Team - Hamilton Team

NEXT WEEK'S TEAM

Video - Jason Gardner

Audio - Ken Arany

Platform Elder - Mike Witt

Deacons on Duty - Jim Archer, Terry Higgins, Bryan Beerbower, Richard Berry

Hospitality - Jimm Bunch, Hilary Resla, Debbie Engelkemier, April Sigsworth

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

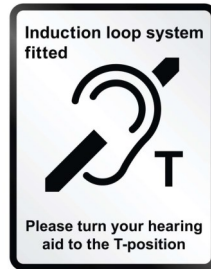
Thrift Store open on Tuesdays 9am-1pm. Located on Doelger Drive.

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: Katie Thrash **Office Hours:** Wed-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

Nominating Committee - Second Printing
Sabbath School Secretary — Becky Witt

Membership Transfer Out - Second Printing
Laura Gaytan to Forest City Three Angels SDA Church, Forest City, NC

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NEWSLETTER - January 25, 2024



2023 CONTRIBUTION RECEIPTS - will be available at the welcome desk after the worship service on Sabbath. If you donated money to the church in 2023 you can save the church the cost of mailing your receipt. Please stop by the desk and pick up your receipt.

UPCOMING POTLUCK - JANUARY 27. We expect to have extra guests for potluck because of Pathfinder Bible Experience and the Fletcher Academy Winter Olympics. Please bring food to share.

MEMORIAL SERVICE - For Charlene Anderson on **January 27** at 2:00pm in the Upper Room of Fletcher Park Inn. Her husband Gordon will be encouraged by your attendance. Pastor Ivan will be officiating.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY - theme during the month of February for Sabbath sermons. Next week on **February 3**, Pastor Ryan will preach from Daniel 3. Study the passage to prepare for next week's message. On **February 17**, Amireh Al-Haddad, Director of Public Affairs & Religious Liberty for the Southern Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, will be our guest speaker. Following potluck on that date she will conduct a seminar on current events affecting religious liberty. All are welcome.

SDA COMMUNITY SINGLES IN THE PARK - Is hosting a potluck meal on Sabbath, **February 3** in the fellowship hall at 12:30pm. Please bring food to share. Please bring a single friend. All areas singles are invited. Please contact Kathy Lynch for information.

828-693-9936 or singles@fletchersda.org.

FLETCHER CHURCH SINGLES MINISTRY - Is hosting a Valentines Event. The date is Sabbath, **February 10**. The meal will be held in the fellowship hall. Please bring food to share. Please bring a single friend. All area singles are invited. Please contact Kath Lynch for more information. 828.693.9936 or via email at singles@fletchersda.org.

NORTH CAROLINA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP - For the 2024-2025 school year all North Carolina K-12 students are eligible for the scholarship regardless of income. Prior public school enrollment is no longer a requirement for eligibility. The Opportunity Scholarship helps parents pay tuition and fees at eligible nonpublic schools. Both of our schools, Captain Gilmer and Fletcher Academy, are currently eligible. Scholarship applications open on February 1, 2024 for new applicants. Families should apply by March 1st (there is no advantage to applying February 1st). Current scholarship families will receive renewal notifications beginning in February. Scholarships range from approximately \$3,000 to \$7,000 and are based on a family's household income. For more information and to apply visit <https://www.ncseaa.edu/k12/opportunity/>

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 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.



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



IAM PANTRY NEEDS JANUARY 2024

Your generosity will have a direct and immediate impact on the lives of Henderson County residents dealing with issues of health, safety, and food insecurity.

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
- Cereal

Personal Care Items

- Diapers sizes 4,5,6 (no pull-ups)
- Stick deodorant
- Shampoo
- Bar Soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Razors
- Baby wipes
- Gallon ziplock bags



WINTER CLOTHING NEEDS

Winter weather is always a challenge for our neighbors in need. One of the very best ways to help out is by donating winter clothing, linens, and even tents and sleeping bags for our homeless neighbors. Every donation can make a huge difference in the comfort and health of a person or family facing crisis. Thank you for your generosity!



