

Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church

Sabbath, December 30, 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

Wickham Family

#122 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Prayer Song

#482 *Father, Lead Me Day by Day*

Prayer

Children's Feature

Diane Beerbower

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

Connecting

Pastor Ryan Ashlock

Worship in Giving

Pastor Ryan Ashlock

Tithes, & Offerings, Church Budget

Adoration & Praise

Wickham Family

#135 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

#141 *What Child is This?*

#126 *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Scripture

Dolph & Jane Diamond

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

Pastor Ryan Ashlock

THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

Song of Response

We Three Kings

Tim Browning

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 - Ken Arany

Audio - Heath Miller

Platform Elder - Robin Pratt

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

Hospitality - Jane Diamond, Merle & Peggy Peterson, Dolph Diamond

Potluck Team - Workman/Swensen

NEXT WEEK'S TEAM

Video - Jason Gardner

Audio - Jason McDonald

Platform Elder - Dean Sigsworth

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

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

Special Potluck today - Witt's & Team

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

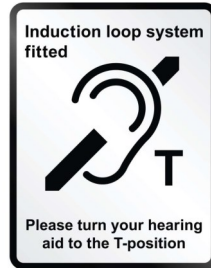
Thrift Store open on Tuesdays 9am-1pm. Located on Doelger Drive.

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: 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

Happy Sabbath!

Membership Transfer In - Second Printing

Michael & Lucia Raducanu from Hinsdale SDA Church, Hinsdale, IL

Membership Transfer In - Second Printing

Janice DeSousa from Dothan SDA Church, Dothan AL

Membership Transfer Out - First Printing

Nathaniel Todd & Stacie Loeffler to Summerville Community SDA
Church, Summerville, SC

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NEWSLETTER - December 28, 2023



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S - Monday, January 1, and Tuesday January 2.

THRIFT STORE HOLIDAY HOURS - Closed on Tuesday, January 2. Happy New Year!

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, **January 5**, 7:00pm - Seminar, Youth Room
Sabbath, **January 6**, 10:50am - Worship Service - Sermon

12:30pm - Potluck, Fellowship Hall

1:30pm - Seminar, Youth Room

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.

CELEBRATION WEEKEND - **January 12-14**. New in 2024.

There will be quarterly celebration weekends - opportunities to gather with church family and friends to celebrate the goodness of God, encourage each other, share testimonies. Each of these weekends will center around the Lord's Supper.

Friday, **January 12**, 7:00pm - Gospel Presentation, Youth Room

Sabbath, **January 13** - Regular Sabbath School and Worship service (including Communion/Lord's Supper)

Sunday, **January 14**, 10:00am - Testimony Service,

Youth Room

Please come and invite a friend.

The weekend events will be accessible and compelling for all. We will be focusing on the foundations of our Christian faith. This is a great opportunity to introduce someone to Christ.

FOLK MOUNTAIN GOSPEL - JANUARY 13, 2024 at 5:00pm with Don and Donna Mohl. Their unique style of music blends biblical and traditional instruments such as hammered dulcimer, bowed psaltery, zither, mountain dulcimer, mandolin, and guitar with their voices to provide a 'down home' family-oriented message of Jesus' love and grace. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy some folk mountain music and heart-warming stories designed to encourage and inspire. A love offering will be received. CDs, DVDs and hand-crafted biblical instruments, etc. will be available for sale after the program.

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!

GOD GAVE ALL SO WE CAN give FREELY - Annually in December 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." **The total received through December 16 is \$7,312.97.**

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 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 Dmytriyeu, & 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 29	5:26 pm	Sunset	
	Sabbath December 30	9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 5:26 pm	Sabbath Schools, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Potluck Lunch, Fellowship Hall Sunset	
	Sunday December 31	7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Room #118, Kris Wetmore	 <p>Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Matthew 22:37</p>
	Monday January 1		Church Office CLOSED	
	Tuesday January 2		Church Office CLOSED Thrift Store, CLOSED	
	Wednesday January 3	6:30 pm After prayer service	Mid-week Prayer Service, Sanctuary, Pastor Ryan Bible Study, Room 212, Mitchell Nicholaides	
	Thursday January 4	6:45 <u>am</u>	Men's Bible Study, Conference Room, Pastor Ivan Blake	
	Friday January 5	5:26 pm 7:00 pm	Sunset "A Compelling Church", Youth Room, Ted Huskins	
Sabbath January 6	8:15 am 9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 1:30 pm 5:26 pm	Elder's Meeting, Conference Room, Merle Peterson Sabbath Schools, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Ted Huskins Potluck Lunch, Fellowship Hall "A Compelling Church", Youth Room, Ted Huskins Sunset		

Church Budget July 2023 - June 2024

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

December: Needed: 33,518.00
Received: 59,486.00

*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 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.

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. 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.
3. 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.
4. **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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Children and youth from the community are sponsored each summer to attend age-appropriate **Summer Camp** at NOSOCA Pines Ranch in South Carolina.
8. 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.
9. A faithful team of volunteers from our church serves lunch every Sunday to the homeless at the **Hendersonville Rescue Mission**.
10. 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.
11. Agencies such as **Safelight, Free Clinics, and Open Arms Pregnancy Center** in Hendersonville are supported by members of our church who provide volunteer help.
12. 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**.