New Items Appreciated. Gently Used Always Welcomed.

Clothing

- Coats for Adults & Children
- Men's Jeans Sizes 28-34
- Children's Clothing
- Children's Sneakers: All Sizes
- **New** Men's Underwear: Sizes Small - 2XL
- **New** Women's Underwear: Sizes 5-9
- Men's & Women's New Socks
- Winter Hats
- Scarves
- Gloves



Linens

- Queen Blankets & Sheets
- King Blankets & Sheets
- Pillows
- Towels



Homeless Equipment

- Emergency Blankets
- Tents/Tarps
- Adult Sleeping Bags
- Adult Backpacks



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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE - For Ruth Sackett on **January 27** at 2:00pm at the Three Angles SDA Church. 2158 Hudlow Road, Forrest City, NC 28043

ANNUAL BANQUET AND AUCTION - for Mills River SDA School will be held **January 28** at 5:30pm at the Arden SDA Family Life Center. They will auction services, homemade desserts and next to new items. The evening will also include student special music and a lasagna dinner by Bill Holt. RSVP to Sue Holt at 828-779-7161.

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>.

DO IT TOGETHER SABBATH SCHOOL CONFERENCE - Free online training **February 2-3, 2024** hosted by the North American Division. General sessions and workshops for Sabbath School Superintendents, Adult Sabbath School leaders, Children’s Sabbath School leaders, Youth Sabbath School leaders, and Young Adult Sabbath School leaders. To register and for more information go to www.OneTeamPlaybook.org

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 at the Hendersonville SDA Church. 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 Dmytriiev, & 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>.

ALUMNI DINNER - Andrews University is hosting a dinner for alumni and prospective students in the Asheville area on Tuesday, **February 6**, at 6 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn Downtown. Enjoy networking with fellow alums, as well as learning about current news and future events. For more details and to reserve your spot (its free), contact alumni.andrews.edu/rsvp, call 269-471-3591, or email alumni@andrews.edu.

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.

LIGHT THE NIGHT - **March 18, 2024** at BRCC Conference Hall, 49 E. Campus Dr. Flat Rock from 5:30p-7:30p. A documentary film to spread hope and fight suicide with guest speaker Emma Benoit. This event is designed for teens. Free Chick-Fil-A, candy, merch and more! Learn more: <https://www.lightthenight828.com>

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 missional 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.

*This
week
at
a
glance*

Friday January 26	7:30 am 5:52 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code# 6840332 Sunset
Sabbath January 27	9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 1:00 pm 2:15 pm 5:52 pm	Sabbath Schools, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Beth Grissom Potluck, Fellowship Hall PBE Area Testing, Sanctuary Hiking Club, Meet in Church Parking lot, Terry & Pat Higgins Sunset
Sunday January 28	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 January 29	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Handbell practice, Fellowship Hall, Debbie & Kevin Engelkemier Bible Study, Holy Spirit, Conference Room, Mary Alice White
Tuesday January 30	9:00 am—1:00 pm	Thrift Store, Doelger Drive, Gerald Moretz
Wednesday January 31	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 Ryan Bible Study, Room 212, Mitchell Nicholaides
Thursday February 1	6:45 am	Men’s Bible Study, Conference Room, Pastor Ryan Ashlock
Friday February 2	7:30 am 5:52 pm 6:00 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code# 6840332 Sunset The “First”, Fellowship Hall, Family Life Sabbath School
Sabbath February 3	8:15 am 9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 5:59 pm 7:30 pm	Elder’s Meeting, Conference Room, Merle Peterson Sabbath Schools, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ryan Ashlock SDA Community Singles Potluck, Kathy Lynch Sunset Gym Night, Lelia Patterson Center

Church Budget July 2023 - June 2024

YTD through December: Needed: 201,106.00
Received: 231,935.43

January: Needed: 33,518.00
Received: 6,712.80

*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

**Pick up your 2023 Contribution Receipts
at the
Welcome Desk after church on Sabbath.**



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 incarnational ministry in **Overseas Missions**.